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Dear Friends,

Happy Holidays from the Cancer Research Foundation! As we approach the end of the year, I want to take an opportunity to check in with you, our valued supporters, and let you know what the CRF has been doing in the most recent months and what is happening with the projects we are currently supporting.

You may have noticed that we have not sent out a newsletter recently. As part of our ongoing commitment to keep overhead costs low and practice environmental stewardship, we are cutting down on paper mail and offering more cancer research news via our **newly overhauled website** (www.cancerresearchfdn.org) as well as through email. See the backside of this letter for a peek at some highlights from the new website and for more information about how to help us keep you updated while cutting down on paper waste. Once you opt to receive our emails, we'll automatically stop sending you paper mail updates.

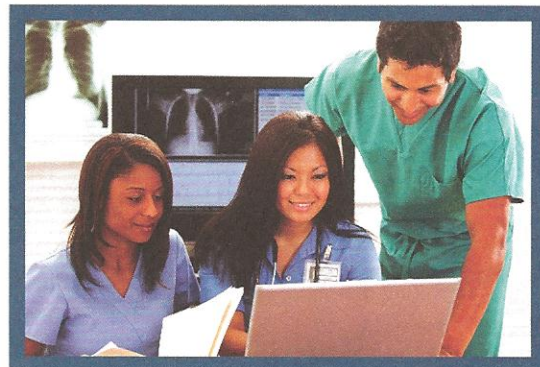
Many exciting developments have taken place in 2010. This fall, five early-career scientists were awarded a Cancer Research Foundation **Young Investigator Award**. They have all proposed exciting work involved in a number of different cancer related fields, from using radiation to better locate tumors to targeting therapies for cancers that are particularly related to the Human Papilloma Virus. Each scientist and the work he or she intends to undertake is profiled on the CRF website. In addition, last spring John Cunningham (pictured, far left) was awarded the 2010 Fletcher Scholars Award. He plans to use the award to pursue a novel idea about how the actual physical architecture of a cell might affect the development of cancer. Learn more about Dr. Cunningham by visiting our website!



Photo by Bruce Powell
Dr. Cunningham leads visitors on a tour of the University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center labs

Dr. Cunningham is also one of the Principle Investigators on the **Interdisciplinary Leukemia Project**, which I am pleased to report is moving forward. As you may remember, this project is made up of six subprojects, interrelated and dependent on each other and all focused on therapy related Acute Myeloid Leukemia, a fatal cancer that strikes 8 to 10% of all cancer survivors. While all the subprojects are set up and moving forward, some have already provided interesting results: Subproject 1, tasked with identifying the t-AML genome, has already identified 200 genes that may be related to this disease. I am also pleased to report that the project was recently chosen as a recipient of a Hyundai Hope on Wheels grant of \$100,000. The Hyundai grant is especially exciting because its program chooses projects based on the recommendation of a large group of unaffiliated researchers and doctors; hence it represents a real vote of confidence in this project from the scientific community. I'm sure you will not be surprised to hear that this story is also posted on the CRF website.

We are proud of both the look and the content of the new website. As CRF moves forward, we will be posting news, links, and helpful information to the website and communicating with supporters like you primarily through email. That means we need your email address. You can send it to us via updates@cancerresearchfdn.org or by signing up for CRF Updates online. In addition to the latest CRF news, here are a few highlights of what you'll find on the new website:



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YOUNG INVESTIGATORS FLETCHER AWARD SPECIAL PROGRAMS GOLDBLATT FELLOWSHIP OTHER

Kenneth Cohen, M.D. - 2008 Young Investigator Award
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
The Role of ephrinB2 in Metastatic Angiogenesis

Vu Nguyen, M.D. - 2008 Young Investigator Award
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Targeted Immunity by Foxp3 T Cells to Separate Graft-versus-host Disease and the Graft-versus-leukemia Effects

Samuel Volchenboum, M.D., Ph.D., M.S. - 2008 Young Investigator Award
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Defining the Role of MYCN in High-risk Neuroblastoma Using Quantitative Proteomics

Qianfei "Jeffrey" Wang, Ph.D. - 2007 Young Investigator Award
FELLOW, ASSOCIATE ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Application of Genomic Approaches in Understanding MLL Fusion Protein Mediated Oncogenic Gene Activation

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Let us know what you think! We're doing our best to give the most promising scientists a chance to make big discoveries. If you have a survival story, comment, or suggestion, we want to hear from you. Contact us through the website, call us at 312.630.0055, or send an email to crf@cancerresearchfdn.org.

Finally, as we approach the end of the year, **please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Cancer Research Foundation.** Vital projects like these often find themselves chronically short on funding, and without your generosity some of the greatest advances in cancer science might not have been possible. Send your donation by using the enclosed envelope, giving through our website, or simply calling us. The CRF also benefits from generous supporters who include us in their estate planning, make us the beneficiary of a fundraiser, or deduct a portion of each paycheck for cancer research. However you choose to do your giving this year, we ask that you remember everyone whose life has been affected by this terrible disease, as well as the talented men and women working tirelessly to stop it.

Thank so much you for your support, and have a wonderful holiday season.

Best Wishes,