



Hope Funds for Cancer Research

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Hope Funds for Cancer Research Announces Grillo-Marxuach Family Fellowship

NEWPORT, RI -- March 19, 2015 -- Hope Funds for Cancer Research, an organization dedicated to advancing research for the most difficult-to-treat cancers, announced last night at a dinner in California that it had received a \$1.5 million gift from San Diego residents, Antonio Grillo-Lopez and Maria S. Grillo. The donation, on behalf of the Grillo-Marxuach Family, will endow a cancer research fellowship to be awarded yearly, in perpetuity, by the Hope Funds for Cancer Research.

"My wife and I are truly pleased to provide this gift that will serve to fund cancer research conducted by promising young scientists in the expectation that new therapies will be found leading to cures for the as yet incurable cancers" stated Dr. Grillo-Lopez.

The Hope Funds for Cancer Research considers the gift to be transformative for the foundation. It is the fifth named Fellowship given to the organization, but by far the largest in size.

About Antonio J. Grillo-Lopez, M.D.

Dr. Grillo-Lopez, a hematologist and oncologist, is a pioneer in clinical cancer research. He was a major contributor to the development of the first targeted cancer drug, the antibody Rituxan, which treats non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Dr. Grillo-Lopez is originally from Puerto Rico. After retiring from Idec Pharmaceuticals (now Biogen Idec), he and his family continue to reside in San Diego, CA. He has received numerous awards for his research achievements including the 2007 Hope Funds for Cancer Research Award of Excellence for Clinical Science, the Discovery Health Channel Medical Honors Award for lifetime achievements in clinical cancer research, the Triumph Award given by the Leukemia Society of America, the Evelyn Hoffman Memorial Award of the Lymphoma Research Foundation of America, and others. Notably both Dr. and Mrs. Grillo have survived tumors, Colon Cancer and Meningioma, respectively.

Dr. Grillo-Lopez has served on the Board of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research since 2008.

About the Hope Funds Fellowships

Hope Funds for Cancer Research supports research for highly innovative projects that challenge the traditional paradigms associated with understanding the causes, mechanisms, progression, disease markers, or risk factors of the most difficult-to-treat cancers. Hope Funds for Cancer Research believes it is important to emphasize creative approaches to research and award grants to young scientists based on the following criteria: project innovation and originality; the significance and direct relevance of the research proposal; the project's approach and conceptual framework; the researcher's qualifications and those of his or her mentors; and the quality of the researcher's overall working environment. The six 2014 Fellows were selected from a pool of 184 highly qualified applications. To learn about all Hope Funds Fellows visit: www.hope-funds.org, under Grants.

Naming opportunities for Fellowships

A naming opportunity to donate to the Hope Funds and is an opportunity to encourage a highly-dedicated, talented cancer researcher with your name. To view current research naming opportunities, visit: <http://www.hope-funds.org/giving/> and scroll down to Naming Opportunities.

About the Hope Funds for Cancer Research

The Hope Funds for Cancer Research was formed in 2006 by individuals with experience in science, medicine, intellectual property law, investment banking, philanthropy, sociology and the arts, who wanted to establish a funding vehicle that would take a rational scientific, medical and investment approach to awarding research grants. A strong emphasis is placed on identifying innovative and promising research efforts to address the most difficult-to-treat cancers, including pancreatic, lung, liver, sarcomas, esophageal, brain, gastric, ovary cancers, rare leukemias and lymphomas, and MDS. The Trustees of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research believe that funding innovative research that can lead to medical breakthroughs and increased life expectancy is at the core of its mission. The Hope Funds for Cancer Research is a 509(a)(1) charity under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service's code. For additional information about the organization, please visit www.hope-funds.org

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