

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 Kevin Mills, Ph.D.

Kevin Mills, Ph.D., a scientist at the Jackson Laboratory exploring DNA and cancer, whose initial research was funded by the Maine Cancer Foundation, recently received multi-year funding from the National Institute for Health (NIH). "Initial funding is hard to come by but remains completely necessary," said Dr. Mills. "Maine scientists are fortunate that Maine Cancer Foundation exists as a source of funding for us."

Susan Rowan, Executive Director, had these questions for Dr. Mills in an on-line interview:

- Q.** Your research seeks to understand the molecular origins of chromosomal abnormalities and how they may function to drive cancer development. In general, how does it affect cancer development?
- A.** Chromosome abnormalities – loss of chromosome pieces, extra bits of chromosomes, rearrangements of the normal gene order – are well known features of many, many cancers. In fact, some kinds of chromosome abnormalities can be used to diagnose specific cancers or predict how well the patient will respond to certain treatments. What we don't understand as well yet is how these chromosome abnormalities occur in the first place, or whether the formation of abnormalities might be an important early step in cancer development. If so, we may be able to use this information

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A New Look for MCF

With this issue we introduce Maine Cancer Foundation's new look. The last several years have been one of growth and maturity that is better reflected in this new logo. A more robust and easily navigated website is now available. Collateral materials including a new Case for Support and two rack cards: "About Maine Cancer Foundation" and "Maine Cancer Foundation Gift Planning" are now available. The goal of these new materials are to expand the engagement of people, just like you, who know the challenge of a cancer diagnosis and want to do something about it. The mission of Maine Cancer Foundation remains the same: to fund research and find hope against a disease that claims far too many lives.

If you would like any of these materials please email info@mainecancer.org and be sure to visit www.mainecancer.org.

Success in Fundraising!

Despite a challenging economic environment, Maine Cancer Foundation exceeded its fundraising goals for 2008/09 raising just over \$800,000 in net annual income. As anticipated, there were losses in investment income that hopefully, will begin to recover.

Special Events, including Mary's Walk, Pink Tulip Project and Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon, all met or exceeded goal. In its 2nd year, Tri for a Cure continued to astound, raising 50% more than the year before. Maine Cancer Foundation is grateful to the chairs of these events... **Julie Jordan Marchese** and **Abby Bliss**, Tri for a Cure co-chairs; **Meredith Strang Burgess**, **Erlene LeBorgne** and **Julie Jordan Marchese** who chair the Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon; **Robin Whitten**, Pink Tulip Project; and **Gene Libby** and **Jane Kerry**, co-chairs of Mary's Walk and the Kerrymen Pub Road Race. Your leadership, dedication and endless optimism mean so much!

The Annual Appeal did well too and many Memorial and Gifts in Honor were received. Maine Cancer Foundation is grateful for this tremendous support. Every note, each check, no matter how small, is so important. Your support is the foundation for MCF's continued success. Success that includes advances in biological, clinical and translational cancer research. In addition, thousands of Mainers received cancer awareness information and hundreds more were provided with comfort and support. Thank you!

An audited finance report is available on request. Email info@mainecancer.org or phone toll free 1-866-627-2411.



Doug Carr

From the President's Desk

Maine Cancer Foundation has experienced rapid growth in the last five years. It's been tremendously gratifying to be part of this growth, with credit going to my fellow board members and MCF staff for rising to the challenge of the many opportunities that have come our way.

It seems like a good time for us as an organization to step back and undertake a comprehensive review and thoughtful assessment of where we are, and to review and update the Mission statement and create a new Vision statement to help guide us as we move forward.

Early in 2010 we will revisit the strategic goals and objectives developed in 2005 and establish new strategies to guide MCF over the next 3- 5 years. The Board of Directors has engaged Common Good Ventures to work with us on these and other initiatives including board governance, communication and leadership.

We encourage you as a donor to Maine Cancer Foundation to contribute to this process. If you have suggestions and ideas, please let me know. I can be reached by phone at 774-2635 or by email at dcarr@perkinsthompson.com

Have a healthy New Year!



An Interview with Kevin Mills, Ph.D.

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for better, earlier cancer diagnosis; designing new treatments; or developing cancer prevention strategies. That is what my research aims to do: identify early cancer events like chromosome abnormalities, and ultimately develop new ways to screen, treat, and prevent cancer using this knowledge.

Q. What made you interested in this topic?

A. First, I have known, as so many others do, people affected by cancer. And it seems to me that as a disease of our own body, it should be possible to harness our own biology to battle cancer. But first we need to understand our own biology. Second, chromosomes and their function are essential to all aspects of our biology – both normal and cancerous. Chromosomes are incredibly complicated, intricate, beautiful structures. I am fascinated to understand how cells are constantly carrying out “chromosome quality control”. That is making sure that any damage is detected and repaired, in order to prevent problems, like cancer development.

Q. How did you go about securing multi-year funding from the NIH (National Institutes of Health)?

A. The Maine Cancer Foundation was instrumental in my efforts to secure funding from NIH. MCF afforded me the chance to generate data and test out hypotheses on a new project in the lab. This gave me the chance to build critical momentum behind the project.

Q. Tell us about your academic training and what led you to Maine and the Jackson Lab?

A. I got my Bachelor's degree in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. I was given an excellent opportunity as a student in Boulder to carry out a research project in one of the labs. That was a really formative experience for me, and led me to pursue a PhD at MIT. As a graduate student I was interested in the biology of aging, and my research led me to a connection between chromosome stability and the rate of cell aging. After obtaining my PhD, I moved to Harvard Medical School to do post-doctoral training in DNA repair, chromosome stability, and immune system development, before moving to The Jackson Laboratory in 2005.

Q. At what point in your career did cancer become of interest to you?

A. During my graduate studies at MIT working in simple model systems I developed an appreciation that chromosome stability is a difficult and important problem that is intimately related to many cellular processes, including cancer development.

Q. What do you hope to be working on in five years time?

A. I want to continue to push our understanding of how chromosome stability is maintained and ensured, and I want to begin using that understanding to develop new ways of detecting, treating, or preventing cancers. We are mostly working on leukemia and lymphoma right now, but I want to extend our research eventually to other cancer types, as well.

The Foundation's investment of \$80,000 resulted in Dr. Mill's lab securing 4 years of funding at \$200,000 each year to continue this important research. MCF congratulates Dr. Mills and wishes him continued success!

Tri For A Cure

Jennifer Rohde was the top fundraiser in the **2nd annual TFAC**. There were many who aimed for this honor, but at the deadline, Jen was #1. A 39 year-old mother of 4, Jen was remembering her Mom who died six years ago of adenocarcinoma of unspecified origin – a rare and aggressive form of cancer, with every step she took. As fate would have it, during this past year, both Jen's stepfather and father were diagnosed with lung cancer. Rohde was among the 770 women who tried for a cure in August. The event raised over \$400,000.



Jennifer Rohde

Some women were cancer survivors; others had friends or family affected by the disease; and still others were drawn by the combination of challenge and good cause. "Thank you to everyone who supported me with a gift to the Maine Cancer Foundation! What an incredible outpouring of love and generosity! I am so deeply humbled and cannot tell you the joy that I feel!" Jen wrote at her athlete page. Top prize was a weekend at a Popham Beach cottage. "The icing on the cake was being able to present my Dad (who had stage 4 lung cancer and was still working despite the effects of chemo) with the weekend away prize! This forced him to stop and smell the roses - which was my dream and it came true! Sadly, Jen's father passed away three days after their Popham Beach weekend - just four months after being diagnosed.

Over 100 Tri- athletes were cancer survivors whose achievement was not lost on Jen, "To all the survivors racing this weekend - -YOU ARE AMAZING and INSPIRATIONAL!!"

The 3rd annual Tri for a Cure returns on Sunday, August 15 to the beautiful campus of Southern Maine Community College. FMI visit www.triforcure.com.

Mary's Walk

Louise Hurlbutt of Kennebunk was the top fundraiser for the **2009 Mary's Walk** held in March. In the midst of treatment for breast cancer, Louise's friends, family and co-workers rallied around to provide support while raising money for MCF. As donations came in and her total rose, it became clear Louise would be the top fundraiser. At the same time, effects of treatment were taking their toll and Louise was unable to attend. Nevertheless her team, including her husband and daughter, were all there walking in her honor. "It was our first time being at Mary's Walk," said her daughter, "it was just wonderful to be in such a positive and heartwarming event, especially with Mom having a rough time right now," she continued. Louise went on to make a full recovery and attended the Foundation's Annual Meeting in June where her efforts were recognized.

Rebecca Stevenson, a Greely H.S. student and cancer survivor was the guest speaker at the Opening Ceremony. Here are excerpts from her remarks. . . . In 1997, the same year that Mary Kerry Libby, who inspired this walk, lost her battle with Burkitt's Lymphoma, I began mine. I was six year's old and diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma which quickly spread to my bone marrow and became Burkitt's Leukemia as well. I spent 2 months in a hospital bed, heavily medicated, and then a year in and out of a clinic getting chemotherapy treatments. Though my memories of the time spent in the hospital are scattered, I do, remember the people. My nurse, Nancy, was the first person I wanted to show when I regained my strength and would walk again. My doctor, Gary Alegretta, was one of the few people who could make me smile, My social worker, Deb, used to bring play dough into my room and we would roll it up into balls, which she said were my cancer. She would then tape up a big poster of the universe on the wall and I would hurl the balls into space.



Louise Hurlbutt's Mary's Walk team

My family was always there for me. My Nana introduced me to Roald Dahl and we spent hours debating whether Danny the Champion of the World could defeat all the Witches. The person I think of most when I think about that time, though, was Sally, my best friend in the hospital. She was twice my age and also had Burkitt's Lymphoma. She used to talk to me about what we would do when we got out of the hospital. Hers was the first funeral we went to. I spent the night crying in my mother's arms.

When people ask me what I have learned from having had cancer, it's to appreciate the daily kindnesses that people generously give, to live life fully, and to help those who go through what I went through. It's people like all of you who help those in need. Cancer teaches us the importance of togetherness, how much it matters to a person in need when they are supported, and the necessity of coming out and walking 2.5 miles if it means you can help someone overcome cancer, and come out stronger. As Napoleon Hill, a rags-to-riches man of the 20th century said, "Every adversity, every failure, every heartache carries with it the seed of an equal or greater benefit."

The 12th annual Mary's Walk and Kerry men Pub Road Race is Sunday, March 14. On-line registration is now open at www.maryswalk.org

Cure Breast Cancer for ME

8th Annual **Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon** was held October 1, 2008. A sell out crowd once again transformed the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland into a sea of powerful pink. A compelling gathering, the Luncheon celebrates life, recognizes those who have died, and highlight the achievements of those who go above and beyond to make a difference in the fight against breast cancer.

Each year nominations are received for awards in 5 categories. Congratulations to these 2008 award recipients:

Julie Jordan Marchese: The Meredith Burgess Spirit of Life Award presented to an individual in Maine who demonstrates unflinching optimism and advocacy when dealing with breast cancer. Julie has been co-chair of the Luncheon for several years and launched the very successful Tri for a Cure, also to benefit MCF.

John Marshall/WPXT-WPME, Ray Richardson & Ted Talbot/WLOB-FOX23: Outreach and Education Award presented to an individual person or an organization in the communications industry that demonstrated leadership in promoting awareness of breast. John, Ray and Ted played instrumental roles in getting the word out during the drive to collect 2000 signatures and launch a breast cancer license plate. The drive was successful and the pink plate now appears on many Maine license plates with the message "early detection saves lives."

Lisa Rutstein, M.D., Maine Surgical Care Group, Portland: Medical Care and Research Award presented



Meredith Burgess celebrates the launch of the breast cancer license plate with John Marshall, WPXT and Ray Richardson, WLOB, whose media outlets helped get the word out.

to a healthcare professional or organization in the healthcare and allied industries that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make a positive contribution to, or difference in, the treatment of breast cancer. Dr. Rutstein's skill as a breast cancer surgery is matched only by her ability to provide compassionate care. In addition, Dr. Rutstein is active in the treatment workgroup of Maine Cancer Consortium collecting and analyzing outcome data with a goal to reduce disparity in care.

Cancer Community Center: Grassroots Advocate Award presented to an individual person, group or an organization in Maine that provided leadership at a grassroots level and increased awareness of the importance of breast health within their sphere of influence or the community at large. The Center provides support and education programs for cancer patients at no charge including the Maine Buddy Program.

Dorothy Hamilton and Madeline Russ: Lifetime Inspiration Award to an individual in Maine with an exceptional history of support, advocacy and caring for the issue of breast cancer. A person who's length of service is only matched to their determination to make a difference in the lives of others. Both Dorothy and Madeline were diagnosed with breast cancer decades ago and provided support to other women. They marvel at the progress that's been made since then when cancer was not talked about, and there were very few treatment options.

A complement to the Luncheon was the on-line auction

which ran for the month of October. Over 100 items were donated from area merchants.

Thank you to the organizing committee who worked tirelessly to ensure this event's success, the many event-day volunteers on whose kind and compassionate dedication we rely and the online auction volunteer team who did a masterful job!

The 2009 Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon was held October 1 and will be highlighted in the 09/10 Annual Report. The 2010 event will be held October 4, 2010.

Pink Tulip Project

Maine Cancer Foundation's **Pink Tulip Project** was featured in the October Family Circle magazine exposing the project to nationwide readers. Robin Whitten, founder of the project, was featured in the "Doing Good" full page article. Since then, Pink Tulip gardens have sprung up in 7 states beyond Maine, including North Carolina, New York, and Minnesota. The number of Maine gardens continues to grow... 30,000 bulbs were planted in 75 gardens across the state. A planting ceremony was held at Oxford Networks in Lewiston, Presenting Sponsor of the program.



Amy Smith and Tania Powers

"Our garden honors our dear friend Amy Smith, who astounded us with her courage, stamina and incredibly positive attitude as she battled breast cancer this past year, said her friend Tania Powers. "Our key fundraising/awareness event was the first ever "Row for the Cure" held on Mother's Day 2009 in Yarmouth Maine. Thank you to all of our incredible friends and family, affectionately dubbed "Amy's Crew" who have made this garden and funds for breast cancer research possible."

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

Special Thanks

Maine Cancer Foundation would like to thank a few special people, who quietly go about celebrating life, remembering loss and raising money for a cure:

Three years ago, Loni Graiver of Falmouth, introduced himself to the Foundation and wanted to learn more about what we did. At that time, his father, David was fighting cancer. To show support, a house party was planned and money was raised for MCF. The event became an annual after David passed away.



David Graiver

"In honor of the best dad in the world, **David R. Graiver**, we celebrate his life annually with a huge party while raising as much money as we can to fight Cancer. Our father was a man who, unlike many of us, really did live every single day as if it were his last. He was our best friend, advisor, mentor and loving dad and not an hour goes by where we do not think of him," said his son Loni. Loni thanks everyone who participated and made a donation. This annual event raises about \$10,000 each year. MCF is deeply appreciative of this tremendous support.

Each year **Saco Bay Physical Therapy** organizes a 5k in Saco to benefit the Foundation. Matt Cook and his staff secure corporate sponsorships, take care or registration, volunteers, the route and safety as well as a terrific post-run/walk party with plentiful awards and refreshments. The event raises \$12,000 each year. The Foundation is grateful for this steady support.



On Mother's Day each year, **SeaDogs** organizes a 5k that benefits Maine Cancer Foundation's Women's Cancer Fund. The event has raised \$71,007 for breast cancer research in



its eight-year history. Registrations topped 2,000 this year. "One thing we set out to do was make it a good race for runners," Geoff Iacuessia, the Sea Dogs' assistant general manager said. Such as the carnations, vouchers for a Sea Dogs ticket for every entrant, a pair of season tickets for the male and female winners, the kids' race beforehand that allows children to run through the fence and in the shadow of the big left field wall, Slugger and his mom leading the race from an open convertible. The team even plays in pink jerseys on the day of the check presentation! Maine Cancer Foundation is thrilled to be a partner in this event.

Sea Bags, a Maine company that makes handcrafted bags from recycled sails, each year creates and sells a breast cancer specialty bag to raise funds, also for the Maine Cancer Foundation's Women's Cancer Fund. The bags are immensely popular and sold around the world. It's a great partnership that not only raises much needed funds but whose marketing efforts introduce many new people to the Foundation. Sea Bags expects to donate \$20,000 in 2009.



If you'd like to help the Maine Cancer Foundation with a revenue generating idea of your own, give us a call, 773-2533 or toll free in Maine 1-866-627-2411.

In Memory

Susie Konkel In 1996 Susie and Harry Konkel were pleasantly immersed in life in Maine when Susie was diagnosed with neck and throat cancer. Susie did well through several month of treatment, supported by friends and family, and returned to her favorite things – baking, gardening and the arts. Wishing to help others avoid the experience she faced, Susie spoke with her oncologist who recommended Maine Cancer Foundation. After a visit from Dr. Ron Carroll, then

Board President and Susan Rowan, Executive Director, they learned about the Foundation and liked what they heard. Their first gift to MCF was 1998 and annual gifts were received each subsequent year.

Sadly, Susie passed away in the spring of 2009. She so admired the Foundation and all it was accomplishing that she named Maine Cancer Foundation in her will. A Bequest was received in July and will be used to further the progress MCF is making throughout Maine.

Ask for your specialty plate the next time you register your car!



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the consumer website of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network

Knowledge is power in the fight against cancer, and NCCN.com is the best resource for that knowledge, for patients, family, and friends.

Welcome

Peter King of Portland, Maine joined Maine Cancer Foundation as Special Events Manager in September. He brings 20 plus years of large special event management to Tri for a Cure, Mary's Walk and the Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon. He will also work with outside businesses and organizations holding fundraising events for MCF. Here, Peter, on the left, accepts a donation from **Chris Daudelin**, President and CEO of Town & Country Federal Credit Union who raised funds for the Pink Tulip Project.



Peter King, left, accepts a donation from Chris Daudelin, CEO, Town and Country Federal Credit Union who raised funds for the Pink Tulip Project.

2008 Research Updates

Wavelet Based Image Analysis of Mammograms

The goal of the project was to use a new and more powerful wavelet-based image analysis formalism to visualize and identify abnormal tissue singularities associated with breast cancer from healthy background tissue. We confirmed a critical need to revisit computer-aided diagnostic approaches. We also identified the novel nature of using sophisticated wavelet-based technology and the rarity of analyzing the vast statistical number of images being analyzed (3000).

One of the many outcomes of the project is that computer-based characterization of mammograms is very complex and that the future of computer-aided diagnostic techniques lies in the combination of several algorithms. A future grant proposal will focus on the confirmed hypothesis that geometry of breast tissue lesions, specifically micro-calcification clusters, can be used to quantitatively characterize the differences between benign and malignant tumors based on their fractal dimension.

Secondly, there have been very robust and interesting results using a formalism coming from Astrophysics called the Metric Space Technique where so-called "output functions" are used to quantitatively describe the nature of the distribution of breast tissue density. This is an excellent starting point towards development of a new automated

breast lesion characterization. Continued investigation is warranted. A paper is now in preparation and subsequent funding will be sought.

Andre Khalil, Ph.D., University of Maine



FGF-Mediated Tumor Growth Induced by Notch Signaling Inhibition

The family of fibroblast growth factors (FGF) includes potent regulators of cell growth, survival and differentiation which are involved in angiogenesis and tumorigenesis. The project

confirmed that the transformed phenotype induced by the inhibition of Notch signaling is dependant on the stimulation of non-classical export of both FGF1 and FGF2.

A second aim is that the inhibition of Notch Signaling by γ -secretase inhibitors can stimulate growth of certain tumor types. It remains to be clarified to what extent this effect depends on the non-classical release of FGF1 and FGF2. The study sheds new light on potential tumor growth stimulating effect of γ -secretase inhibitors (blockers of Notch signaling) which are proposed as pharmacological agents for treatment. The results of the studies were reported at the American Vascular Biology Organization in Hyannis, MA. Data from this project will be used in the application for an NIH RO1 grant.



Igor Prudovsky, Ph.D., MMCRI, Scarborough

Genetic Model of TGF β Receptor-Dominant Suppression of Prostate Cancer Metastasis

The hypothesis tested was that the reduction of endogenous endoglin expression increases prostate tumorigenesis and metastasis. The conclusion is that endoglin plays a cell-type dependent role in prostate cancer. Loss of endoglin expression in prostate epithelial cells initially facilitates the progression of adenocarcinoma and at later stages it facilitates metastasis. However, endoglin expression is required in fibroblasts to establish a population of tumor associated fibroblasts, and in endothelial cells for tumor angiogenesis. This data has been submitted for publication and an application for national funding to continue this investigation is pending.



Calvin Vary, Ph.D., MMCRI, Scarborough

Role of Delta Opioid Receptors in Bone Cancer Pain

Bone cancer pain is one of the more common and

challenging symptoms associated with advanced cancer. This research builds on a previous rationale developed at the Bilsky Lab for developing pain relievers that target the delta Opioid receptor. Research investigated the activity of side-effect profile of novel drugs that activate this receptor in a mouse model of bone cancer. Results move the possibility of having better analgesics available for bone cancer pain (and other cancer-related pain issues) closer to reality. AIKO Biotechnology, a Portland company, received approval in January from the Food & Drug Administration to conduct human trials on its drug, Aiko-150, designed to reduce the negative side effects and addictive properties of opiate pain medications. Drugs must go through three phases of human testing before the company can apply with the FDA



for permission to enter the market. Testing could be done as early as the end of 2010, and the drug could hit the market as early as 2011.

Ed Bilksy, Ph.D., Department of Pharmacology, UNE

Developmental Genomics of Lung Cancer

The goal of this research was to explore the molecular genetic basis of lung cancer using transcriptional profiling of normal murine lung development as a framework for evaluating genes and gene networks that are deregulated in human lung tumors. Progress was made generating transcriptional profiles for normal lung samples, and in using developmental time series for normal mouse development as a framework for analyzing transcriptional profiles from human lung tumors. During the course of the project, collaborators at Children's Hospital of Boston shared one of the only human lung development data sets. At least two manuscripts will arise from this work. One of the analyses planned is a retrospective analysis of lung cancer patient outcomes based on a development-guided gene expression signature. Findings have been presented at the Medical University of So. Carolina and in December, Dr. Bult will

present at a biomedical research symposium in Boston. This Maine Cancer Foundation funded research serves as the basis for a proposal to the W.M. Keck Foundation and in an application to the National Cancer Institute.



Carol Bult, Ph.D., Jackson Lab, Bar Harbor

2008/2009 Education & Patient Support Grant Awards Results

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Cancer Care Center of York County, Sanford

MCF funds assured that a nutritional support program for cancer patients in York County will continue. In the initial months, one on one counseling from a dietician has been accessed by twenty patients. The aim is to maintain or improve nutritional status during treatment, a critical time for patients. In the months ahead, as the program continues CCCYC will insure patients are fully informed about the service and encouraged to participate. www.cccyc.org

Maine Center for Cancer Medicine, Scarborough

A program was developed that provides access to Colorectal Cancer (CRC) screening and prevention resources for low-income individuals in the Greater Portland area who lack adequate health insurance coverage and access the Portland Community Free Clinic for care. The grant allowed for free FIT (fecal immunochemical testing) to individuals at the Clinic. To date, 15 completed kits have been returned to MCCM for development. The second aim was to distribute educational resources for men 50 years and older seeking care at the clinic. 35 educational packets have been

distributed to date. Free colonoscopy is provided for patients with abnormal results. One patient has been referred to colonoscopy in the initial phase of implementation. This program is ongoing and serves as a pilot for free or low-cost medical clinics in Maine. www.mccm.org

Note: This pilot program was evidenced in an application to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). That application was successful. Funds have been committed and plans are being developed to provide colon cancer screening for underinsured and uninsured Mainers beginning in 2010.

Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer, statewide

Utilizing grant money from the Maine Cancer Foundation, Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer offered a Blue Ribbon in Leadership Training in Bangor on October 3rd-4th and Auburn on November 7th and 8th. 32 attendees were given an opportunity to join with others to learn more about prostate cancer leadership and advocacy and to develop skills in supporting men and their partners in their journey dealing with prostate cancer. This retreat also forged strong alliances in the prostate cancer community. www.mcfpc.org

Maine General Medical Center, Augusta

In the first months of implementation a part-time health educator was brought on board. Providers in the area were contacted to assess current strategies regarding colorectal screening. To help further education and compliance, a tool kit was provided and training offered. Similar efforts are underway with the large employers in the area. A social marketing campaign and materials have been introduced urging each person 50 or older who has been screened to encourage one person, a family member or friend, to get screened. www.maine-general.org

Beth Wright Cancer Resource Center, Ellsworth

The Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center, has outreached to cancer survivors, family members, medical providers,

and community members who identified areas of concern including the need for 1) more cancer treatment options in Washington County, 2) more resources for transportation to Bangor for radiation and chemotherapy treatment, reimbursement for travel expenses, volunteer drivers, and low cost lodging options in Bangor; and 3) more support services for cancer survivors provided in Washington County. A collaborative effort met to establish an advisory/action committee meeting. One goal is to establish a strong partnership with CancerCare of Maine to assure the needs of Washington County residents are met. bethwrightcancercenter.org

Deer Isle Cancer Support Group, Deer Isle

"I can tell you with confidence that the caregiver group enabled me to continue on with hope and helped strengthen me to the point where I am today." HIP Support Group participant. Thanks to this grant, in 2009, the Healthy Island Project was able to offer support groups to cancer patients, caregivers, family and friends on Deer Isle. Three six week sessions throughout the year were held at the local community center and the First Congregational Church. The need for this support continues as the staff continues to develop a program that best meets that need.

Healthy Community Coalition (HCC), Franklin Community Health Network, Franklin Co.

In the first six months of this program to increase awareness and education of skin, lung, colorectal and prostate cancer, over 1,100 community members were reached. HCC staff traveled to the Franklin County towns of Carrabassett Valley, Eustis, Farmington, Jay, Kingfield, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Phillips, Rangeley and Salem to provide information at Seniors Plus events, school health fairs, a Franklin Health Access event and 20 outreach events aboard the Mobile Health Unit. Efforts will continue during the next 6 months. www.fchn.org/hcc

Mercy Hospital, Portland

The exercise program, "Focus on Healing for Breast Cancer Patients and Survivors," is undergoing an adjustment to ensure participation. Using the Lebel method teaching process, the goal is to enroll survivors in six-week sessions at Mercy's Physical Therapy Center at Westgate Shopping Center, Portland.

Maine Breast Cancer Coalition, statewide

Maine Breast Cancer Coalition received 203 applications for financial assistance for breast health or breast cancer related services, items or support for underserved Maine residents since January 2009. 20 applicants were funded from Maine Cancer Foundation's grant of \$7500. The maximum award per individual is \$900 per year. The age of recipients ranged from 39 to 83. Needs ranged from lymphedema, medication, imaging/interpretation and surgery, to pathology, wig/prosthesis and travel. MBCC is an all-volunteer organization. www.mainebreastcancer.org

Cancer Community Center, Cumberland Co

The Cancer Community Center was awarded a grant to strengthen and sustain the Center's peer-based networking and support programs. Programs and services have expanded including Live2Thrive, Dancing on the Edge, colorectal support group, Living with Loss, and After Treatment Coaching Group. Another objective was to increase the geographic reach of the Maine Buddy Program. To that end, a training was held in Lewiston and another is scheduled at the Beth C. Wright Center in Ellsworth. www.cancercommunitycenter.org

Northern Maine Oncology Nurse Society, Bangor area

The Oncology Nurse Preparatory Course was offered in Bangor on May 28th and 29th. It went beautifully and the attendees were delighted and engaged through the weekend course that prepared them for their oncology certification



nurses studying for this designation for years to come.

Camp Sunshine, Casco

One family affected by cancer attended camp this past summer. It was a week to enjoy all that the camp has to offer, removed from the constant worry and apprehension of a cancer journey. Parents as well as siblings were nurtured and strengthened by the loving support of other camp families, staff and volunteers. It was a tremendous time and one this family will long remember. www.campsunshine.org

Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston/Auburn and the central Maine region

The Palliative Cancer Care team at CMMC plans to attend training in the next quarter, supported by Maine Cancer Foundation, so that a group of providers who will staff the new Palliative Care Program at CMMC will be fully prepared. www.cmmc.org/cc-cancercare-palliative.html

Down East Hospice: Machias/Washington County

This grant allowed for the expansion of bereavement support services in Washington County. The bereavement coordinator will attend a course to create a training program for Down East Hospice volunteers in an effort to increase services in Washington County. It also allowed an increase in the coordinator's hours, provided additional books and other materials to clients helping us fulfill our mission of providing free support and comfort care to the residents of Washington County. downeasthospice@yahoo.com

testing. The Maine Cancer Foundation was a primary benefactor in making this possible. In addition, the course was video taped and will be made available to

York County Community Action Corp.: Sanford

The demand for transportation services to provide equal access to care for cancer patients throughout York County remains high. The York Co. CAP Program manages a cadre of volunteer drivers who are compensated for their mileage with funds provided by MCF. As many families incomes diminish, and the populations ages, the need for the program only increases. Rides are available throughout York County including medical appointments and treatment at Southern Maine Medical Center, Biddeford, Cancer Care Center of York County, Sanford and York Hospital Oncology Care. www.yccac.org/pagestransportation/Transportation1.html

Regional Medical Center of Lubec serving Washington County

The 2009 "There is Hope Here in Washington County" Conference brought together over 75 researchers, providers, caregivers and survivors in a day of sharing information on the advancement in cancer research, patient and clinical care, and education and support services available in Washington county. Susan Rowan, MCF's Executive Director offered the welcome and took the opportunity to inform the group about the Foundation and the meaningful role it plays funding research in Maine. Kevin Mills, Ph.D., of the Jackson Lab, an MCF grant recipient, gave an informative talk on the role of DNA and cancer, the issue his lab is addressing.

York Hospital, York

Through funds provided by the Maine Cancer Foundation grant, the "Next Step Program" was able to resume on-site consults at the Kittery and York oncology offices. A total of 51 patients were seen during this time frame. Consults include evaluation, patient education, and development of individualized programs to address fatigue, pain, strength and balance. Next Step is a collaboration of three teams: oncology, physical rehabilitation and heart health who seek to improve the quality of life of cancer patients.

June 2009 Research Recipients

Role of MicroRNA-10b in Neurofibromatosis Type 1 Tumorigenesis and Progression

Neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1) is the most common inherited tumor predisposition syndrome that occurs in about 1:3500 live births. NF1 individuals are at high risk of developing benign and malignant tumors, such as malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors (MPNST). The prognosis for patients with MPNST is poor, with a 5-year survival rate of just 34%. Thus new, effective therapies are urgently needed. We have found that a small intracellular regulator molecule, miRNA-10b, was dramatically increased in cells and tumor tissues from MPNST. We hypothesize that miRNA-10b is critical for the development of MPNST. The purpose of the proposed studies is to inhibit miRNA-10b in MPNST cells and determine if it can reduce tumor formation. This proposal will help determine the role of miR-10b in the development of MPNST. miRNA-10b may represent

a diagnostic marker and a target for prevention and treatment of MPNST in NF1.

Xijie Yu, MD, Ph.D., Maine Institute for Human Genetics & Health, Brewer, ME



Improved Cancer Detection through the use of Engineered Nanoparticle Bioconjugates

Accurate and early tumor localization is critical in determining the course of treatment for patients with cancer. However, small or low density tumors are often difficult to distinguish from normal tissues, and hence not observed by imaging studies such as MRI or CT (x-ray). This project involves the development of a new class of cancer identifying agents (pancreas and liver) based on chemically modified metal nanoparticles labeled with bio-active molecules. These particles are non-toxic, can specifically seek out cancer cells



and, though only a few billionths of a meter across, generate very strong CT signals.

Michael D. Mason, Associate Professor, Molecular Biophysics, University of Maine, Orono

Functional Tests Of PODXL'S Contributions to Tumorigenesis

The significance of this MCF-funded project lies in its prime aim to test whether inhibition of the cancer cell surface marker PODXL lessens tumorigenesis. Significance also is broad, and elevated PODXL expression recently has been associated with seven aggressive cancers. PODXL's roles in tumorigenesis will be tested in two cancer models, epithelial breast carcinoma and acute myelogenous leukemia. Investigations may advance PODXL as a diagnostic/ prognostic marker of breast and blood cancer progression;

may provide new insight into how PODXL worsens cancer progression; and may lead to the design of PODXL inhibitors as new anti- cancer agents.

Don Wojchowski, Ph.D., MMCRI, Scarborough



Validating S100A6 as a Novel Marker and a Potential Therapeutic target of Brain Cancer Stem Cells

In the State of Maine, more people died from brain/ nervous system cancer than from ovary or lung cancers in 2007. Currently, there is no effective treatment for many of these patients. Recent discovery of cancer stem cells that are responsible for therapy resistance, tumor recurrence, and metastasis opens up a new avenue of research; however, the paucity of good markers to identify these cells is a major

limiting step. This proposal is focused on a new candidate marker (S100A6) we identified, Results from this study have high potential to generate a novel prognostic tool and to identify a novel therapeutic target against cancer stem cells.

Kyuson Yun, Ph.D., Jackson Lab, Bar Harbor



Predicting Quality of Life Outcomes after Prostate Cancer Treatment

Decisions about prostate cancer treatment are difficult because of the risks of developing sexual and urinary problems. Using data from Maine's largest prostate cancer center, we will develop and validate risk models that will predict the risks of sexual and urinary problems for a specific patient, based on his age, weight, prostate size, and other clinical characteristics. This would translate to a "clinical prediction tool" which would allow clinicians to give patients personalized estimates of what to expect after various treatment options. Predicting individual outcomes would provide prostate cancer patients with valuable information on which to base treatment decisions.

Amy Haskins, Ph.D., Maine Medical Center's Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation, Portland



Early Detection Guidelines

Breast Cancer

Women at average risk, and with no symptoms, should have a yearly mammogram beginning at age 40. If you are at increased risk due to family history, talk to your primary care provider who may recommend additional strategies. If you notice any change in your breasts, consult your provider promptly.

Men may also get breast cancer. If a change in breast tissue is detected, consult your provider without delay.

Colon and Rectal Cancer

Women and Men with average risk should have a colonoscopy every 10 years beginning at age 50. Polyps may develop into cancer, removing them during a colonoscopy prevents cancer from occurring. Another choice is to have an FIT test each year. If results are positive, a colonoscopy is performed. Your provider will help you make a decision. Be sure to let your provider know if you have a family history of colon cancer. In such case, other strategies will be suggested.

Cervical Cancer

Women should have a Pap test yearly beginning at age 21. Screenings may diminish in frequency as a women ages if tests are consistently negative. Talk to your provider.

Prostate Cancer

Your provider should talk with you about the pro's and con's of prostate cancer screening and when screening should begin based on your age, family history, etc.



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July 2008 ~ raised \$11,300

Advantage Sponsors- \$2,000

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Major Sponsors-\$1,200

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March 2008 ~ raised \$192,000

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Top Individual Fundraisers

1. Louise Hurlbutt \$7,780
2. Gail Kingsley \$2,500
3. Elizabeth Spaulding \$1,415

4. Callie Black \$1,290
5. Doug Carr \$1,090
6. Matt Libby \$1,045
7. Kelly Ramos \$1,010
8. Susan Ransom \$900
9. Susan Seibel \$820
10. Kassi Goulet \$795

Top Fundraising Teams Friends and Family:

Beth's Dream Team \$4806

School/Community Group:

MSAD 71 \$2,425

Business:

Team Hurlbutt \$11,865

Race Results

- 1st Place Men: Robert Gomes 15:41
 1st Place Women: Emily Durgin 18:04
 2nd Place Men: Michael Hall 16:01
 2nd Place Women: Katie Dodd 19:07
 3rd Place Men: Casey Carroll 16:04
 3rd Place Women: Jeanne Hackett 19:25

**TRI FOR A CURE
 August 2009 ~ raised \$424,000**

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Top Ten TRI Fundraisers

Jen Rohde \$6000
 Karen Cloutier \$5120
 Meredith Strang Burgess \$4633
 Robin Sawyer \$4500
 Carol Cain \$3770
 Ann Houser \$3725
 Cheryl Greaney \$3720
 Stacy Cimino \$3110
 Betsy Hood \$3070
 Susan Sinnott-Curran \$3000.75

WOMEN'S CANCER FUND

In Memory Of

Patricia Ann Blake
 Christine Cochrane
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 Carole Larson
 Dorothy McDonald
 Lorraine Moore
 Betty Palmer
 Sharon Pierotti

In Honor Of

Sue Ellen Beauregard
 Bruce Day
 Beth DeWolfe
 Laurie Hyndman
 Alan and Fran Schneit
 Dodo Stevens
 Nan Urban

1976 Club- \$5000 and up

State of ME Pink License Plate

Society of Hope- \$2500-\$4999

Kennebunk/Kennebunkport Chamber of Commerce - Fashion Show

2nd Century Club-\$1000-\$2499

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 Lewiston High School Staff
 Talbots Fundraiser
 York Hospital Breast Cancer Walk

Carroll Society-\$500-999

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CURE BREAST CANCER FOR ME LUNCHEON

October 2008 ~ raised \$111,600

Pink Ribbon Sponsors-\$9,000

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PINK TULIP PROJECT
October planting, May bloom~
raised \$39,200

Eastern/Northern Maine

80 Exchange Street
 Affiliated Healthcare Systems
 Annie Santerre Memorial Garden
 Bangor Downtown Garden
 Bangor Town & Country Realtors
 Blue Hill Community Garden of Hope
 Bridge to Hope
 Charles Dean Memorial Hospital
 Garden
 Farmington UMF & Mantor Library
 Guilford Pink Community Gardens
 MA Lynx Garden
 Madison MJHS Garden
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 Milo Elementary School Memorial
 Garden
 Paris Elementary Garden
 Pink Community Garden
 St. Joseph Healthcare Park Memorial
 Garden
 The Jackson Laboratory Garden
 University of Maine

Washington County Master Gardener
 Pink Tulip Project

Southern Maine

255 Main Street garden for Jane
 Amanda Rowe Garden
 Betsy Ross House
 Biddeford Primary Garden
 Bowdoin Hope Garden
 Brooklyn's Garden
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 Cumberland Center Garden
 Deering Oaks Park
 DeLorme Eartha Garden
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 Freeport West Street Garden
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 Home Sweet Home Garden
 Hospice of Southern Maine
 June's Garden
 Kennebunk Middle School - Laurie's
 Garden
 Kids For A Cure
 LDSYoung Womens Garden
 Legacy Properties, Two City Center
 Lincoln Park
 Lindquist Funeral Home
 Longfellow School Learning Garden
 Longfellow Square
 Maine Medical Center - Portland,
 Scarborough, Bath
 Martin's Point Health Care Sign of
 Hope
 Mercy at the Fore Garden
 Nancy King Memorial Garden
 Nicol Family Garden
 Peaks Island Circle of Pink

Portland Eyecare Medical Group
 Portland House on Casco Bay
 Raymond Panther Run Garden
 Russell School Garden
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 South Portland Calvary Cemetery
 Southern Maine Medical Center
 Trinity Park Garden
 Windham Hope Gardens
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 York Community Pink Tulip Gardens

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 Garden
 Lewiston City Gardens
 Rockport Garden Club
 St. George Town Hall
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Out of State

Battle Creek Garden of Sisterhood

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October 2008 ~ raised \$12,800
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5K-presented by Paradigm-
May 2009-raised \$20,500

WJBQ CANS FOR A CURE-
October 2008-raised \$8,000

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2010 Calendar



January 30: Sugarloaf Charity Summit to benefit MCF and Martha B. Webber Breast Cancer Awareness Fund. 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



March 14: 12th Annual Mary's Walk and Kerry men Pub Road Race to benefit the Maine Cancer Foundation. Sunday, March 14, 2010, Registration from 10:00 - 11:30 am at Thornton Academy, 438 Main Street Saco, Maine. 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



August 15: 2nd Annual Tri for a Cure to benefit MCF cancer research, patient education and support programs in Maine. South Maine Community College, South Portland. www.mainetriforacure.org



October 4: 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



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