

Maine Cancer Foundation Funding the fight







Annual Report

Maine Cancer Foundation Quickstats 2013

Our goal is to identify and fund efforts that will measurably decrease the cancer incidence

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Cancer research studies

17
Education and patient support programs

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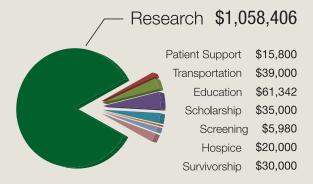
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Our Mission

Maine Cancer Foundation improves the health and well-being of Maine people by funding:

- Scientific laboratory, clinical and outcomes cancer research
- Professional and public education regarding knowledge and advances in cancer medicine
- Support programs for patients, survivors, their family and friends

2013 Grant Distribution



Maine's cancer mortality rate has been dropping steadily from an all-time high in 1991. This good news is why Maine Cancer Foundation began funding cancer research in 1976. We created a plan to change the impact of cancer in Maine, and we're proud to say it's working.

and mortality rates in Maine

And yet, our work is unfinished. Maine residents still face the second-highest cancer incidence rate in the nation. This year, more than 8,000 of our friends and family will receive a cancer diagnosis.

We have grown from a small organization to one of the largest funders of cancer research and patient support programs in the state. Our growth comes with the obligation to distribute not just more money, but smarter money, and this means knowing what our state needs and how to best use your gifts. We seek to make real and lasting change: fewer cancers, earlier diagnoses, better outcomes.

This past August, our Board of Directors launched an ambitious new program: a statewide Cancer Needs Assessment. It is the first broad-based, comprehensive effort to review needs and resources at every level, including patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, researchers and policy experts. The results will paint the full picture of cancer in Maine and help us to identify the gaps we need to fill.

We look forward to sharing the initial results of this effort with you, and we appreciate the support that has allowed us to continue this important work.

Sincerely,



Jennifer J. Dumas President Board of Directors



Tara M. Hill
Executive Director

2013 Research Grants Big Results from Small Things

Cancer has been with us for a long time. As early as 3000 BC, physicians were aware of a class of disease that resulted in tumors, abnormal tissue growth and often death. For millennia, these conditions were of unknown origin. The famous "helix" structure of human DNA was discovered in 1962 by Francis Crick, but it wasn't until the advent of modern computers and the Human Genome Project's effort to decode the entire genetic sequence of DNA that we possessed the tools necessary to probe into the fascinating microscopic world of cellular and molecular cancer.

Most of the cancer research we support examines the microscopic structures that make up cells, or even the interactions between individual molecules. The focus has shifted from surgical operations to "surgical strikes"; the hope is to discover customized drugs or microbiotic structures that can combat cancer on the cellular level.

Dr. Kevin Mills, one of our former grantees, recently finished his initial research into leukemia at The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor and is now establishing a new company, Cyteir Therapeutics, where he hopes to bring the results of his work to patients. The goal is to cause specific cancer cells (and only the cancer cells) to "self-destruct" by interfering with their molecular structure. It is this type of innovative approach to combating cancer that we are proud to support. New approaches using the best available information.

We look forward to following the progress of all our 2013 grantees and wish them great success as they chart the undiscovered country of this important (small) world.



2013 Research Grants

Peter C. Brooks , Ph.D., Maine Medical Center Development of a Novel Small Molecule Inhibitor for Breast Cancer Treatment	\$169,861
Pradeep Sathyanarayana , Ph.D., Maine Medical Center Research Institute miR-590 - A Novel Candidate microRNA in Acute Myeloid Leukemia	\$168,906
Kyuson Yun , Ph.D., The Jackson Laboratory Development of Optimized Ex Vivo Organotypic Slice Culture Systems	\$164,686
Xuehui Yang , Ph.D., Maine Medical Center Research Institute The Role Of Spry1 and Spry4 in Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Differentiation and Cancer Stem Cell Self-Renewal	\$156,315
Kin-Hoe Chow , Ph.D., The Jackson Laboratory Assessing Therapeutic Potential of a New Drug ICG-001 in Glioblastoma	\$50,000
Thomas Gridley , Ph.D., Maine Medical Center Research Institute Notch Signaling in a Mouse Model of Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia	\$50,000
John M. Streicher , Ph.D., University of New England The Role of the Kappa Opioid Receptor in Regulating Cancer Proliferation In Vitro and In Vivo	\$50,000
Jennifer Trowbridge , Ph.D., The Jackson Laboratory Defining Susceptibility to Transformation by Epigenetic Landscape	\$49,999
Aldona A. Karaczyn , Ph.D., Maine Medical Center Research Institute Numb5 & Numb6 Promote Invasive Behavior of Breast Cancer by Inducing Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition	\$49,989
Jens Rueter , M.D., Eastern Maine Medical Center Cancer Care Cytometric Profiling of the Non-Malignant Leukocytes In Patients With CLL: Addition of a Control Group	\$49,900
Tianzhi Yang, Ph.D., Husson University Anticancer Drug Delivery to Brain Using Cell Derived Exosome Nanovesicles	\$49,450
Shuhua Bai , Ph.D., Husson University Inhibition of Intercellular Adhesion Molecule-1 in Lung Cancer Cells by Selective Sirna Nanoparticles	\$48,300

Total 2013 Research Funding: \$1,057,406



Tamara **King**, Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences University of New England

Q. Please tell us about yourself.

I am a professor in the Biomedical Sciences department of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and a member of the Center for Excellence in the Neurosciences at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine. My interest in neuroscience developed during my undergraduate studies at Coe College in Iowa and was reinforced during my graduate studies at Texas A&M, where I obtained my Ph.D. studying the neuroscience of pain. Over the course of my career I have learned much about the neurobiology underlying pain.

Q. How did you become involved in cancer research?

My work on cancer research developed as my career matured and I became interested in expanding our understanding of pain in circumstances that applied to patients. My interest in cancer pain was reinforced when my grandmother was diagnosed with cancer. In the later stages of cancer, she was unable to recognize my mother. This was not due to the cancer, but rather to the very high doses of opiates, such as morphine and fentanyl, that my grandmother was given to control the cancer pain. When the doses were lowered, my grandmother regained her mental acuity but the doses were too low to alleviate the pain. This leaves the doctors, patients, and loved ones with a terrible choice of pain control or interaction with loved ones.

Q. Why Maine?

I have had the opportunity to move around and live in various places throughout my life including Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Iowa, and New York. Nearly two years ago, I was offered an opportunity to become a professor with my own laboratory at the University of New England in Biddeford. Here in Maine, I joined colleagues with similar desire to improve therapies for patients with different pain states, including chronic neuropathic pain and headache pain. My family has found Maine to be a fantastic place,

with much to explore and experience. I feel lucky to be able to perform my research in such a beautiful setting with wonderful people.

Q. Tell us about your current research.

My research focuses on finding out what generates pain — with particular emphasis on cancer induced bone pain — so that we may develop better therapeutic tools to manage these patients' pain. Cancer-induced bone pain is complex; it has multiple components that may require different treatment strategies. My laboratory studies the neurobiological differences underlying the ongoing persistent pain and breakthrough pain. This research will allow us to determine and develop different treatment strategies to effectively treat both the persistent and breakthrough pain with diminished need for opioids, thereby reducing or eliminating their adverse side effects.

Q. What is the most fun part of your job?

It is hard to pin one aspect of my job that is the most fun, but I would say looking at the results of an experiment and thinking about what they tell us, and how we have increased our understanding of pain. I also love thinking of what the next step is, and how we can get that much closer to better treatments for the patients.

Q. What is the worst?

Worries and concerns about funding the research program. Gaining funding for research has become much more challenging with diminishing federal funds for support of biomedical research. Within the current funding environment, the Maine Cancer Foundation has greatly helped by providing funds that have moved research efforts on cancer forward, both in my laboratory and by others.

Q. Has the funding provided by MCF made an impact on your work?

The funding provided by the Maine Cancer Foundation has been integral to the success of my laboratory. With this funding, the laboratory is able to generate data and find out how these pain states differ, already making great strides in understanding important aspects of cancer pain. Moreover, these data can be used to effectively compete for additional grants and funding that can develop what we have begun to learn into useful targets for drug development and improved therapies.

Q. What's the most exciting thing on the horizon in your field?

Great advances in cancer therapies have been made: although we cannot always cure cancer, great strides have been made in preventing cancer, catching cancer early, and allowing treatments that can eliminate the cancer. Moreover, even in cases where cancer has metastasized and is considered terminal, new chemotherapeutics have been developed that have extended the life span of patients on the order of months to even years.

2013 Education and Patient Support Grants

Each year a portion of Maine Cancer Foundation's grants are reserved to help fund education and patient support programs across the state. In 2013 we awarded \$207,122 to support 17 different programs. Research is only part of our mission at MCF: healthy lifestyles and early detection are a crucial part of our effort to fight cancer.

Aroostook County Community Action Program Healthy Aroostook: Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness Program	\$26,762.00
Bangor YMCA Fostering Connections	\$10,000.00
Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center Evaluation of Financial Assistance Program	\$9,800.00
Camp Sunshine Family Sponsorship Program	\$2,000.00
Cancer Community Center Cancer Survivor Wellness Program	\$10,000.00

Scholarships

Maine Cancer Foundation	\$30,000.00
Oncology Professional Scholarship Program	
Southern Maine Community College	\$5,000.00
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The Susan Donnell Konkel Student Scholarship Fund Award Made possible by a bequest received from the estate of long-time MCF friend and donor, Susan D. Konkel.

Hannah Yerxa was named the recipient of this year's Susan Konkel Scholarship. The award is presented each year to support a college student's summer internship at the Maine Medical Center Research Institute.



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Dean Snell Cancer Foundation Patient Transportation Assistance Program	\$10,000.00
Down East Hospice Volunteers Volunteer Hospice Services	\$10,000.00
Hospice of Southern ME Volunteer Program Support	\$10,000.00
Lake Region Senior Services Transportation Service Network for Cancer Patients	\$10,000.00
Maine Medical Center Endometrial Cancer & Obesity: A Survivorship Program	\$10,000.00
Maine Migrant Health Program Colorectal Cancer Prevention Campaign	\$5,980.00
On Belay Adventure-based Support Group for Youth	\$4,000.00
Penquis Ride to Health	\$9,000.00
Regional Medical Center at Lubec "There is Hope Here In Washington County" Conference	\$5,000.00
Stephens Memorial Hospital Middle School Cancer Awareness & Prevention	\$7,040.00
University of New England Improving the Treament of Cancer Related Pain	\$22,540.00
Washington Hancock Community Agency Program Transportation for Cancer Patients	\$10,000.00





A Champion in the Fight: An Interview with Meredith Strang Burgess

that there will be a new and better

medicine just around the corner."

Meredith Strang Burgess Burgess Advertising Former Maine Cancer Foundation Board President

Q. When did you first get involved with MCF?

I first learned about MCF in the fall of 1999 when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I wanted to do a fundraiser but also wanted all the money to stay in Maine and help fund research...IN Maine. My first fundraiser was a "Hair Razing Party" in January 2000 when I had my head shaved and we made it into a party! I think we raised about \$1,500!

Q. How have you seen MCF change over the years?

The biggest change was right at the beginning of my involvement. Whether or not it was my chemo brain or menopause or both, I just could not remember the name of the organization at that time which was Maine Cancer Research and Education Foundation (MCREF) and I was always switching the order of research and education...So one of the first things I recommended was to shorten the name to Maine Cancer Foundation.

Q. What do you think about changes in the treatment of cancer or the availability of care in Maine since you first began working with MCF?

Cancer treatment has come a long way since 1999...but we are just scratching the surface. I got cancer treatment that was different from those before me and folks today have

access to better and different treatment than I received...but every day cancer is still killing Maine residents making cancer the number two killer in the state. We are one of only a few states that have this dubious distinction...and I can't wait for that statistic to change!

Q. As a former President of the Board, what do you see as the biggest challenges for MCF in fulfilling its mission?

Raising the funds to make a difference in cancer and in Maine will always be a challenge. But I hope that MCF can take hold of the cancer conversation here in Maine and advocate for helping the state make a commitment to improve our cancer ratings in all areas.

Q. What's the most fun part of working with MCF?

Simple...I love being a tiny part of the cancer solution for Maine! I have fun when I see MCF truly helping make changes in this direction!

Q. We use the word "hope" a lot in the cancer community. What makes you hopeful? I am hopeful that we can effect change here in Maine. And when you have cancer, you have to be hopeful...hopeful that your treatment will work and kill the cancer in your body. And hopeful that if the current treatment fails, that there will be a new and better medicine just around the corner...and that you can live that long.

Q. You have made it a tradition to be the last person to cross the finish line at MCF's "Tri for a Cure" race. Why?

It has been a great honor to be the last person at the Tri for a Cure. I certainly would not be blazing a streak to the finish so I might as well slow down and help others along the way. Julie Marchese (the race director) and I had seen this done at another event out of state. We thought it was a great idea and knew right way that it was the perfect job for me!

Q. Ten years from now, what do you envision will be different for cancer patients here in Maine?

First, I hope we make huge steps forward with our cancer diagnosis process — better and more reliable ways to find cancers early and make it acceptable to get second opinions... and then for people to have the knowledge and confidence to keep asking questions. I see so many young people who are not listened to by their doctors. And once diagnosed, that the treatments will be targeted to specific tumor DNA....and there will be fewer side effects. And of course for everyone to have their cancer put into permanent remission!

Q. What would you say to someone who has just been given a cancer diagnosis?

That you are not alone. You are now part of a special club that we all try to look out for each other. That it is okay to ask questions and talk to those who have been there. Do not be rushed or scared into decisions. Ultimately, make your treatment decisions yourself... Live each day and have no regrets. Do not take the diagnosis lightly or worry about temporary things like hair...remember what is important and throw the kitchen sink at your cancer since you never want the cancer to come back. Never!

Special Events

A key part of Maine Cancer Foundation's success comes from our special events. These events provide a unique opportunity to engage with our supporters and raise money- and have fun doing it! Some people join Maine Cancer Foundation as event participants or volunteers, others join us as sponsors or donors. We appreciate all of these people and their dedication to the fight against cancer.





Mary's Walk began in 1999 as a unique way to recognize Mary Kerry Libby after her untimely death from Burkitt's Lymphoma. What first began as a stroll through town with a few hundred people has evolved into a major community effort that has attracted an estimated 43,000 participants in its 15 year span. This past year, Mary's Walk and the Kerrymen Pub 5K raised nearly \$285,000 to support the work of the Foundation. www.maryswalk.org





Tri for a Cure

4. Cara Dellarma Bridges 5. Emily Campobasso

6. Meredith Strang Burgess

7. Kathryn **Mathias**

8. Corinne Konnick

9. Melissa Fowler

10. Kristen Cyr

Now in its 6th year, the all-women's Tri for a Cure continues to demonstrate its unique appeal for supporters of all ages who want to challenge themselves physically while raising funds that will help their families, friends and neighbors who are engaged in the battle against cancer. The sold-out race was again a great success this year, raising over \$1.3 million and encouraging many participants to adopt active, healthy lifestyles- the cornerstone to reducing cancer risks. www.triforacure.org

Special Events

Pink Tulip Project

The Pink Tulip Project continues to bloom across the state, providing a living reminder that we will not give up on seeking effective treatments for women in Maine affected by cancer. In addition to tulip bulb sales and public fundraising gardens, in 2013 we continued a series of "Bloom Luncheons". Each luncheon was a chance for individuals interested in the fight against cancer in Maine to gather and listen to an expert speaker detail the work of our grantees.

www.pinktulipproject.org





Few places are more beautiful than the coast of Maine in the summer and we were delighted to welcome over 750 women, men and teens to the Southern Maine Community College campus for an evening 5K with music and food provided by local sponsors. www.twilight5k.com



TOP FUNDRAISERS

- 1. Suzie Satterfield
- 2. Jill King
- 3. Rebecca Tracy
- 4. Chelsea Weiner
- 5. Christopher Bennett
- 6. Stacy Gile
- 7. Lee **Zavorskas**
- 8. Joshua Mimmovich
- 9. Katherine Lambert
- 10. Krista Gerrity

This year's Twilight 5K raised over \$130,000 for the Foundation and saw a rise in the number of teams working together to meet their fundraising goals. Our #1 team was "Not Yet Net" who joined us in matching zebra outfits.

Thank you to our Annual Support Donors

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of the National Honor Society

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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 beguests have been filled, the remainder be directed to the Foundation.

Life Insurance

You can name Maine Cancer Foundation as a beneficiary, or owner and beneficiary, of a life insurance policy. You can change the owner and/or beneficiary designation of an existing policy or purchase a new policy with such designations.

Retirement Plan Assets

Retirement plan assets are subject to income taxes during your lifetime and upon your death. If you leave retirement assets to a non-spouse beneficiary, they may be subject to both income and estate taxes. Many people prefer to avoid this double taxation by directing retirement plan assets as a gift to charity, in which case the gift is fully tax deductible from the estate as a charitable gift. Other assets can be left to family members that are not subject to income taxes when received.

Give a Gift That Returns an Income to You:

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between you and 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 income tax deduction.

A deferred gift annuity allows you to delay receiving fixed income payments to a future date while receiving an immediate charitable income tax deduction. Deferring the payments increases the payout rate, thereby providing higher annuity payments. Additionally, a portion of the income payments are considered a nontaxable return on investment and not subject to income tax.



Statement of Activities

	Unrestricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Public Support and Revenue Contributions Special Events Revenue Investment Income Change in Value of Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust	\$ 583,018 \$ 1,657,930 \$ 276,860 \$ -	\$ - \$ - \$ - \$ 32,040	\$ 583,018 \$ 1,657,930 \$ 276,860 \$ 32,040
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$ 2,517,808	\$ 32,040	\$ 2,549,848
Expenses Program Services Management and General Fundraising	\$ 1,665,723 \$ 112,099 \$ 500,099	\$ - \$ - \$ -	\$ 1,665,723 \$ 112,099 \$ 500,099
Total Expenses	\$ 2,277,921	\$ -	\$ 2,277,921
Change in Net Assets	\$ 239,888	\$ 32,040	\$ 271,928
Net Assets - July 1, 2012	\$ 2,290,532	\$ 699,372	\$ 2,989,904
Net Assets - July 1, 2013	\$ 2,530,420	\$ 731,412	\$ 3,261,832

Statement of Financial Position

Assets		
Cash	\$	863,971
Prepaid Expenses	\$	118,824
Accrued Interest		
Receivable	\$	15,889
Investments	\$	2,512,523
Equipment	\$	51,086
Beneficial Interest in		
Perpetual Trust	\$	731,412
Total Assets	\$ -	4,293,705
Accounts Payable Accrued Liabilities	\$ \$	7,273 29,632
Grants Payable	\$	458,385
Deferred Revenues	\$	536,583
Total Liabilities	\$	1,031,873
Net Assets		
Unrestricted - Endow	ımon	ıt/
Operating Fund		ıv 2,530,420
Permanently	Ψ	۷,000,720
Restricted - Trust	\$	731,412
Total Net Assets	\$	3,261,832

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