

# Annual Report

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## The Mission

Maine Cancer Foundation (MCF), founded in 1976, is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Maine people by funding cancer research, education and patient support programs. 100% of funds raised remain in Maine.

## An Interview with Anne Breggia, Ph.D.



Anne Breggia is a Ph.D at Maine Medical Center's Research Institute in Scarborough. The topic of her research explores ways to enhance bone marrow transplantation. Successful bone marrow transplantation is an important therapeutic option for both blood and solid tissue cancers. For instance, a major advancement in treating multiple myeloma has been the transplantation of bone marrow stem cells. Increasing the number of stem cells prior to transplant increases the likelihood of success. As transplantation is widely used as a therapy, the outcomes of this study will have broad therapeutic implications. It will also form the basis for an NIH (National Institutes of Health) application.

### **Q: Tell us about transplantation and cancer. What is its role as a treatment option?**

Cancer cells are eliminated with various regimens of chemotherapy and/or radiation. These treatments, however, also eliminate non cancerous, healthy cells. Patient survival following these treatments depends upon successful restoration of the bone marrow through transplantation of stem cells capable of forming all blood cell types. Many factors influence success of the transplant including the genetic match between the donor and the recipient, the ability of the recipient's own immune system to accept the new bone marrow cells, etc.

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## A Successful Year

Since its inception, Maine Cancer Foundation has been dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Maine people by advancing cancer research, education and patient support programs. The Foundation is committed to funding researchers exploring a new idea, concept or strategy. Eighty percent of available funds are allocated to research each year. Applications for funding are reviewed and scored by an independent panel of MDs and PhDs. You will see in the pages that follow, the success of researchers who produce outcomes eligible for peer review and publication. In some cases, the results form the basis of successful proposals that warrant national funding.

Maine Cancer Foundation also assumes a responsibility to advance cancer education and patient support programs. The remaining twenty percent of available funds provides grants to programs that impact thousands of Maine people from Machias to Wilton and Augusta to York. Accessing appropriate early screening can save lives, while adopting a healthy lifestyle can help prevent the onset of disease. And when a cancer diagnosis is made, support programs will be available to meet the needs of patients no matter where they live.

Maine Cancer Foundation would not be able to make



the difference it does without your support. Whether you're an individual donor, event participant, fundraiser, or corporate sponsor. . .thank you! While we have much to celebrate this year there is still much to do. Cancer incidence rates in most states are in the decline, but in Maine they are increasing and we aren't sure why. With your support, progress will continue as Maine Cancer Foundation **funds research and finds hope!**

## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The 2009/2010 campaign began in July with a revenue goal of \$936,000. MCF met this goal several months early and donations continued to come in throughout the last quarter. As the fiscal year ended on June 30, an incredible \$1.3 million was raised! There are many reasons for this success, key among them the Foundation's amazing, passionate volunteers, thousands of caring donors, and a dedicated, hardworking staff.

Each sector of the campaign saw an increase. While fewer people gave less than \$100 in the mail campaign, there was a sizeable increase in the number of gifts greater than \$1,000. In the Women's Cancer Fund, the Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon revenue increased, a myriad of additional October events were successful and the Pink Tulip Project grew. In addition, income

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## An Interview with Anne Breggia, Ph.D.

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### **Q: Which cancers are more likely to involve transplantation?**

Bone marrow transplantation (BMT) is most often used to treat blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphomas and multiple myeloma. Increasingly BMT has been used to treat solid tissue cancers such as neuroblastoma and medulloblastoma. BMT has also been used to treat non cancerous diseases such as sickle cell anemia and severe combined immune deficiency. Due to the high mortality rate associated with bone marrow transplantation (10% or greater), this therapy is reserved only for treatment of life threatening diseases.

### **Q: What percentage of transplantations “take?” Are you ultimately hoping to improve that statistic?**

Autologous transplants involve transplantation of a patient's own bone marrow cells that have been recovered and frozen while the patient is in remission and these have a 90% survival rate. The survival rate for allogeneic transplants in which the donor cells are from a related or non related (but genetically matched) donor have a 70% survival rate. The more stem cells that are transplanted, the more likely the chances the transplant will succeed. Stem cells, which differentiate into all blood cell types, are found predominantly in the bone marrow but only comprise 0.01% of the total bone marrow cell population. Although several molecules have been shown to increase stem cell numbers in a Petri dish, none of these has been translated into a viable therapeutic option. My research is focused on a small peptide of one of these molecules, IGFBP2, which has the potential to increase stem cell numbers without unwanted side effects.

### **Q: How did you get interested in this topic?**

While studying the gene IGFBP2 in the context of bone metabolism, I discovered that the absence of this gene in mice results in abnormal blood cell growth, indicating this gene may be an important regulator of stem cells in the bone marrow. We know that expression of this gene can increase stem cell numbers in a Petri dish but we don't know how. Understanding the mechanism of this action is necessary before considering the use of IGFBP2 in the expansion of stem cells used for bone marrow transplant therapy. Understanding the role of IGFBP2 in the bone marrow will also be important in discovering if the increased expression of IGFBP2 that is seen in many cancers is a cause or a consequence of malignancy.

### **Q: Tell us about the Clinical and Translational research lab that you manage.**

Clinical and Translational Research Laboratory Services is located in the Center for Clinical and Translational Research at Maine Medical Center Research Institute (MMCRI). We perform laboratory testing on human and mouse samples for investigators at MMC, MMCRI and major institutes throughout the United States including UCSF, Vanderbilt University and Harvard University. The laboratory was started two years ago to meet the increased laboratory demands of clinical trials (human studies) at MMC and basic science investigations (mouse studies) at MMCRI. Our mission is to provide laboratory support for translational research in which basic science discoveries made at the bench are translated into patient therapy at the bedside.

### **Q: Tell us about yourself, where were you raised, what led you to a career in the sciences?**

I'm from New Hampshire and my undergraduate degree from UNH was in Medical Technology (laboratory science). After graduation I worked in various clinical diagnostic testing laboratories including the MMC Immunogenetics lab where I

did kidney transplant compatibility testing. I loved this job but was discouraged by the fact that while kidney transplantation improved the quality of life for many patients, it was not a cure and many patients eventually returned for their second, third or fourth kidney transplant. I decided to leave clinical laboratory science and pursue basic science research in the hopes of making discoveries that would lead to more permanent solutions to this and other health problems.

### **Q: In the next five to ten years, where do you see the most progress being made in cancer research?**

There is growing evidence for the existence of cancer stem cells which maintain malignant tissue, contribute to metastasis and could explain why tumors regenerate after seemingly being destroyed by anticancer drugs. Discoveries made in stem cell research will help characterize these cancer stem cells which will enable development of tools necessary for their detection and drugs which specifically target this population of cancer cells. Cancer stem cells have already been identified in leukemia and in breast cancer. There will also be progress in gene therapy, a treatment that involves introducing genetic material (DNA or RNA) into a person's cells to fight disease that is currently only used experimentally.

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generated from the breast cancer license plate generated \$45,000, a surprise to us all. The winter of 2010 saw the return of the Sugarloaf Charity Summit in January. On February 6 the 3rd Annual Tri for a Cure filled to capacity in eight minutes! Over 1,000 women registered online continuing the event's popularity. The 12th Annual Mary's Walk and Kerrymen Pub 5K in March drew thousands of participants with more dollars raised.

Overall, expenses increased slightly to keep up with the pace of activity. Net income after expenses was nearly \$1 million. Program and Grant expenditures totaled nearly \$850,000. The Board designated \$100,000 to the Endowment Fund, and \$50,000 in reserves for 2010/2011. In July, Smith and Associates, CPA conducted a full audit and returned a favorable report. A copy of the Audit is available at the Maine Cancer Foundation office, 970 Baxter Blvd, Suite 204, Portland. The Foundation's 990 is available for viewing at [www.mainecancer.org](http://www.mainecancer.org).

## WITH THANKS

Once again, MCF's Signature Events continue to not only funnel support to the Foundation but create meaningful experiences for survivors, their friends and family. MCF is indebted to the leadership of **Julie Marchese** and **Abby Bliss**, **Tri for a Cure**; **Meredith Strang Burgess** and **Susan Bowden, RN**, **Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon**; **Gene Libby** and **Jane Kerry**, **Mary's Walk and Kerrymen Pub 5K**, and **Robin Whitten**, **Pink Tulip Project**. Staff support is provided by Peter King, Special Event Manager, Kelly Martin, Office Manager/Database Administrator, Andrea Wedge, Special Event Assistant, and Erlene LeBorgne Marketing/IT Associate.

## AWARDS and RECOGNITION



Richard Woychik, Jackson Laboratory President and CEO

On June 15th, Maine Cancer Foundation held its Annual Meeting. The 2010 Carroll Award for advances to a cancer free future went to **Jackson Laboratory**, Bar Harbor, "leading the search for tomorrow's cures." The Lab is known for its vibrant mix of scientists who bring diverse skills and perspectives to the problems of cancer. Maine Cancer Foundation has been a key source of support for building the next generation of brain trust at the JAX. The Founders Award for extraordinary volunteerism was presented to **Doug Stewart** of Cumberland. Also receiving accolades for support were **David Marchese**, **Saco Biddeford Savings Institution**, **Sheri Danforth** and **Oxford Networks**, as well as **Town & Country Federal Credit Union**, **Maine Magazine**, **Loni Graiver**, and **Maritime Energy**.

MCF announced the creation of the **Susan Donnell Konkel Student Scholarship Fund** to honor the memory of Susan D. Konkel, a long term donor who passed away in 2009. Each year the Fund will provide a scholarship to a college student in a summer program at one of Maine's research facilities. Outgoing Board President **Doug Carr**, an attorney at Perkins Thompson, was recognized for his service, along with several term-limited board members: **Ron Bennett**, CPA, **Albin Randall Bennett**, Portland, **Trudi Chase, M.D.**, Parkview Hospital, Brunswick, **Laura Davis**, Rinck Advertising, Auburn, **Steve Eddy**, IMCG, Portland and **Gordon Smith**, Maine Medical Association, Manchester.

Several new board members were welcomed for a three year term, 2010-2013: **Jim Clair**, CEO, Goold Health Systems, **Jennifer Dumas**, Senior Representative, AstraZeneca, **Barbara Grillo**, Director, Maine Medical Center Cancer Institute, **Stuart Lyons**, CPA, Baker Newman Noyes and **Peter Rinck**, Rinck Advertising.

## LEADERSHIP IN TRANSITION

A special Carroll Award was presented to **Susan Rowan**, the Foundation's Executive Director who is stepping down after twelve years to pursue other interests. The Foundation grew tremendously during Susan's tenure. "On the one hand it doesn't seem possible that 12 years has passed since I began in a one room office on Exchange Street," she said. "But then again, if you consider 3 board presidents have come and gone and the logo is on its third version, I guess it has! With any successful organization it's not one person but many people working together who achieve great things. I'm fortunate to have worked with so many wonderful people, both within the Foundation and externally around the state. I'll look back proudly on my contribution to the Foundation's story."

**Tara Hill** will be Maine Cancer Foundation's next Executive Director.



Susan Rowan, Executive Director Maine Cancer Foundation

## MCF Welcomes Tara Hill



Maine Cancer Foundation is pleased to announce Tara Hill as the next Executive Director. Tara comes to the Foundation from Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine where she has led the organization to significant success

in the past three years. "I'm looking forward to joining Maine Cancer Foundation's team of dedicated staff and volunteers and moving forward with the great work that Susan has begun." said Tara, who will begin Oct. 25th. Sue Rowan will remain on hand for several weeks to assure a smooth transition.

# Mary's Walk & Kerrymen Pub 5K

The annual 5K run and 2.5 mile walk occurred in mid-March for the 12th year. Thousands of area residents turned out for this tremendous community outpouring of love and support. The event honors Mary Kerry Libby whose family and friends turned their sorrow into something good following Mary's death at age 44 from Burkett's Lymphoma. "Back



then, no one could imagine what Mary's Walk would become," said Gene Libby, Mary's husband. "That the event has been so well-received is a testimony not only to Mary, but to so many others touched by cancer."

Over 2300 men, women and children filled the streets of Saco. As always, teams and individuals fundraised and businesses sponsored to raise just over \$184,000 for the Maine Cancer Foundation.

## #1 Fundraising Teams:

BUSINESS (\$14,895): **Team Hurlbutt and H B**

**Provisions**, 57 members

SCHOOL or COMMUNITY GROUP (\$13,161): **Red Storm**

**Strikes Out Cancer**, 134 members

FRIENDS AND FAMILY (\$4,905): **The Life is Gooders**, 44 members

INDIVIDUALS: #1 **Louise Hurlbutt** (2nd consecutive yr); #2 **Elizabeth Spaulding**; #3 **Doug Bennett**

"My diagnosis of cancer was a shock but with the help of friends and family, I was able to find courage, strength and hope to deal with the days ahead. We decided to get involved with Mary's Walk as a way to focus our attention and energy on something fun that we could look forward



Louise Hurlbutt

to. The outpouring of generosity that propelled our team to #1 is heartwarming, to say the least! Last year, I was in the hospital with an infection and couldn't participate in Mary's Walk much to my disappointment. Later, my family came to visit, gave me the slancha hat I had earned, and we walked around the halls. It was such fun! This year, I was delighted to be there in person! I'm proud to be giving back and happy to have learned about the Maine Cancer Foundation – what a great organization!" Louise Hurlbutt, Top Team/Top Individual.

This event is led by a dedicated volunteer organizing committee who meets six months of the year, and a separate sponsor committee. Two hundred event day volunteers, many from Thornton Academy, devote time and effort to the cause. The event would not be what it is without the support of the City of Saco and the incredible Public Works and Police Departments. Thank you!



Gene Libby

# From the President's Desk

My journey with cancer began July 5, 1996 when my late wife, Mary, was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma. After her death on March 7, 1997 I formed Mary's Walk in 1999. In that same year I became a Board Member of the Maine Cancer Foundation (1999-2005). After a couple of years off the Board, I was invited back for a second term. At this year's annual meeting, I became President. I consider it an honor and privilege to lead the Foundation into the next decade.

In the last decade, MCF enjoyed phenomenal growth and success. Recently, under the leadership of Julie Marchese and Abby Bliss, the third annual Tri For A Cure raised over \$900,000 for cancer research and patient education and support programs. The 2010 Tri For A Cure emerged as the most successful MCF single event ever and established itself as one of the premiere fundraising events in the State.

The Foundation has built on this success by putting your donations to work funding novel and cutting edge cancer research. Of recent note, Kevin Mills, Ph.D., of the Jackson Lab, was funded by the Foundation to study the molecular origins of chromosome abnormalities. Building on the results of his MCF funded research, Dr. Mills received additional funding from the National Institute For Health (\$800,000) to continue his research. With the 2010 Tri's phenomenal fundraising success, the Foundation will be creating new opportunities for cancer research in Maine.

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# Tri For A Cure

The 2010 TRI for a Cure was simply amazing. It began on Feb. 6 when registration for 800 spots filled in eight minutes! The fact that a \$250 fundraising minimum was



required did not deter interest. Cash contributions to the Corporate Sponsor drive nearly doubled while participant fundraising soared. The event netted \$805,000 maintaining expenses below 20%.

The event's success is due to the determination and hard work of several TRI committees, 100 sponsors, 450 volunteers and 1,010 inspiring athletes. For some, Tri for a Cure was a personal goal; for others, a tribute to a loved one or a lost friend. For all, it was a movement to raise money for a cause that has touched so many lives. . . cancer!

Southern Maine Community College is a fantastic host; there is no more scenic TRI than this. The surrounding communities that host the bike portion and part of the run are also to be thanked. One growing



phenomenon is the neighborhoods that decorate and cheer on the participants as they pass through. It's a happening unto itself.



Sharon Dorsett

"Words cannot express our thanks to everyone who contributed their time and effort to make this event a success," said Julie Marchese, Inspired Events, Race Director along with

Co-Director Abby Bliss. "We are grateful to have worked with so many wonderful people. We look forward to seeing you again July 31, 2011."

Sharon Dorsett, #1 Top Fundraiser, \$12,860:

"Two years ago, I was doing physical therapy for a shoulder issue and my PT challenged me to participate in a new triathlon she'd heard about, Tri for a Cure. When I finally mustered up the courage to go for it, I learned it was sold out! Last year, I was determined to participate but ironically was diagnosed with breast cancer just days before registration opened.

"This year, I'm in. I am training with two friends, Jill and Dorothy, and it's the first tri for all three of us. I'm thrilled to have the chance to give back by raising money to support the Maine Cancer Foundation which funds research on all types of cancer.

"Participating in this tri has also become part of the healing process for me. When going through treatment for breast cancer or any other illness/trauma, we all do it differently, but essentially, we cope. Some of us, like myself, are fortunate to have the support of family and friends who are instrumental in easing the process. What is most surprising is what I consider the "aftermath"... it's what comes when the treatment has finished, you begin to ease out of the role of patient, you pick up your head, look around and wonder what the heck just happened? I'm grateful for cancer treatment but it certainly batters the body and training for this tri has

provided the focus of an amazing goal as I work to re-build and strengthen my mind and body. Thank you so much for your support!"

- #2 Geraldine Canning, \$7,325
- #3 Meredith Strang Burgess, \$7,088
- #4 Ann Houser, \$7,000
- #5 Shelly Couture, \$6,545
- #6 Ruth McDonough, \$6,100
- #7 Karen Cloutier, \$5,881
- #8 Katherine Kostin, \$5,500
- #9 Jennifer Ginn, \$4,780
- #10 Anne Verrill, \$4,655

## Special Thanks



**October 1: Sea Bags** limited edition breast cancer bags for sale while supplies last

**Mid-October: Q97.9 Cans for a Cure**, collect your returnables for Maine's largest bottle and can drive at the Maine Mall parking lot



**October 30: Nonantum Breakfast**, Kennebunkport. Enjoy a delicious full breakfast

while supporting the Foundation

**October 31: Hike the River for a Cure**, Sunday River. Brought to you by our friends at Shipyard Brewery



**May (TBA): Sea Dog's Mother's Day 5K**, Portland. Register in the spring for this annual favorite 5K

## 2009 Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon

The 8th Annual Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon was once again a sell-out with close to 700 people attending. The dynamic program told the unique stories of three individuals as they faced breast cancer. The value of early detection was heralded along with strength, hope and support. The Luncheon fuels the Women's Cancer Fund, established with MCF in 2002 to assure that education, patient support and research regarding breast and other cancers that affect women would advance.

"Going to the Luncheon was amazing," one attendee wrote. "I was so encouraged and moved by everyone's story especially now that I'm nearly through my treatment. It hasn't been easy but being with so many others who have been just where I am sharing their stories and giving back, it was tremendous...thank you!"

Cure Breast Cancer for ME Awards were presented to individuals and groups who distinguished themselves in their efforts to improve treatment, increase awareness, fundraise and celebrate survivorship. **2009 Award Recipients:** **Karen Cloutier:** Spirit of Life; **Kim Block,** WGME 13: Outreach & Education; **Kim Lynch,** RN, Mid-Coast Hospital,

Brunswick: Medical Care; **Sea Bags:** Grassroots Advocacy; **Ellen Turner:** Lifetime Inspiration

"The very first luncheon I attended was right after my diagnosis with breast cancer. At first, it was very



Karen Cloutier

overwhelming to sit in the audience surrounded by so many wonderful people helping "my" cause. I was completely inspired and moved to tears. Meredith Burgess was, and continues to be, an amazing role model. Later that day, I evolved from a survivor loaded with fear, to a survivor with a profound sense of HOPE! Knowing that Maine Cancer Foundation is working hard to help find a cure is incredible. Thank you for making a difference in my life," said Karen Cloutier, Spirit of Life Award Recipient 2009.

The 8th annual event raised \$87,000 including a Cash for a Cure raffle and proceeds from the annual Sea Bag sale.

We are grateful to the committee who worked tirelessly to assure the event's success, the sponsors who stepped forward, and the women and men who shared their stories. The 9th Annual Luncheon is Monday, October 4, 2010.

diagnosis. Not only did Jesse's work make a significant contribution to the knowledge base surrounding best practices for cancer treatment decision making but the project itself had a lasting impact on her professional future. "I have seen the passion that everyone in medicine shares and it has driven me to become a better student, and someday, a better physician." Ms. McDermeit is currently enrolled at Johns Hopkins University. The Susan Donnell Konkell Student Scholarship Fund was made possible by a bequest received from the estate of long term MCF friend and donor, Susan D. Konkell.

## Pink Tulip Project

The Pink Tulip Project is a fundraising initiative to benefit the Foundation's Women's Cancer Fund. Gardens are established to raise funds, create awareness and support those affected by breast cancer. They now beautify the community. A selection of bulbs is also available for purchase for a home or business garden. Visit [www.pinktulipproject.org](http://www.pinktulipproject.org) to learn more.

"There are so many families touched by cancer. My own cousin and a friend were both struggling with cancer when I saw the Pink Tulip Project at the Bangor Flower Show. I thought I'd give it a try," said Dodie Curtis, one of 1531 residents of Guilford ME. "I set up a Pink Tulip table at the town's summertime river festival, which attracted a lot of attention and donations. Over the next weeks, more



Guilford Maine group

donations flowed in. By October we had raised enough to plant one bulb for each resident! I was touched and surprised by how willing people were to help. It felt great to do something to help. Looking forward to the spring bloom over along winter was really great too!" Dodie Curtis, Pink Tulip gardener.

84 gardens participated, most in Maine but in several other states too. Just over \$50,000 was raised for the Womens Cancer Fund. Top Fundraising honors go to: **The Straus Center Garden,** Southwest Harbor: **Joy Lyons;** Western Prom Gardens, Portland: **Deborah Murray;** Jackson Lab, Bar Harbor: **LuAnn Ballesteros;** University of Maine, Orono: **Mary Rumpho-Kennedy;** Cape Elizabeth Welcome Garden, Cape Elizabeth: **Gina D'Angelo;** Pownal Pink Tulip Garden, Pownal: **Rosemary Whitney;** Mrs. Winn will WIN!, Clarkston, MI: **Patty Walters;** Caring Garden, New Hyde Park, NY: **Meg McCormack;** The Mayor's Daughters, Portland: **Susan Ransom.**

## Susan Donnell Konkell Student Scholarship Fund

The first scholarship awarded from the newly established Susan Donnell Konkell Student Scholarship Fund was awarded to Jesse McDermeit who took part in Maine Medical Center Research Institute's Summer Program. The focus of Ms. McDermeit's research project was "Shared Decision Making" in which Jesse studied the way doctors and patients can best work together to make treatment decisions after a cancer

# 2010 Grants: Research



## **Role of Cryptic Activation Site within B1 Integrins in Breast Tumor Growth** *Peter Brooks, Ph.D., Maine Medical Center Research Institute, Scarborough ~ \$91,919*

Recent studies suggest that a group of molecules called Integrins play critical roles in breast cancer and some work has suggested that they may actually reduce the effectiveness of certain types of chemotherapy. Our laboratory has generated an antibody that only recognizes an activated form of these molecules. The unique characteristics of this new antibody (FM155) allow us the opportunity to target these Integrins in a highly selective manner. Thus, we have proposed to evaluate the effects of combining FM155 with chemotherapy to examine whether this unique strategy may enhance the effectiveness of existing therapy for the treatment breast cancer.



## **MicroRNA Expression during Lung Tumor Progression** *Julie Wells, Ph.D., Jackson Lab, Bar Harbor ~ \$90,000*

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths worldwide. The genes and mechanisms that mediate metastasis, or spread, of pulmonary adenocarcinoma, the most common type of lung cancer, are poorly understood. The objective of our work is to identify which microRNAs are present and how their abundance and function changes during the progression from early-stage to late-stage pulmonary adenocarcinoma. MicroRNAs are a class of recently discovered small, regulatory molecules. Knowledge of which genes and molecular pathways are important during tumor progression will lay the foundation for predicting which lung tumors are likely to become metastatic and for identifying molecules for chemotherapeutic intervention.



## **Regulation of Hematopoietic Stem Cells by Heparin Binding Domain of IGFBP-2** *Anne Breggia, Ph.D., Maine Medical Center Research Institute, Scarborough ~ \$82,535*

Successful bone marrow transplantation is an important therapeutic option for both blood and solid organ cancers. Increasing the number of stem cells prior to transplantation increases the likelihood of successful transplantation. Insulin-like growth factor 2 (IGFBP-2) is a potent stimulus for proliferation of mouse and human stem cells. We have made a 13 amino acid peptide of the heparin binding domain unique to IGFBP-2 and will investigate the ability of this peptide to expand the number of stem cells in cell culture and to test the functionality of these cells in mouse models of human bone marrow transplantation. Our ultimate goal is to use this peptide therapeutically for improvement of bone marrow transplant outcomes and to better understand the regulatory cell signaling mechanisms operational in the bone marrow stem cell niche.



## **Notch Signaling in Medulloblastoma Initiation and Cancer Stem Cell Maintenance** *Kyusun Yun, Ph.D., Jackson Lab, Bar Harbor ~ \$90,000*

According to a recent report by the Center for Disease Control, Maine has the highest incidence rate for brain cancer among the 50 states. This study focuses on medulloblastoma, the most common pediatric brain tumor, with the goal of elucidating the role of the Notch signaling pathway in medulloblastoma formation, maintenance, therapy resistance, and recurrence. We will analyze cancer stem cells (cells responsible for therapy resistance and tumor recurrence) from a new mouse model we generated and medulloblastoma patient samples. We anticipate that our findings will provide new insights into cancer stem cells in medulloblastomas and reveal molecular characteristics of a medulloblastoma subtype,

knowledge that can be used to improve diagnosis and patient management strategies.



## **Computational Pathology: 3-d Analysis of Chromosome Territories** *Andre Khalil, Ph.D., University of Maine, Orono ~ \$80,000*

Although changes in the architecture of the cell nucleus as well as chromatin structure have long been recognized as hallmarks of many cancers the precise architectural transitions that occur during tumorigenesis are essentially unknown. There is a pressing need for new rigorous methods for quantitative measurement of highly detailed microscopy images. The objectives of this proposal are to acquire large amounts of images, to quantitatively measure normal nuclear architecture by combining high-resolution 3D imaging with new image analysis tools and to apply this analysis to probe structural transitions in nuclei during the tumor progression. Realization of these goals will hasten the development of computational pathology approaches that measure structural states of nuclei in patient samples to achieve accurate, early, sensitive cancer diagnoses.



## **Genetic Chemotherapy: Inducing Leukemia and Lymphoma Cell Self Destruction** *Kevin Mills, Ph.D., Jackson Lab, Bar Harbor ~ \$67,500*

Current standard of care in leukemia and lymphoma treatment often involves intensive, sometimes long-term chemotherapy. Such treatments can be difficult and physically taxing for the patient, and can sometimes last for months or years. One major problem with current cancer treatments is the damage done to otherwise healthy tissues. This can lead to long-term consequences for cancer survivors, including immune system defects, cognitive problems, and new treatment-induced cancers. Most of these devastating side-

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effects could be potentially mitigated by selectively treating the cancer cells, without affecting surrounding normal cells. This project aims to develop an alternative to standard chemotherapy that we term “genetic chemotherapy” -- in which cancer-specific genetic features could be exploited for cancer cell self-destruction, thus minimizing side effects in non-cancer tissues. If successfully implemented, genetic chemotherapy could improve treatment and survivorship for some leukemia/lymphoma patients by better destroying the cancer cells while simultaneously preserving normal healthy tissues.



**Evaluating MicroRNA's as Prognostic Determinants in Stage II Colon Cancer** *Matthew Dugan, D.O., Maine Center for Cancer Medicine, Scarborough ~ \$78,000*

Early stage colon cancer treated with surgery alone has a small but real risk for recurrence elsewhere in the body. Treatment with chemotherapy greatly reduces this risk for a small proportion of patients, but carries other health risks associated with drug treatment. Patients with early stage colon cancer must choose between these alternatives. A test that can determine which early colon cancers have an aggressive tendency (very likely to recur and spread) and those that are unlikely to recur would greatly

benefit patients and their oncologists. A recently discovered type of bio-molecule known as microRNA shows promise in distinguishing aggressive from non-aggressive early colon cancers. This work is aimed at developing a predictive test based on microRNA profiles of colon tumors.



**Targeting Stromal Cell Interactions to Reduce Prostate Cancer** *Calvin Vary, Ph.D., Maine Medical Center Research Institute, Scarborough ~ \$81,175*

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States among men and is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in American males. Endoglin is a constituent of the transforming growth factor-beta receptor signaling system that is involved in prostate cancer cell migration, invasion, and metastasis. In an endoglin-dependent mouse model of prostate cancer previously developed with MCF support, we find that mice that are deficient in endoglin develop prostate tumors that lack supporting stromal cells, which arise from the tumor microenvironment. We will use this model of prostate tumor-stromal cell interaction to study the ability of pharmacologic inhibitors of endoglin function to target the prostate cancer microenvironment.

## 2010 Grants: Education & Patient Support

**Community Concepts, Lewiston** to help meet transportation needs in Lewiston/Auburn, \$5,000

**Franklin Community Health Network, Farmington** to provide oral, skin, lung, colorectal and prostate cancer education, \$10,000

**MaineHealth, Portland** to support development of a new, virtual Cancer Learning Resource Center, \$5,000

**MaineGeneral Medical Center, Augusta** to pilot and evaluate the “Move More” program for cancer patients, \$5,000

**Connecting to Cancer Care, York Co. C.A.P.** to provide patient transportation, \$10,000

**Portland Health Department** to promote skin cancer awareness throughout Cumberland Co., \$8,000

**Lakes Region Transportation Program, Bridgton** to provide reliable transportation in the Lakes Region, \$6,000

**Camp Sunshine, Casco** to allow a family affected by childhood cancer to attend summer camp, \$1,500

**Down East Hospice, Calais** to help meet the growing need of both bereavement and outreach programs, \$7,500

**Beth Wright Cancer Resource Center, Ellsworth** to define lodging need for patients traveling from Washington Co. to Brewer for treatment, \$5,520

**Cancer Community Center, South Portland** to help sustain the Maine Buddy program, \$10,000

**KidSkills** to provide children's books to support centers to help cope with a loved ones cancer diagnosis, \$700

**Cancer Care Center of York County (extension)** to help patients maintain body weight, decrease pain, improve hydration and appetite

## 2009 Research Updates

**• Validating S100A6 as a Novel Marker and Potential Therapeutic Target of Brain Cancer Stem Cells** *Kyuson Yun, Ph.D., Jackson Lab, Bar Harbor*

Previously Dr. Yun's lab identified potential novel markers for malignant glioma stem cells. This study focused on the most promising candidate, S100A6.

After several strategies were explored, the lab successfully cloned the promoter region of human S100A6 upstream sequences. Recently a lentiviral vector was acquired that would enable us to change the promoter (PGK) to S100A6 to drive EGFP reporter expression. Currently, this new vector is being generated which will be useful for testing the role of S100A6+ cells in other cell types. AIM 2 was adjusted to test whether S100A6 has molecular function that is essential for human GBM cells to maintain stem cell characteristics in addition to being a putative glioma stem cell marker. Interestingly, every human GBM cells showed

significantly reduced ability to proliferate when S100A6 level was reduced. Now, the lab is moving to inducible shRNA system to continue. Results from this study will be published once functional assays are complete.

- **Functional Tests of PODXL's Contributions to Tumorigenesis** *Don Wojchowski, Ph.D., Maine Medical Center Research Institute, Scarborough*

Progress was made on all three proposed subprojects. Efforts to inhibit PODXL expression in 4T1 epithelial breast cancer cells were successful. It was discovered that the knockdown of PODXL selectively limits the ability of 4T1 cells to invade and migrate through extracellular matrices. Collaborations have now been initiated to test the extent to which inhibition of PODXL expression limits breast cancer progression in a NOD/SCID mouse model in vivo. In addition, findings point to a role of PODXL in vasculogenesis.

A grant application has been submitted to National Cancer Institute and is currently pending council review. In addition, Predeep Sathyanarayana, Ph.D., has been promoted to Scientist 1 and is now an independent faculty member at MMCRI. A recent project proposal, "Roles of Podocalyxin during the onset and progression of acute myeloid leukemia was recently approved for NIH funding and directly springboards (in part) from certain key preliminary work supported by Maine Cancer Foundation."

- **Role of MicroRNA-10b in Neurofibromatosis Type 1 Tumorigenesis and Progression** *Xijie Yu, Ph.D., Maine Institute for Human Genetics & Health, Brewer*

Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1) is the most common autosomal dominant genetic disorders, affecting 1 in 3,500 individuals worldwide. Currently more than 100,000 Americans suffer from NF1. Loss-of-function mutations in NF1 tumor suppressor gene underlie the disease. Presently, there are no curative treatments for NF1 and NF1-related tumors.

MiRNAs are a new class of small non-coding RNAs

that function as negative post-transcriptional gene regulators. Recent studies have shown that miRNAs provide important regulatory functions in a variety of biological processes including cell proliferation, differentiation, development, and apoptosis; it has also been linked to many cancers and may play a fundamental role in progression to cancer.

We investigated the miRNA profiles in NF1 and NF1 tumor. Our research demonstrated that miR-10b was up-regulated in primary Schwann cells isolated from NF1 neurofibromas and in cell lines and tumor tissues from malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors (MPNSTs). We conclude that miR-10b plays an important role in NF1 tumorigenesis through targeting neurofibromin and RAS signaling. Our research suggests that miR-10b may represent novel biomarker to predict NF1 tumor progression and novel target for effective therapies of NF1 tumors. We were invited to present our research at 2009 NF Conference, Portland, OR. Our scientific finding has been accepted to publish in Cancer Science. A patent based on this scientific is under review. We will submit a federal grant soon.

- **Predicting Quality of Life Outcomes after Prostate Cancer Treatment** *Amy Haskins, Ph.D., Maine Medical Center*

*Note: This is a mid-point assessment of progress. The Principal Investigator faced an unanticipated absence and will return to the project shortly.*

The purpose of this project is to develop a predictive model for men with prostate cancer in order to assist with clinical decision making. The model will provide men with estimated probabilities of clinically important outcomes resulting from the various active treatments for early prostate cancer. Preliminary models have been developed while the dataset has undergone cleaning and information from the original dataset supplemented with chart review data. Dr. Haskins expects to have the final models developed and tested by the end of the calendar year.

- **Improved cancer detection through the use of engineered nanoparticle bioconjugates** *Michael Mason, Ph.D., University of Maine*

Over the past year, with the generous support of the Maine Cancer Foundation, we have explored the viability of cross-platform gold nanoparticle based X-Ray contrasting agents. In collaboration with researchers at the Memorial Sloan Cancer Center (New York, NY), X-ray contrast of candidate surface stabilized gold nanoparticle/antibody bioconjugates were compared in vitro and in a mouse model. Our findings suggest that these nanoparticle conjugates can generate X-ray contrast at greater levels (per mg) than current Iodinated agents, however, surface modification of the particles is critical to both the shelf life and serum stability of the system. Further, we believe that our results indicate that appropriately surface stabilized particles are cleared at a much reduced rate, compared to Iodinated contrast agents, allowing for reduced total dose while allowing for longer image acquisition times, ultimately producing improved contrast.

- **N-Terminal Osteopontin Fragment as a Novel Breast Cancer Marker** *Ah-Kau Ng, Ph.D., University of Southern Maine, Portland*

Osteopontin (OPN) is a protein molecule associated with the development and progression of human cancers; levels of circulating OPN in blood may have diagnostic or prognostic value in clinical oncology. To evaluate osteopontin (OPN) as a breast cancer biomarker, we generated a series of monoclonal antibodies against OPN to develop a highly specific and sensitive immunoassay to measure the levels of OPN in blood samples of breast cancer patients and normal individuals. Our study shows that plasma OPN level is significantly higher in breast cancer patients when compared to healthy individuals, suggesting that OPN has great potential as a cancer biomarker for the diagnosis of breast cancer.

## 2009 Grants Update

*In 2009 grants to advance cancer education and patient support in Maine impacted thousands of Maine residents. Here are a few highlights:*

### **Cancer prevention and early detection: *Franklin Community Health Network, Farmington***

This Healthy Community Coalition educated over 1,500 community members of all ages about oral, skin, lung, colorectal and prostate cancer. Resources extended throughout greater Franklin County utilizing door-to-door home visits, a Mobile Health Unit, Community Health Fairs and partnerships with MSAD58 and Seniors Plus. In addition, My Healthy Community online provided information. "One of the things we focus on is getting people to access recommended screenings," said Jennifer McCormack, Health Education, "Early detection can save lives."

### **Assuring patients get to treatment: *Connecting to Cancer Care, York County Community Action Program***

People living in rural areas are often disadvantaged when it comes to accessing health care. In addition to the physical and emotional aspects of cancer, patients with this diagnosis often face the additional challenge of getting to treatment and appointments. YCCAC's Connecting to Cancer Care program makes it possible for York County's residents seeking cancer care to get to radiation, chemotherapy, oncology visits and other treatment as often as required by means of no-cost, reliable transportation.

### **Preventing skin cancer: *Portland Health Department***

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, accounting for nearly half of all cancers. The most serious type of skin cancer is melanoma. The incidence rate in Cumberland County (27%) exceeds that of the state (22%). Melanoma is highly curable if detected early. Cumberland County Healthy Maine Partnerships conducted a wide-scale educational campaign with updated materials, sun screen samples, UV bead bands and more distributed at various summer events including a Sea Dogs game, the Cumberland Fair, Farmer's Markets, recreation departments and summer camps. Over 200,000 people live in the service area of Healthy Maine Partnerships Lakes, Rivers, Portland and Casco Bay.

### **Improving patient access to treatment: *Beth Wright Cancer Resource Center, Ellsworth***

A large number of cancer patients in Hancock and Washington Counties face hurdles in receiving cancer treatment because of the travel distance to and from treatment. Travel distances from the counties to Cancer Care of Maine in Brewer vary from forty to one hundred miles one way. In some cases, patients find this routine too rigorous and give up. The purpose of this grant is to define the need for housing assistance to insure access to care, and to develop and implement a pilot program to meet the need for housing while receiving treatment. Patients in Washington and Hancock County will be served.

To learn more about MCF grant-making visit [www.maineccancer.org](http://www.maineccancer.org)

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## How Are Research Grant Decisions Made?

In December an RFP (request for proposals) is issued to each institution in Maine conducting research. At the same time, we begin to identify PhDs to serve on the Research Review Panel. Agreeing to serve is a significant commitment because each panelist must read and score every scientific proposal. In both 2009 and 2010, there were thirteen applications which filled a two-inch binder. Commonly, there is Board representation as well as participation of previous grant recipients.

Proposals are due on April 1 and delivered to each reviewer by April 30. An afternoon review meeting is held in late May or early June when proposals are discussed in depth and ranked from highest score to lowest. The amount of revenue MCF has raised determines how many grants are awarded. In 2009 it was five, in 2010 it was eight.

We would like to extend our appreciation to these volunteers who have served on review panels:

Chair: Karen Rasmussen, Ph.D., Maine Center for Cancer Medicine (MCF Board Member)

Roger Inhorn, M.D., Ph.D., Mercy Hospital Oncology (MCF Board Member)

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Education and Patient Support grant proposals are accepted twice a year, November 1 and March 1. The cap on a single award is currently \$10,000 and organizations are

limited to one award per year. A committee of board members meets to review and decide on awards. Awards must reflect identified issues facing Maine people and contain measurable outcomes. While it doesn't happen often, the Board may choose to fund an initiative outside of this process that it feels is with merit.

### Assessing the Impact of Grant-Making

When Maine Cancer Foundation awards a grant it also begins an ongoing relationship with the grantee. At mid-year, grantees must file a brief update. If problems or concerns arise, a conversation explores options. At year-end, a financial report and report of outcomes is filed. These reports appear in this publication and on the Foundation's website.

It's important that we measure the number of people impacted by Education and Patient Support awards. For research, the aim is for investigations to be peer-reviewed and published. We also track recipients into the future to know when and if national funding is awarded based on work initially funded by MCF. For instance, building on evidence acquired with MCF funding, in 2009 Dr. Kevin Mills at the Jackson Lab received four years of funding, \$200,000 per year, from the National Cancer Institute. At times, MCF grants contribute to new products being developed. An illustration of this is the quest of UNE's Ed Bilsky, Ph.D. to provide a better pain medication, one with fewer negative side effects. The drug is in the initial phase of clinical trials with positive outcomes emerging.

## From the President's Desk

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In the past year, under the leadership of Past President Douglas Carr, the Board worked on a new strategic plan. Over the next five years, the Board intends to expand our donor base, implement a planned giving program and establish a statewide presence. Consistent with this goal, Jim Clair of China, Peter Rinck of Auburn and Jennifer Dumas of Lewiston, recently joined the Board. I would also like to welcome new Board members, Barbara Grillo and Stuart Lyons who both reside in Saco.

Our most immediate challenge is replacing Susan Rowan as Executive Director of the Foundation after twelve years at the helm. Sue will be leaving MCF for new opportunities but leaves a legacy of financial and organizational growth. Under Sue's leadership MCF has developed four signature fundraising events, grown from one employee (Sue) to four full time and one part-time employees and has helped make MCF a recognized leader in the field of cancer research. Personally and on behalf of the Board, I extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to Sue for her accomplishments and leadership. She will be missed.

The Foundation is in a period of phenomenal growth and transition. In my thirteen year journey with the Foundation I have never felt so energized and optimistic about the Foundation's future. Please join me in the hard work ahead.

## We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of these donors who made gifts to MCF between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010

*Every effort has been made to insure these listings are accurate. We regret any errors.*

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#### SPECIAL EVENTS

MCF's signature events contribute a growing portion of annual revenue. We salute event participants responsible for generating over 15,000 individual donations. If you're a donor to an event please know we appreciate your support." Special event totals are net (after expenses).

#### Maine Tri for a Cure

8/15/10 \$800,000

#### Top 3 Finishers Overall:

Anne Wilkinson 1:19:36  
Stacy Cimino 1:20:42  
Laura Bergeron 1:22:15

#### Participants who raised \$500 or more:

#### TRiumphant - \$2,000 and above with individual totals for Top 10 fundraisers

Sharon Dorsett \$12,860  
Geraldine Canning \$7,325  
Meredith Strang Burgess \$7,088  
Ann Houser \$7,000  
Shelly Couture \$6,545  
Ruth McDonough \$6,100  
Karen Cloutier \$5,881  
Katharine Kostin \$5,500  
Jennifer Ginn \$4,780  
Anne Verrill \$4,655  
Patricia Aceto  
Melissa Allen  
Cara Belowski  
Phaedra Bond  
Neallie Budway  
Denise Burr  
Carol Cain  
Kimberly Chesterfield  
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Stacy Cimino  
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Karen Cooper  
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Samantha Day  
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 Kerrymen Pub 5K**

3/28/10 \$184,000  
**Top 3 Women 5K  
 Finishers:**

Kristin Barry 17:14  
 Gabrielle Cyr 18:29  
 Katherine Chabot-Bouch  
 19:47

**Top 3 Men 5K Finishers:**

Nicholas Wheeler 16:25  
 Curtis Wheeler 16:28  
 David Drew 18:17

**Top Fundraising Teams:**

**Friends and Family**  
 The Life is Gooders \$4,905

**School/Community  
 Group**  
 Red Storm Strikes Out Cancer  
 \$13,161

**Business**  
 Team Hurlbutt and HB  
 Provisions \$14,895

Over 2500 runners and  
 walkers participated in this  
 annual event. We salute  
 participants who raised \$500  
 or more and sponsors who  
 donated \$600 or more

**Participants who raised  
 \$500 or more with top  
 ten fundraisers:**

Louise Hurlbutt \$11,495  
 Gene Libby \$5,395  
 Elizabeth Spaulding \$2,865  
 Douglas Carr \$2,700  
 Doug Bennett \$2,485  
 Melissa Kany \$2,151  
 Ashley Gerow \$1,886  
 Kathleen M Mahoney \$1,850  
 Callie Black \$1,470  
 Matt Libby \$1,415  
 Zeb Andrews  
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Luncheon**

**10/1/09 \$87,000**

The event sold out with nearly  
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Received in response to the Annual Appeal, or in memory or honor of someone.

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## Planned Giving

### Maine Cancer Foundation's Society of Hope

To assure that funds are available far into the future, the Foundation is asking each donor to consider naming Maine Cancer Foundation in his or her will. This does not affect finances today, but one day will be an important legacy.



Terry and Glen Gallupe

Terry and Glen Gallupe decided to do just that. As Terry explains, "My Mom was diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive form of lymphoma in 2002. After multiple tissue samples were sent to a number of different labs including the Mayo Clinic, doctors were not able to type the lymphoma which was critical to determine her method of treatment and ultimately her prognosis. After 10 months of enduring different cocktails of chemotherapy and radiation therapy, my Mom lost her courageous battle with cancer.

Mom never gave up hope no matter how grave the prognosis. We wanted to keep that hope alive in her memory and for others battling cancer by committing to a significant gift for cancer research as part of our retirement planning. We chose Maine Cancer Foundation because as their mission statement states, they are committed to improving the health and well being of Maine people through funding research, education, and patient support. What we liked most is that 100% of the money stays in Maine."

We each have our own personal experiences that lead us to a planned gift. Talk with your family, attorney or financial planner. Through your will or living trust, you can designate a specific percentage, dollar amount or item to be donated to Maine Cancer Foundation. You can also designate that after other specific needs have been filled, the remainder be directed to the Foundation.

If you do name MCF in your will, please let us know. You will become a member of the Society of Hope which meets each spring to learn more about recent grant requests and other important updates. The Foundation also looks to this group to provide input and guidance.

At the 2010 Annual Meeting, donors who named Maine Cancer in their will or other gift plan were recognized, something we intend to do each year.

### Charitable Gift Annuity

A Charitable Gift Annuity is now available for your consideration. A CGA is a simple contract between you and the Maine Cancer Foundation. In exchange for your gift of cash, real estate, stocks or bonds, the Foundation will pay a fixed income to the named beneficiaries for their lifetime. You receive an immediate charitable deduction. For more information, please call us. We'll gladly provide the information you need.

## 2011 Calendar



**January 29: Sugarloaf Charity Summit** to benefit MCF and Martha B. Webber Breast Care Center. A spectacular day on the slopes and exciting silent auction in the base lodge. Evening festivities include a Charity Ball and Live Auction. [www.sugarloaf.com](http://www.sugarloaf.com)



**March 13: 13th Annual Mary's Walk and Kerrymen Pub 5K** to benefit the Maine Cancer Foundation. Sunday, March 13, 2011, Registration from 10:00 - 11:30 am at Thornton Academy, 438 Main Street Saco, Maine. [www.maryswalk.org](http://www.maryswalk.org)



**May: Pink Tulip Project** to benefit the Women's Cancer Fund. Statewide gardens are established to raise funds, create awareness and support for those who have been affected by breast cancer and beautify the community. [www.pinktulipproject.org](http://www.pinktulipproject.org)



**July 31: 4th Annual Tri for a Cure** to benefit MCF cancer research, patient education and support programs in Maine. South Maine Community College, South Portland. [www.mainetriforcure.org](http://www.mainetriforcure.org)



**Oct. 5: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon** to benefit the Women's Cancer Fund. Saluting the courage and hope of those afflicted and presenting awards to the individuals and organizations who strive each day to make a difference. [www.curebreastcancerforme.org](http://www.curebreastcancerforme.org)



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