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Mary V. Buckingham &
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“... thanks to you wonderful warriors who are contributing to this cure, I’m still cancer free today. Just remember that falling on your face is still moving forward!” - Mack Dryden

Keynote speaker Mack Dryden, stand-up comic and two-time cancer "thrivor" shared his uproarious and touching story with us at the 32nd Annual Circle 1000 Founders' Celebration Brunch. Mack, who has appeared in numerous feature films and TV shows, moved us with his Southern charm, feats of flexibility and gratitude for his journey. I felt chills when he recalled the moment his oncologist confirmed he was cancer-free.

“I appreciate the generosity of Circle 1000 in supporting Hoag Family Cancer Institute. You’re helping to save people’s lives every single day,” he said. For me, those simple words leave a deep impact and drive my commitment to Circle 1000 and its role in ensuring that our community has access to top clinicians, resources and programs so that more patients thrive after their cancer journeys.

This year, I’m very excited to report that Circle 1000 raised more than \$1 million to benefit Hoag Family Cancer Institute. Circle 1000’s total support now stands at \$20 million since our founding.

The 32nd Annual Circle 1000 funds will be designated to the following areas in the Hoag Family Cancer Institute:

- \$300,000: Early Development Research
- \$250,000: Precision Medicine Program (personalized medicine)
- \$200,000: Program Development
- \$150,000: Arden Flamson Nurse Navigation
- \$50,000: Sandy Sewell Nursing Education
- \$31,825: Non Nursing National Education
- \$30,000: Hoag Annual Nursing Conference

I am honored to be part of the Circle 1000 community and to have served as chair of the Founders' Committee for the past two years. Thank you to the Committee for making this year's brunch an inspiring and joyful celebration. I'm so pleased to pass the baton to Sue Werner, chair of the 33rd Annual Founders' Committee.

Friends, together we've carried each other through loss and we've celebrated life's happiest moments. Serving as a member of Circle 1000 is something that I love and something I'm very proud of. Thank you for the opportunity to honor my family and serve my community in such a meaningful way.

Sincerely,

Mary V. Buckingham
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Helping Patients Walk the Cancer Journey

Michelle Booth, Sandy Sewell Scholarship Recipient

For more than a decade, Michelle Booth, M.S.N., R.N., F.N.P.-C., O.C.N., nurse practitioner has walked with patients through their breast cancer journey as a nurse navigator at Hoag Family Cancer Institute. A recipient of the Sandy Sewell Scholarship, she has also been recognized for her work at the Susan G. Komen 2018 Survivor Celebration as the Most Inspirational Breast Health Advocate. But the real reward for Michelle is coming to work every day to educate and support patients. Just this April, she began a new chapter in her life as a nurse practitioner for the Hoag Breast & Ovarian Cancer Prevention Program and the Hoag Early Risk Assessment (HERA) Program.

“My patients from both programs feel peace of mind knowing a team who cares for them is watching over them and making sure everything is going well for their physical, emotional and mental health,” she says. “If it wasn’t for Circle 1000, we nurse navigators and nurse practitioners would not be here to help patients the way we do.”

The HERA program helps patients become more breast self-aware. The majority of patients come to Michelle upon receiving a notification that their mammogram indicates an elevated breast cancer risk. In her role, Michelle reaches out to these patients and communicates with their primary care or OB/GYN. For some, lifestyle modification and further imaging may reduce their risk. Patients who test positive for breast cancer genes and other genetic mutations are referred to the Hoag Breast & Ovarian Cancer Prevention Program.

“This is a one-of-a-kind program focusing on ‘previvors,’” Michelle explains. “We have a patient who travels from Riverside for our services.”

Michelle proudly serves on a team that includes breast care and gynecology specialists, sexual and mental health services, genetic counseling and testing, risk reduction, navigation, meditation & mindfulness, fitness and nutrition. She meets with patients to answer questions and walk them through their options which include increased surveillance with mammogram and MRI, chemoprevention, surgical prevention and wellness programs.

On a personal note, Michelle understands the profound impact these services have on cancer previvors, patients and survivors. She has experienced the loss of family members from cancer.

“There are no words to express my gratitude to Circle 1000 for their generosity,” Michelle says. “Their giving empowers our patients to be in control of their health and prevent what for many is a devastating disease.”



Dan Von Hoff, M.D., F.A.C.P., Named Inaugural Chair Holder of Margaret Givan Larkin Endowed Chair in Developmental Cancer Therapeutics

In the last of many significant gifts to Hoag before her passing, Circle 1000 Founders' Committee Member Margaret Larkin, along with her late husband Tom, established the Margaret Givan Larkin Endowed Chair in Developmental Cancer Therapeutics at Hoag Family Cancer Institute. Renowned cancer specialist Daniel Von Hoff, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.S.C.O., F.A.A.C.R., will serve as the inaugural chair holder providing leadership and expertise to Hoag.

Dr. Von Hoff's dedication to oncology began when, as a young resident, he encountered a three-year-old patient suffering continuous seizures resulting from a neuroblastoma tumor. His mentor, Jim Wolf, M.D., knew of a drug therapy that had shown some success in children. They advised her parents of the risks. They replied, "Please try anything."

"Twenty-four hours after Dr. Wolf administered the drug, she was riding her tricycle," Dr. Von Hoff remembers. "Three days later she was discharged, and she rode her tricycle out of the hospital. Who wouldn't be interested in trying to help when you see something like that?"

Dr. Von Hoff went on to earn a national reputation for his extensive expertise in oncology drug development and research. During his 40-year career, he has implemented phase I trials for more than 350 new anticancer agents and was involved in the development of many of the drugs that are routinely used today. His passion is bringing new immune oncology agents to get the body's own immune system to work against tumors.

Margaret and Tom's daughter-in-law Marianne Larkin, currently serves on the Circle 1000 Founders' Committee.



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The Richard J. Flamson Hereditary Screening Program

Thanks to Circle 1000's support of Hoag's Precision Medicine Program, the genetic counselors in the Richard J. Flamson Hereditary Screening Program were able to hire a genetics assistant.

Jeanne Homer, M.S., L.C.G.C., a genetic counselor with the Flamson Hereditary Screening Program since its launch in 2002 says that this position is critical to the care and support of patients. "Insurance reimbursement only covers the one-on-one visit with patients," says Jeanne. "The genetics assistant performs the patient prep and follow up and constructs family trees, which allow genetic counselors to devote more time to the patient."

The Program has grown exponentially:

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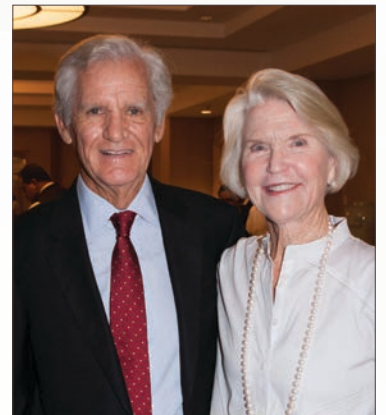
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