WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER

Under One Umbrella was launched in 2009 by a group of local women who formed a committee to raise funds for the creation of the Stanford Women’s Cancer Center, located at the Stanford Cancer Institute. Thanks to the generous support of Under One Umbrella (UOU) committee and our community, the center has grown to become a preeminent program specializing in the research and treatment of women’s cancers.

The mission of the Stanford Women’s Cancer Center is to provide comprehensive care and the latest treatments, and helps fund faculty recruitment and research grants for scientific investigations, empowering our researchers to make discoveries possible by philanthropic generosity.

This newsletter is intended to keep friends and supporters of the center informed about their impact of their giving, recent discoveries in women’s cancers, and other related health news. We will also provide information on upcoming events and opportunities to get involved. Please feel free to share the information with others and send your comments and content ideas.

PHILANTHROPIC IMPACTS

The principal areas of research in our center focus on new methods of screening, early detection, and treatment for breast and gynecologic cancers. We are pleased to share with you some recent advances and research highlights from work made possible by philanthropic generosity.

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Through keen funding provided by the 2012 Cancer Challenge and substantial support from research for the advancement of allogeneic treatment or intervention the center can provide care and treatment by volunteers. In the development of some new investigational therapies for breast and ovarian cancers, growing 3-D fallopian tube samples, and testing the effects of pathogens that may have been hidden or recurrent disease. Detecting circulating tumor DNA in the bloodstream—which serve as an early warning sign of cancer—are progressing for women with breast cancer. With a small blood draw from the patient, researchers can now measure levels of cancer antigens in the bloodstream. This test is called carcirom of any later stage breast cancer, which Stanford is at the forefront of developing, would allow the detection of cancer antigens in the bloodstream (which serve as an early warning sign of cancer) and would potentially allow for earlier detection and intervention. The test is also able to measure levels of cancer antigens in the bloodstream that are carried across the blood-brain barrier and can cause false positive tests in women with breast cancer.

Advancements in a new diagnostic method called liquid biopsy are making it possible for women on our watchlist to detect tumors that are progressing for women with breast cancer. With a small blood draw from the patient, researchers can now measure levels of cancer antigens in the bloodstream. This test is called carcinorm. Under One Umbrella (UOU) committee and our community, the center has grown to become a preeminent program specializing in the research and treatment of women’s cancers. The mission of the Stanford Women’s Cancer Center is to provide comprehensive care and the latest treatments, and helps fund faculty recruitment and research grants for scientific investigations, empowering our researchers to make discoveries possible by philanthropic generosity.

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