



## Hope Funds for Cancer Research

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### Hope Funds for Cancer Research Panel Discussion & Luncheon Highlights Women Researchers' Contributions to Cancer Research

**NEWPORT, RI -- August 10, 2016** -- The Hope Funds for Cancer Research, an organization dedicated to advancing innovative research for difficult-to-treat cancers, held a panel discussion focused on the advancements in science made by women scientists since world war II and the challenges they have faced along the way. The event was held on August 5th at the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RI. The discussion was for the lay public and featured one of the leading researchers in the field of life sciences research, Dr. Joan Steitz, and her postdoctoral Fellow, Dr. Johanna Withers, both from Yale University. Ross Cann served as moderator. The panel discussion was followed by a summer luncheon on the veranda. The event raised funds towards a postdoctoral fellowship in cancer research for a female researcher.

The Trustees of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research are especially grateful to the following Patrons for their support the event:

Marie Bennett, Patricia Bilden, M.D., Leah Rush Cann, Elizabeth Kahane, Candy Keefe, and Denise Roberts.



To view additional photos of this event, please see [Event Photos](#).

#### **About the Hope Funds for Cancer Research**

The Hope Funds for Cancer Research was formed in 2006 to establish a funding vehicle that would take a rational scientific, medical, and investment approach to making grants for the most interesting and promising research efforts to address the most difficult-to-treat cancers, including pancreatic, lung, liver, sarcomas, esophageal, brain, gastric, and ovarian cancers, as well as rare leukemias, lymphomas and MDS. These cancers are insidiously aggressive illnesses that kill most of their victims within months, even with aggressive chemotherapy. The Trustees of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research believe that funding young, innovative researchers will lead to breakthroughs in these areas and increase life expectancy for those with these types of cancers. The Hope Funds for Cancer Research is a 509 (a)(1) charity under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service's code.