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2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Letter from the Chairmen





This report marks the completion of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research's first six years and the organization continues to remain aware of the fact that despite the enormous amount of money and time spent on cancer research, much mystery remains and lack of knowledge remains the greatest impediment to better treatments.

In a continued effort to increase knowledge in this field, the Hope Funds for Cancer Research has funded 14 postdoctoral Fellows, with high-impact results. These extraordinary results were made possible by raising \$2.7 million in our first six years, with 93 cents of every dollar donated going to our charitable purpose.

In addition to funding young scientists with new ideas, the organization has honored some of the most well respected people in the life sciences arena for their seminal contributions to the field. Many of those same individuals have chosen to join the Hope Funds for Cancer Research Board of Trustees or Scientific Advisory Council. They have also served as mentors to our young scientists and as invaluable advisors to the organization.

During 2012, the organization continued to grow its Board of Trustees, Scientific Advisory Council and Council of Advisors, and elected its third Chairman of the Board.

All of this was all made possible by your contributions - as scientists, as advocates and as philanthropists. We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

Malcolm A.S Moore, DPhil Chairman of the Board Leah Rush Cann

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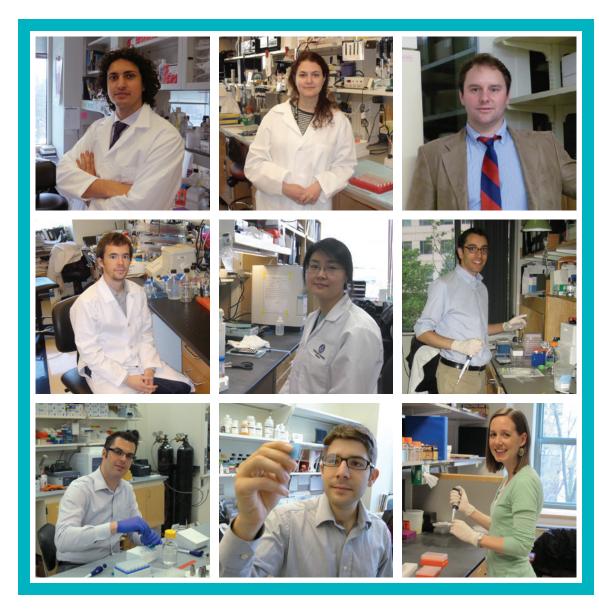
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# Fellows



(Fellows, left to right: Server Ertem at Sloan-Kettering, Gina Denicola at Beth Israel Deaconess, Simon Knott at Cold Spring Harbor, Manuel Valiente at Sloan-Kettering, Joo-Hyeon Lee at Children's Boston, Jordan Krall at the Whitehead at MIT, Jurre Kamphorst at Princeton, Thales Papagiannkopoulos at MIT, and Elsa Beyer at Dana-Farber)

Hope Funds for Cancer Research provides Fellowships to postdoctoral scientists working on highly innovative research projects that challenge the traditional paradigms of understanding the causes, mechanisms, progression, disease markers, or risk factors of the most difficult-to-treat and deadliest cancers. Hope Funds considers each of the following criteria, with a strong emphasis on the innovation of the project, in evaluating research candidates: innovation and originality of the project; significance and direct relevance of the research proposal; approach and conceptual framework of the project; qualifications of the researcher and the researcher's mentors; quality of the overall research environment where the scientist is working.

# Fellows

FELLOWS				OUTCOMES				
Name	Start	End	Institution	Project	Published	Faculty appointment	Commercialized/ Clinical Finding	Current Relationship to HFCR
Medina, Pedro	2008	2011	Yale University	let-7 microRNAs as tumor suppressors in lung cancer and lymphomas	Nature 2010	Oncology Research (GenyO) at Universidad de Granada in Spain		Alum
Robison, Nathan	2008	2009	USC/Childrens Hospital LA	forkhead box G1 expression and risk classification in medulloblastoma		Childrens Hopital Harvard	Clinical finding in pediatric brain cancer	Alum, Advisory Council
Sawey,Eric	2009	2011	Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory	novel targets in liver cancer	Cancer Cell 2011	Cold Spring Harbor Lab		Alum, Advisory Council
Tran,Hien Thanh	2009	2010	The Rockefeller University	microRNAs role in metastasis				Alum
Wang, Xiaoxing	2009	2010	Dana-Farber Cancer Institute	cellular mechanisms of pancreatic cancer				Alum, Advisory Council
Ertem. Server	2010	2012	Memorial Sloan- Kettering	ovary cancer stem cells			Arion Pharmaceuticals	Alum, PRI
Ertem. Server	2012	2013	Memorial Sloan- Kettering	ovary cancer stem cells			Arion Pharmaceuticals	Alum, PRI
Krall, Jordan	2010	2013	Whitehead Institute	metatasis				Fellow
Valiente, Manuel	2010	2013	Memorial Sloan- Kettering	brain metatasis				Fellow
Beyer, Elsa	2011	2013	Dana-Farber Cancer Institute	genetic dependencies in cancer				Fellow
Kamphorst, Jurre	2011	2013	Princeton University	pancreatic cancer	Analytical Chemistry 2011			Fellow
Lee, Joo-Hyeon	2011	2013	Childrens Hospital Boston	lung cancer micro environment	Cell Mol. Bio. 2012			Fellow
DeNIcola, Gina	2012	2015	Beth Israel	lung cancer	Nature 2010			Fellow
Knott, Simon	2012	2015	Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory	pancreatic cancer			Licensed technology in 2012	Fellow
Papagiannakopoulos, Thales	2013	2016	MIT	circadian rhythms				Deferred Fellow

# Program Events & Awards Dinner



On May 7<sup>th</sup>, Hope Funds for Cancer Research held the fourth in a series of panel discussions on innovative cancer research and treatment at the Harold Pratt House in New York City. The provocative discussion was for the lay public and featured some of the world's leaders in treatment and research. Four panelists, moderated by

NBC chief science correspondent Robert Bazell, addressed the challenges and opportunities for scientists, physicians, and patients to impact revolutionary treatments for patients. The panelists were Dr. Joan Massagué, principal investigator in cell biology, Dr. Larry Norton, Deputy Physician-in-Chief for Breast Cancer Programs, Dr. Malcolm A.S. Moore a pancreatic cancer survivor and principal investigator in cell biology - all at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer center and Dr. Frank Slack professor of molecular, cellular & developmental biology at Yale University.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, the Trustees and Advisors of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research hosted a Gala at Marble House in Newport, Rhode Island, honoring Elizabeth Blackburn, Janet Rowley, Joseph Schlessinger and Azra Raza for their contributions to basic science, clinical development and medicine, respectively. The event raised more than \$300,000, used to fund postdoctoral fellowships in cancer research.

The Honorary co-chairs for the Gala were Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Anderson along with Drs. George Demetri and Susan Frankl. Approximately 150 guests gathered in Newport, Rhode Island for the weekend to attend events with the Hope Funds Honorees and Fellows, including a scientific presentation of the postdoctoral Fellows' work and ending with the Gala Awards Dinner, which was attended by Trustees, Advisors, Honorees, Fellows and Friends of Hope Funds. The Awards Dinner was co-chaired by Hope Funds Trustees, David Garrett, Leah A. Hartman and Jonathan Lewis and his wife Nanci.

To view more of these events, please visit our website at: www.hope-funds.org/events.

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## Honorees

Hope Funds for Cancer Research selects Honorees for its annual Awards of Excellence based on their contributions to the field of cancer research, clinical development, medical treatment, advocacy, and philanthropy. Candidates are evaluated on their service in the field of cancer research and treatment, significant contributions in advancing cancer care, integrity and character, and how they are regarded by their peers. Honorees in basic science are luminaries in the field of cancer research, having advanced the knowledge of cancer biology. Honorees in clinical development have developed a treatment or a diagnostic that has meaningfully and significantly improved patient outcomes. In medicine, Honorees have developed a procedure or made a discovery in the field of oncology that has meaningfully and significantly improved patient outcomes. Honorees for advocacy have served the needs of cancer patients and their families, by providing care and compassion and by bringing the public's attention to the disease. In philanthropy, Honorees have provided funding that has furthered cancer research, treatment, and support of patients and their families.









## Honorees

2007 - 2012

Basic Science

Sir Paul Nurse Craig Mello, Ph.D. Robert A. Weinberg, Ph.D. James E. Darnell, Jr., M.D. Joan Massagué, Ph.D. Elizabeth Blackburn, Ph.D. Janet Rowley, M.D.

Clinical Development

Antonio J. Grillo-Lopez, M.D. Malcolm A. S. Moore, DPhil Brian Druker, M.D. George D. Demetri, M.D. Kenneth C. Anderson, M.D. Joseph Schlessinger, Ph.D.



Medicine

M. Judah Folkman, M.D. John Cameron, M.D. Murray Brennan, M.D. Larry Norton, M.D. Azra Raza, M.D.

Advocacy

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# Hope Funds for Cancer Research – Statement of Activities

December 31, 2012

With comparative financial information at December 31, 2011

	2012			2011	
Revenue	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total	Total
Contributions:					
Annual fund	\$ 364,333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 364,333	\$ 223,274
Special events, net	286,052	· -	-	286,052	345,061
Donated services	· <u>-</u>	-	-	· <u>-</u>	-
Bequests and other	_	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	650,385		-	650,385	568,335
Royalty and other income					
Total revenue	650,385			650,385	568,335
Expenses					
Program services:					
Fellowships	576,000	_	-	576,000	287,984
Science, medical & research information		-	-		
and communication	33,154	-	-	33,154	22,614
Honoree medals and diplomas	5,836	-	-	5,836	5,390
Total program services	614,990	-	-	614,990	315,988
Fundraising expenses	19,879	-	-	19,879	10,384
Management and general expenses	24,659	-	-	24,659	19,672
Total expenses	659,528	-		659,528	346,044
Net result from operating activities	(9,143)	-	-	(9,143)	222,291
Other income					
Investment return	2,302	_		2,302	6,240
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(6,841)	-	_	(6,841)	228,531
Net Assets at beginning of year	576,165	-	-	576,165	347,634
Net Assets at end of year	\$ 569,324	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 569,324	\$ 576,165

Please contact Hope Funds for Cancer Research for complete audited financial statements or visit our website, www.hope-funds.org/about/financial-and-legal-info/.

# Hope Funds for Cancer Research – Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2012

With comparative financial information at December 31, 2011

	Decembe	December 31		
Assets	2012	2011		
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Note 2	\$1,008,157	\$765,163		
Contributions Receivable - Note 3	1,250	1,600		
Prepaid Expenses - Note 4	79,317	86,902		
Total Current Assets	\$1,088,724	\$853,665		
Liabilities and net assets				
Current liabilities:				
Fellowships payable - Note 5	233,500	208,500		
Deferred revenue	21,900	-		
Total current liabilities	255,400	208,500		
Long-term liabilities:				
Fellowships payable - Note 5	264,000	69,000		
Total liabilities	519,400	277,500		
Net assets:				
Unrestricted - Note 6	569,324	576,165		
Temporarily restricted	-	-		
Permanently restricted	<del></del> -	-		
Total net assets	569,324	576,165		
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,088,724	\$853,665		

#### NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Hope Funds for Cancer Research (the Hope Funds), a non-profit corporation, was organized under the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island on October 5, 2006 for the purpose of encouraging investigation of innovative cancer treatment, prevention and detection and to increase knowledge relating to cancer care, especially for the most difficult-to-treat cancers, through philanthropic support of scientific and medical research.

#### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying financial statements of the Hope Funds have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to not-for-profit entities.

#### INCOME TAXES

The Hope Funds qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Hope Funds is subject to the provisions of ASC 740-10-05 relating to accounting and reporting for uncertainty in income taxes. Because of the Hope Funds' general tax-exempt status, ASC 740-10-05 has not had, and is not anticipated to have, a material impact on the Hope Funds' financial statements.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The Hope Funds is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Hope Funds is required to present a statement of cash flows

#### RECLASSIFICATION

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the current year presentation.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets upon satisfaction of the time or purpose restrictions. However, if a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contribution is received, the organization reports the support as unrestricted.

#### **ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### DONATED SERVICES

Donated services are recognized as contributions in accordance with accounting standards at their fair market value, if the services: 1) create or enhance nonfinancial assets; or 2) require specialized skills and are performed by people with those skills or would otherwise be purchased by the Hope Funds. The Hope Funds receives donated services for legal, accounting, design, website development and event planning activities. Since the Hope Funds is an entirely volunteer organization, many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of professional and administrative tasks that greatly assist the Hope Funds perform its daily operations. No amounts have been reflected in the accompanying financial statements since these donated services do not meet the criteria for recognition.

#### ADVERTISING AND MARKETING COSTS

Advertising and marketing costs are expenses as incurred

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Hope Funds considers the accounting treatments, and the related disclosures in the current year's financial statements, that may be required as the result of all events or transactions that occur after the year-end through the date of the independent auditor's report

#### NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Hope Funds considers all liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less, as well as short-term certificates of deposit maturing in under twelve months, to be cash equivalents. Funds are kept in local institutions in regular checking and money market accounts as well as in a short-term investment account. At December 31, 2012 the cash was invested as follows:

Checking Account with Bank of Newport	\$ 264,146
Savings Account with Bank of Newport	234,216
Savings Account with Washington Trust	2,181
Checking Account with J P Morgan Chase	10,084
Savings Account with J P Morgan Chase	239,407
Money Market Account with Smith Barney	2,427
CD at Washington Trust	<u>255,696</u>
Total Cash Balances	\$1,008,157

#### NOTE 3 – CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions Receivable represents 2012 donations pledged but not received by December 31, 2012. The Hope Funds believes the amount to be fully collectible in 2013.

### NOTE 4 – PREPAID EXPENSES, DEPOSITS & DEFERRED REVENUE

Prepaid expense represents the Hope Funds prepayment amounts for the following expense categories:

Prepaid policy premium for its property and liability policy

375

Prepaid deposits to secure Gala venue for 2013

Prepaid deposits to secure Gala suppliers and catering for 2013

Prepaid deposit for 2013 honoree medals

Office rent deposit

30,503

Prepaid deposit for 2013 honoree medals

5,600

Office rent deposit

340

\$79,318

Deferred Revenue represents amounts received in 2012 towards the 2013 Awards Gala April 29, 2013.

#### NOTE 5 – FELLOWSHIPS PAYABLE

The Hope Funds conducts a postdoctoral competition each year and awards fellowships typically covering two-year or three-year periods. The Hope Funds accounts for payments to grantee institution in respect of Fellowship Expense by recording such expense in the full at the time the commitment is made with the grantee institutions.

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In 2012 the Hope Funds awarded three new three-year grants and increased the term of earlier grants for total commitment of \$576,000. Awards payable as of December 31, 2012 total \$497,500 and are expected to be paid as follows:

2013	\$233,50
2014	143,50
2015	96,50
2016	24,00
	\$497.50

#### NOTE 6 – NET ASSETS – UNRESTRICTED

Net Assets - Unrestricted represent net assets set aside by the Board of Trustees that represent support raised in advance to fund future fellowship awards. Future two-year and three-year Fellowships will be awarded to postdoctoral scientists who propose to work on highly innovative research projects that challenge the traditional paradigms of understanding the causes, mechanisms, progression, disease markers or risk factors of the most difficult to treat cancers.

#### NOTE 7 – REVENUE AND SUPPORT

The Hope Funds' major forms of support include direct contributions by individuals, corporations and foundations towards its Annual Fund and Special Events to raise funds for Fellowships as well as serving to honor luminaries in the field of cancer research, treatment and philanthropy.

#### NOTE 8 – SPECIAL EVENTS

Since its Inaugural Awards Gala in August 2007, the Hope Funds has held its Awards Gala annually. In 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012 the Awards Gala was held at Marble House in Newport, RI. In 2011 the Awards Gala was held at the Union Club in New York City. In 2013 the Awards Gala will be held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

The Awards Gala event is held to celebrate the Hope Funds' commitment to encourage innovative cancer treatment and early-state detection for the most understudied and difficult to treat cancers. It also provides a forum for scientific discussion and presentations, and raises funds for future Fellowships. In prior years the events brought together more than 150 trustees, advisors, scientists, physicians and friends of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research. In 2012 four distinguished individuals were honored for their collective achievements and commitments. The postdoctoral Fellows were given an outstanding forum in which to present their research findings.

In 2012 the Hope Funds hosted a successful panel discussion in New York City. Members of the panel included specialists in the field of cancer drug development. Guests from industry and academia met with scientists, physicians, business people and philanthropists. This was a memorable opportunity to showcase the work and achievements of the Fellows, their Mentors and Advisors.

Gross proceeds from the two Special Events in 2012 from sources including ticket prices, corporate support and individual donations totaled \$378,200. Total costs for these events amounted to \$92,148, or 24.4% of contributions to the Special Events.

#### NOTE 9 - SCIENCE. MEDICAL & RESEARCH INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Expenses in this category amounted to \$22,614 in 2011 and \$33,154 in 2012. Hope Funds expanded opportunities for its Fellows and Alumni-Fellows to present their research findings in public formats and to key-opinion-leaders in the field of cancer research.

#### NOTE 10 – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Cash flows from operating activities as reported in the 2012 audited statements for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, reflect no payment for interest or taxes.

#### NOTE 11 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Hope Funds has a month to month arrangement to lease office space. At December 31, 2012 there were no leasehold commitments or financial contingencies.

#### NOTE 12 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Hope Funds maintains its cash balances at several financial institutions in amounts which, at times, may be in excess of federally insured limits. Management believes that the Hope Funds faces no significant risk of loss relating to a failure of one of the financial institutions

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## Mission

The mission of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research is to encourage investigation of innovative cancer treatment and detection for the most difficult-to-treat and understudied cancers. The Hope Funds for Cancer Research supports scientific and medical research programs aimed at increasing knowledge relating to both cancer care and prevention. We support programs we believe have the highest probability of success in addressing unmet medical needs, which we will determine by rigorous scientific and economic analysis.

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