



Hope Funds for Cancer Research

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Hope Funds for Cancer Research Announces Lucylee Chiles Research Fellowship

NEWPORT, RI -- August 28, 2015 -- Hope Funds for Cancer Research, an organization dedicated to advancing research for the most difficult-to-treat cancers, announced today that Hope Funds Fellow, Bernardo Tavora, Ph.D. is the recipient of the prestigious Lucylee Chiles Research Fellowship. Hope Funds Trustee and brother of Lucylee Chiles, Col. John H. Chiles, M.D. stated, "The estate and family of Lucylee Chiles are thrilled to honor her memory by supporting the research of Dr. Bernardo Tavora. Dr Tavora's work embodies Lucylee's passion of supporting innovative research in battling cancer. In the nine years that she lived with the disease, she was acutely aware of the impact of the groundbreaking research of Hope Funds fellows in extending her own life. We are grateful to pay it forward and, in a small way, assist in the effort to extend and even save lives like that of our cherished sister." This Fellowship will fund Dr. Tavora's highly innovative work for the next three years.

About Bernardo Tavora, Ph.D.

Bernardo Tavora, Ph.D., at Rockefeller University, in the laboratory of Sohail Tavazoie, M.D., Ph.D., has developed an innovative approach that allows him to identify genes that are being expressed in vivo in the cells that form tumor blood vessels. By comparing gene expression in endothelial cells in contact with highly metastatic cells relative to those in contact with poorly metastatic cancer cells his lab is identifying new endothelial regulators of tumor metastasis. This may allow his lab to discover novel therapeutic



Jack & Mary Chiles with Bernardo Tavora

targets and strategies for blocking metastasis formation or reducing metastatic progression, which is considered the major cause of cancer related deaths. The formation of metastatic colonies in distant organs contribute to the majority of cancer related deaths. The molecular and cellular mechanisms that drive this process are only recently being uncovered. Dr. Tavora and his colleagues have found that microRNA expression is a key molecular mechanism that enables the growth of metastatic colonies in distant organs. This project addresses highly metastatic tumors including melanoma, breast and colon. Dr. Tavora received his "Licenciatura" in Biology (Equivalent to joint BS/MS degree) from the University of Lisbon, Portugal and his Ph.D. from Barts Cancer Institute, Queen Mary University of London, UK. Dr. Tavora is one of six members of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research class of 2015 Fellows, for all Fellows [Click Here](#)

About the Lucylee Chiles Research Fellowship

On December 23, 2013, Dr. Lucylee Chiles died after a long battle with ovary cancer, which started in 2004. Stricken with cancer, she personally knew the vital importance of promoting research in lesser studied cancers. She personally benefited from that research and became a champion in funding the best and brightest minds in oncologic research. In her estate, she established a named Fellowship at Hope Funds for Cancer Research.

About Lucylee Chiles, Ed.D.

Dr. Chiles was an artist, educator and arts administrator who was a committed and beloved member of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research Council of Advisors. Lucylee received her doctorate from Columbia in 1991, was awarded a Master of Science Degree in Philosophy and Social Foundations of Education from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles; and received a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Painting from the University of the Americas, Mexico City. In addition, she received Arts Administration and Philanthropy and Fundraising certificates from New York University; and a Sotheby's Furniture Restoration Certificate, among others. She was a guild member of the Historical Society for Early American Decoration and liaison with the American Folk Art Museum.

After graduating Columbia University, Dr. Chiles worked as Director of Higher Education for the Foreign Policy Association and was an adjunct assistant professor at City College of New York. In 1994 she was named Executive Director of the Isabel O'Neil Workshop and Foundation for the Art of the Painted Finish. For eight years, she managed day-to-day operations in Manhattan for 450 adult students, planned and implemented programs, and managed marketing, an annual exhibition and fundraising auctions. From 2003-05 she was Adjunct Professor, Introduction to Art at Kean University in Union, NJ.

While pursuing her doctorate studies, she was a resident of International House New York and became an active member and continued to be an active alumae after graduating. At I-House, Dr. Chiles was a participant in the inaugural year of the landmark Women's International Leadership (WIL) Program, in 1991-92. The following year she was elected as a member of the WIL Advisory Council, on which she participated actively until 2013. Dr. Chiles' involvement with International House also included membership on the Board of Trustees from 1993-96, and on the Board's House and Programs & Resident Life committees from 1993 until her death. She was a member of the World Council of Alumni, and the New York Area Alumni Council (NYAAC) steering committee.

Dr. Chiles joined the Hope Funds for Cancer Research Council of Advisors in 2007 and remained an active member until shortly before her death in 2013. During that time, she served on the Development Committee and Programs Committee. She was a highly valued member of the annual Gala Committee and even designed the art works for the 2012 diplomas for the Awards of Excellence Recipients.

In addition to her service to International House and Hope Funds for Cancer Research, she was a Trustee of the University Council for Art Education in New York, a United Nations NGO representative for the Women's Overseas Service League, and a member of the Art Students League, American Association of Museums, Institute of Classical Architecture and Classical



Dr. Chiles at the 2013 Hope Funds Gala

America, National Society of Colonial Dames, College Art Association, French Heritage Society, International Society for Education through Art, National Art Education Association and Royal Oaks Foundation.

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 2015 Fellows were selected from a pool of more than 200 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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