



Hope Funds for Cancer Research

Press Release

## Hope Funds 2024 Women & Science Luncheon on June 8 in Newport

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**NEWPORT, RI -- April 26, 2024** -- The Women & Science Committee of Hope Funds for Cancer Research will host a Discussion & Luncheon highlighting women researchers and treatments for women's cancers. Hope Funds for Cancer Research, an organization dedicated to advancing innovative research for difficult-to-treat cancers, will hold the Luncheon and Discussion on June 8th at the historic International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RI.

The event is focusing on breakthroughs made by researchers associated with Hope Funds for Cancer Research, which have resulted in life changing therapies. Appropriate to the setting and the topic, the Event is titled, **“Changing the Game. One Breakthrough at a Time.”**

The discussion will highlight the work of three women researchers, Drs. Jennifer Doudna, Janet Rowley, and Joan A. Steitz; and Dr. Dennis Slamon's work leading to dramatic improvements for breast cancer patients.

The Trustees of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research are especially grateful to the event chairs, Mrs. David S. Gordon, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Jobson, and Drs. Robert Johnson and Margaret Liu. Panelists include Hope Funds Alumni, Drs. Alessandra Dall'Agnese and Johanna Withers; and Hope Funds Scientific Advisors, Drs. Robert Johnson and Sohail Tavazoie.

Additional event information can be found on the Hope Funds website at: [Events](#)

### Research Fellowships

Proceeds from this event will fund young researchers at the most respected academic institutions. 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 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.

**Hope Funds for Cancer Research**

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 innovative and promising research efforts to address the most difficult-to-treat cancers, including pancreatic, lung, liver, sarcomas, esophageal, brain, gastric, renal 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.

For additional information about the organization, please visit [www.hope-funds.org](http://www.hope-funds.org) or call (401) 847-3286.

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