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## Hope Funds for Cancer Research

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### Hope Funds for Cancer Research Announces Newly Elected Chairman of the Board

**Newport, RI - September 14, 2011** - Hope Funds for Cancer Research, dedicated to advancing innovative research for the most difficult-to-treat cancers, today announced Jonathan Lewis, M.D., Ph.D. has been elected chairman of its Board of Trustees effective September 13, 2011. Hope Funds formed an ad hoc search committee in February 2011 to identify the next chairman of the Board of Trustees. This committee was composed of six Board Members and an independent member as well. The Committee determined the next chairman should ideally have a scientific and medical background, strong connections with the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries, and direct experience with patients and survivors, as well as being highly regarded by his/her peers.

"Dr. Lewis is an obvious choice to chair the Hope Funds Board of Trustees. He more than meets all the criteria set forth by the search committee, and more importantly, he is passionate and committed to the Hope Funds Mission of funding innovative young scientists in pursuit of cures for the most deadly cancers," stated Leah Rush Cann, newly elected chair of the Hope Funds Executive Committee.

#### **Jonathan Lewis, M.D., Ph.D.**

Dr. Lewis is Chief Executive Officer, and Director of ZIOPHARM Oncology. He served as Professor of Surgery and Medicine at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He has been actively involved in leading translational and clinical research in cancer, and is globally recognized by patient advocacy groups. He has helped develop several drugs in cancer. He has received numerous honors and awards in medicine and science, including the ASCO Young Investigator Award, the Kristen Carr Fellowship, the Yale University Ohse Award, the Royal College of Surgeons Trubshaw Medal, and the Sarcoma Foundation of America Hope and Vision Award. He serves as a Director on the Board of POPPA (the Police Organization Providing Peer Assistance) of the New York Police Department (NYPD). He also serves on the Medical Advisory Board of the Sarcoma Foundation of America, and the Scientific Advisory Board of the Combat Wound Initiative and Limb Salvage Program of the Henry Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine.

Dr. Lewis is a member of the Hope Funds Scientific Advisory Council and has served on its Board of Trustees since 2008.

To view all members of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research Board of Trustees, visit [Board of Trustees](#).

#### **About 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, 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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