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**Philanthropy Profile: Judy Lese**

Judy Lese is a D.C. native--born at the original Sibley. In 2003, after an arduous battle with breast cancer, Judy and her husband Laurence launched The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation whose mission is “the pursuit of education and cure for breast cancer.”



After recovering from her breast cancer treatment, Judy became passionate about making sure that patients have access to vital equipment and resources when they are diagnosed with breast cancer. “Education and knowledge are important to me; I can’t go to medical school, but if I can ensure others get the information and breast cancer treatment and support they need, I’m happy to help!”

Judy’s Foundation hosts fundraising events throughout the year including an upcoming dinner in June and a “Walk to Win the Battle

Against Breast Cancer” in October. When Judy learned that she could direct the funds she raises to an area of her choosing, she found it most meaningful to support ongoing clinical trials and to provide tangible supplies and medical technology and equipment at the Sullivan Breast Center. She continues to work with Dr. Pouneh Razavi, Director for Breast Imaging in the National Capital Region (NCR) to identify high priority needs, and her most recent gift to the Sullivan Breast Center at Sibley will support the purchase of an additional ultrasound machine.

Says Dr. Razavi, “Judy’s support over more than two decades is remarkable, and it showcases one of the many ways our generous donors can make an impact on the breast cancer care we offer our patients: pick an area in which you are truly invested and mobilize your network.”

Thank you, Judy, for your decades of generosity and advocacy.