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Dear Foundation Friends: Our Family of Supporters,

As always, we are very much looking forward to our upcoming Annual Dinner Fundraiser Event July 18. It is our hope that YOU, along with your friends and family, will be with us once again. This is the 16th Annual Fundraiser dinner and once again, we are having an amazing very prominent speaker whom you do not want to miss, Dr. Nunes.

Last fall, we changed the location for our Annual October “WALK TO WIN-the battle against breast cancer” fundraiser event to The Capital Crescent Trail in Bethesda. Years ago, Foundation held a fundraising event called, “RIDE TO RID Breast Cancer” on this beautiful Bethesda Trail. The morning was drizzling-to mild showers, but we all walked right on and enjoyed the camaraderie on behalf of our cause-raising monies for our Foundation’s mission. Once again, I express my deep appreciation to John Cho, Benefits Consultant and Owner of Bridgeport Benefit Advisors for sponsoring this event.

I attended the KNOWLEDGE IS POWER symposium presented by Sibley Memorial Hospital/Johns Hopkins Medicine November 14. The topic was: Triple Negative Breast Cancer: From New Directions in Treatment to Survivorship and Life After Cancer. It was at this educational forum that I had the opportunity to learn from the presenter M. Raquel Nunes, M. D. about Metastatic Triple Negative Breast Cancer: Current Treatment and New Directions. You do not want to miss this upcoming opportunity to listen and learn from Dr. Nunes on July 18. We are so fortunate that she will be our guest speaker.

In spring, The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation’s Executive Board attended the Johns Hopkins Medicine/The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center Spring event where remarks were made by Dung Le, M.D. on the topic: Delivering on the Promise of Immunotherapy. Dr. Le is an Associate Professor of Oncology at Johns Hopkins Research Center. Her key message was about the successes for patients will occur more now in this type of treatment as a result of the continuously achieved progress from RESEARCH.

Included in this mailing is a most wonderful educational and informative page about the researcher recipient at The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington of funds from Foundation. Also, I wanted you to learn more about Dr. Nancy Davidson the remarkable doctor, director, researcher, professor and oncologist. She has been a lead consultant to me and thus our Foundation since our first year. It is an honor for me to have this continuous relationship with Dr. Davidson.

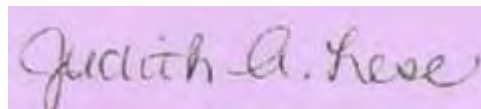
Laurence S. Lese, Vice President Updates: Our Foundation's pro bono legal counsel, Duane Morris, recently filed an application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on behalf of the Foundation with respect to the Foundation's "tears and hugs" logo. Duane Morris will shepherd the application through the PTO. We are hopeful the PTO will complete its review and grant federal trademark protection to our logo during the current calendar year. Recently, we received notification from the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area that our Foundation's application was approved for inclusion in the 2018 Combined Federal Campaign. This is very good news in that the contributions we have received from Federal employees have become an important part of our Foundation's fundraising activities.

Jay Hagler, Treasurer's Updates: When 2017 closed, our Foundation had received over \$34,300 in donations for the year, which is the second highest amount in our history. When added to all the donations since our beginning in 2003, we have now disbursed almost \$314,000 to various organizations that are making a difference in the battle against breast cancer. Additionally, we had an outstanding pledge amount from the recent Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of the National Capital Area. For all your continued support, **THANK YOU**. We also have two great ways that you can contribute to our Foundation online. These are via **PayPal** and **AmazonSmile**. For details and links to these donation site, please go to the Contributions page of our Foundation's website (<http://www.judithalese.org/Donate.htm>)

Jay Hagler, Secretary's Update: In late August the Executive Board held our annual meeting to review the operation of our Foundation. Highlights of our meeting were: continued work on our logo trademark, improved correspondence tracking, and review/planning for 2018 fund raising events.

Looking forward to seeing you and all your guests at Maggiano's Little Italy on July 18th!

With the deepest feelings of gratitude, I remain,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith A. Lese". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, possibly white or light purple, background.

Judith A. Lese
Founder / CEO

Rachel Yung, MD

Rachel Yung is an assistant professor at UWMC and a breast medical oncologist at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA). Her research focuses on cancer survivorship, quality of life and lifestyle effects.

Dr. Yung is the director of the Breast cancer prevention and wellness centers at SCCA. She has partnered with the Associate director of patient safety and quality, Leila Amin, who is a licensed Occupational Therapist, to study an intervention to enable patients to return to work and stay at work as throughout and after cancer care.

The first goal of the study supported by the **Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation** is to establish how feasible the interventions are for patients. The study will also follow patient outcomes, evaluating the ability of study participants to continue their working lives with minimal disruption. This is important both for overall patient comfort and happiness, but also for their financial well-being, as we now understand that “financial toxicity” is associated with poorer overall outcomes.

Education and Training

- BS: University of Nebraska
- MD: Harvard Medical School
- Clinical Internship: Internal Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Residency: Internal Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Clinical Fellowship: Medical Oncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital
- Research Fellowship: Medical Oncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.



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- ▶ Senior Vice President and Director, Clinical Research Division, and Endowed Chair for Breast Cancer Research, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- ▶ President and Executive Director, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance
- ▶ Professor and Head, Division of Medical Oncology, University of Washington School of Medicine

SCIENTIFIC LEADERSHIP AND RESEARCH

- ▶ Dr. Davidson serves as a bridge builder across the cancer treatment, clinical, translational, basic sciences and public health research programs of the Fred Hutch/University of Washington Cancer Consortium.
- ▶ The researcher and breast medical oncologist has built a worldwide reputation for her expertise and leadership in this field, for her work teasing out the role of hormones in breast cancer growth, and for her impact on the development of new standards of care that exploit the weak points of breast cancer cells.
- ▶ Dr. Davidson's team was the first to describe how the activity of one of the estrogen receptor genes is regulated by epigenetic factors, which affect how the DNA code is read and translated into proteins.
- ▶ She has also made foundational contributions to our understanding of how estrogen deprivation and other therapies trigger breast cancer cells to kill themselves through apoptosis, or programmed cell death.
- ▶ Her lab studies paved the way for new clinical trials of drugs that exploit hormonal pathways to kill breast cancer. She has also led several critical trials that have established new therapeutic regimens for patients with the disease.

BACKGROUND

- ▶ Dr. Davidson has an M.D. from Harvard and completed an internship at the University of Pennsylvania, an internal medicine residency at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and a medical oncology fellowship at the National Cancer Institute. She was the Breast Cancer Research Professor of Oncology and founding director of the Breast Cancer Program at Hopkins. She was director of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute from 2009 to 2016, when she came to the Hutch.
- ▶ She is a member of the scientific advisory boards for many foundations and cancer centers. She is a past president of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and president of the American Association for Cancer Research for 2016–2017. Her many honors include the NCI's Rosalind E. Franklin Award for Women in Science (2008), election to the National Academy of Medicine (2011) and Association of American Physicians (2010), and being listed among Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researchers (2014–2015).