The mission of the Prevent Cancer Foundation is cancer prevention and early detection through research, education and community outreach to all populations, including children and the underserved.
Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share with you the 2008 Annual Report of the Prevent Cancer Foundation. It’s been 23 years since I started the Foundation in memory of my father, Edward P. Richardson. During that time, we have continued to bring the message of cancer prevention to a place of prominence within the cancer community and among the general public.

I am proud to say that, with your support, we have remained constant to our mission: Cancer prevention and early detection through research, education and community outreach to all populations, including children and the underserved.

Since its inception, the Foundation has provided more than $106 million in support of cancer prevention research, education and outreach programs nationwide. All of these efforts play a pivotal role in developing a body of knowledge that is the basis for life-saving prevention and early detection strategies.

You helped make all this work possible in the moment you decided to support the Foundation. Your support, combined with others, helped many young scientists launch careers in cancer prevention research, helped to educate families about how to reduce their risk of colorectal cancer, helped farmers get screened at state fairs and helped victims of Hurricane Katrina have mammograms. These people went on to become advocates, raising cancer awareness among many others. In that way, you have contributed to improving the lives of thousands, if not millions, of people.

We hope you agree that the theme of this year’s annual report, Cascades, is an ideal way to think of those small moments that have now grown to effect monumental changes.

Sincerely,

Carolyn R. Aldigé

From the President  Carolyn R. Aldigé
Grant like these from the Prevent Cancer Foundation are a lifeline for young investigators just starting out,” says research grant recipient, Raymond Konger, Ph.D. “It’s important to maintain that pipeline of developing new researchers, especially now as we’re turning the corner on understanding how cancer forms and how to prevent it.

This grant from the Foundation is a stepping stone for Dr. Konger’s medical research that begins in a laboratory but could lead to a finding that helps skin cancer survivors.

Because many people don’t regularly protect their skin from harmful sun rays and tanning bed lights, more than one million men, women and children are diagnosed with skin cancer annually. Research has shown that once you’ve had skin cancer, you’re more likely to get it again. But Dr. Konger, assistant professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at Indiana University, Indianapolis wants to help reduce the risk of recurring skin cancers.

According to Dr. Konger’s studies, the protein PPAR-gamma (PPARG) is activated by the sun’s ultraviolet light. Once activated, PPARG subsequently activates COX-2, a protein known to promote cancer development in skin and other tissues.

Dr. Konger’s research investigates the ability of drugs to alter both PPARG and COX-2 activation to determine whether a combined chemopreventive strategy may be more effective against non-melanoma skin cancer formation. This intricate alteration could potentially limit an individual’s risk for developing skin cancer in the future. His findings would be especially important for individuals whose immune systems have been suppressed, such as transplant patients and patients with HIV.

Thanks to funding from the Prevent Cancer Foundation and Dr. Konger’s research prowess, a medical discovery now could lead to a multitude of survivors in the future.
One study says one thing. Another says the exact opposite. As information mounts, so can the conflicting data. Contradictory results between research studies in the medical realm are not only confusing to patients, they can harm them. In order to resolve these discrepancies, more research is needed, not less, to better understand the subtlety of disease.

In that vein, the Prevent Cancer Foundation has awarded a research grant to help clarify the murky waters of the effects of folate, a vitamin, on colorectal cancer.

“Although many factors for colorectal cancer have been discovered, there are many things that we do not know,” says Jung Eun Lee, Sc.D, research fellow and grant awardee at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. Dr. Lee is hoping to shed some light on the controversial topic – does folate reduce the risk of colon cancer or worsen a colon cancer prognosis?

Folate is readily consumed by the public. We naturally eat it when we enjoy green leafy vegetables and citrus fruits. Plus, in order to prevent many health problems and birth defects, the Food and Drug Administration requires folic acid, the synthetic form of folate, to be added to certain foods, such as cereal grains. While these requirements might help individuals with folate deficiencies, some evidence questions if folic acid fortification helps patients with cancerous lesions.

Lee hopes to clarify the benefits and drawbacks of folic acid at different stages of cancer. While not getting enough folic acid is thought to increase the risk of colorectal cancer and pre-cancerous polyps, some studies have found that an increase in folic acid in the later stages of cancer could be harmful.

Lee’s studies will use data from dietary intake questionnaires to measure the dosage and timing of folic acid. She will examine the effects of taking the vitamin during different stages of cancer to better understand when the vitamin is helpful and when it makes things worse.

As Lee says, there are many unknown cancer risk factors. But, clarifying the contradicting research could help prevent cancer.

“Thus, the Foundation’s research support fosters development of cancer prevention strategies,” Lee says, “and it may eventually reduce the global cancer burden.”
Making Green Tea Magic  
Joelle Hillion, Ph.D.

Just beginning her research in the field of cancer prevention, Joelle Hillion, Ph.D., has opened her mind wide to consider all possibilities, including green tea, as a tool for preventing uterine cancer. As a research fellow at Johns Hopkins University, she thinks the 2008 grant from Prevent Cancer will help to propel her career and the progress of her research.

“I think it’s very encouraging,” Hillion says. “I feel rewarded for receiving the grant when I have not been in this field for long. The Prevent Cancer Foundation grant could help me move ahead in my career and should advance the field of cancer prevention; that’s very important, and I’m very grateful.”

Hillion’s research involves studying the HGMA1 protein and its relationship with the development of uterine cancer. Using green tea extracts or COX-2 inhibitors, the research aims to modify the protein’s effects and ultimately prevent uterine cancer.

Preliminary data showed that a COX-2 inhibitor blocked uterine cancer progression in mice. Preliminary findings also suggest that a compound from green tea extract called ECGC could block uterine cancer growth. Hillion’s studies will extend these findings and look at two COX-2 inhibitors and the green tea extract to see if they can block HGMA1’s downstream pathways from forming a tumor.

The study, funded by Prevent Cancer, will improve our understanding of how uterine cancer develops. These experiments are based on a mouse model, but if Hillion successfully identifies compounds to prevent uterine cancer in mice, clinical trials could then test the compounds in patients.

Prevention is exactly what Hillion aims to do with her research grant.

“If grants focus on treating cancer, I think they are not approaching the problem directly,” she says. “Preventing cancer is very important, and these types of grants open new ways of thinking.”
Pamela Beatty, Ph.D.
University of Pittsburgh
Dr. Beatty aims to create a preventive vaccine that would boost the immune system to better recognize and eliminate tumor cells; this vaccine could eventually be used to prevent the onset or recurrence of colorectal cancer and treat chronic colitis.

Wenli Cai, Ph.D.
Massachusetts General Hospital
Dr. Cai is developing technology for gastroenterologists to perform virtual colonoscopies, without the pre-examination bowel cleansing, using an advanced electronic cleansing scheme.

Eduard Chekmenev, Ph.D.
Huntington Medical Research Institutes
Dr. Chekmenev is evaluating PASADENA, a non-invasive imaging technique to detect and diagnose breast cancer in early stages, that capitalizes on the metabolic differences between cancerous tissue and normal tissue.

Katherine Crew, Ph.D.
Columbia University
Dr. Crew is monitoring 20 women at high risk for breast cancer who are taking Vitamin D supplements. The results could lead to larger-scale trials to evaluate the effectiveness of high doses of Vitamin D in preventing breast cancer.

Betty Doan, Ph.D.
Johns Hopkins University
Dr. Doan is creating a risk prediction model for lung cancer based on family medical histories, smoking histories and other factors to make screenings more accurate, to help researchers identify cancer-causing genes, and ultimately detect lung cancer earlier.

Laura Fejerman, Ph.D.
University of California, San Francisco
Dr. Fejerman aims to improve the understanding of why some African American women are diagnosed with breast cancer tumors that are more aggressive and difficult to treat when compared with white women.

Olga Gorlova, Ph.D.
M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Dr. Gorlova is working to estimate the benefit of lung cancer screening among high-risk individuals and to identify an optimal screening strategy for larger populations based on individual risk profiles.

Courtney Gray-McGuire, Ph.D.
Case Western Reserve University
Dr. Gray-McGuire aims to locate a colon cancer susceptibility gene on chromosome nine in order to help identify patients who are at increased risk for colorectal cancer and possibly increase their chances of detecting the cancer early.

The National Cancer Institute funds less than one in six good research proposals and this dismal rate is causing many scientists to give up. “They are losing faith in the system and either turning to alternative careers or increasingly moving to other countries where science is more highly valued and supported,” says Robert Young, M.D., Chancellor of Fox Chase Cancer Center. The Prevent Cancer Foundation understands the frustration of American scientists and is rushing to help them continue investigations into cancer prevention and early detection with research grants and fellowships.

Life-Saving Research Funded by Prevent Cancer
Gabriela Ion, Ph.D.
Marshall University
Dr. Ion is investigating the possible protective mechanism of fatty acids found in canola oil and corn oil on breast cancer development with the hope of recommending dietary guidelines to reduce cancer incidence.

William Klein, Ph.D.
University of Pittsburgh
Dr. Klein is studying the way screening messages for colorectal cancer — to encourage individuals over age 50 to get tested — are delivered. His work may help motivate the public to stay on schedule with colorectal cancer screenings.

Chun Liu, M.D.
Tufts University
Dr. Liu is studying the molecular mechanisms by which beta-cryptoxanthin acts to reduce the risk of lung cancer in ferrets, in order to evaluate its potential usefulness in lung cancer prevention.

Zhenhua Liu, Ph.D.
Tufts University
Dr. Liu is examining the role of folate-specific genetic pathways in colorectal tumor growth and development, to identify new ways to prevent colorectal cancer.

Amanda Marzo, Ph.D.
Rush University Medical Center
Dr. Marzo investigates the immune system’s reaction to a breast cancer marker, mammaglobin-A, in order to determine if it would be appropriate to use when developing a breast cancer vaccine.

Jong Park, Ph.D.
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute
Dr. Park is developing a highly sensitive probe to detect DNA methylation, which could later help detect the complexes responsible for important gene silencing in cancerous cells.

Giovanni Pitari, M.D., Ph.D.
Thomas Jefferson University
Dr. Pitari is studying the role of the protein, guanylyl cyclase C, as a molecular target to prevent colorectal cancer.

Habtom Ressom, Ph.D.
Georgetown University
Dr. Ressom’s research aims to identify biomarkers for the early detection of liver cancer in order to diagnose the cancer in its early stages and improve the five-year survival rate of 11 percent.

Daniel Rodriguez, Ph.D.
University of Pennsylvania
Dr. Rodriguez explores the effects of “antismoking parent practices” on adolescent smoking. His work, previously funded by the Foundation, has earned him a coveted grant from the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Rodriguez has declined the remaining funds from Prevent Cancer in favor of the larger award.

Mark Rubinstein, Ph.D.
University of California, San Diego
Dr. Rubinstein is studying a unique natural compound that has been shown to stimulate the immune system and may prove vital to the development of vaccines to prevent cancer.

Barbara Schneider, Ph.D.
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Dr. Schneider is studying genetic material from cells that are introduced to a cancer-fighting compound found in broccoli sprout extracts, to improve our understanding of what happens when this beneficial compound, known as sulforaphane, is eaten.

David Stachura, Ph.D.
University of California, San Diego
Dr. Stachura explores the molecular signature of hematopoietic stem cells (cells that stimulate the
development of blood cells) in zebrafish in order to better understand how leukemia develops — with the ultimate goal of improving diagnostic tools and preventing the disease.

Robert Strange, Ph.D.
*University of Colorado*
Dr. Strange is studying the effects of moderate exercise on breast tumor development and growth. By better understanding this relationship, exercise could ultimately be used as a strategic form of breast cancer prevention.

Xiang-Lin Tan, Ph.D.
*Health Research, Inc., New York State Department of Health*
Dr. Tan examines the specific molecular mechanisms responsible for shutting down harmful oxidants with the hope of developing a new system for screening potential chemopreventive agents for lung cancer.

Jean Tang, Ph.D.
*Children’s Hospital & Research Center, Oakland*
Dr. Tang performs experiments in which mice are fed Vitamin D and statins to assess whether they prevent basal cell carcinoma. The goal is to clarify the role of sunlight, vitamin D and diet in preventing one form of skin cancer.

Marilyn Tseng, A.M., Ph.D.
*Fox Chase Cancer Center*
Dr. Tseng is studying data collected from nearly 300 Chinese women living in the United States to identify high risk genetic characteristics and to clarify the link between fat accumulation during adulthood and breast cancer risk.

Jennifer Warren, Ph.D.
*University of Minnesota – Twin Cities*
Dr. Warren studies the usefulness of an Internet-based tool to address barriers faced by African Americans who want to quit smoking. This is a pilot study for clinical trials focused on smoking cessation interventions in African American smokers.

Jin-Rong Zhou, Ph.D.
*Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center*
Dr. Zhou is investigating the dietary combination of soy and black tea as a potential target for prostate cancer prevention; the combination could significantly inhibit the development and progression of prostate cancer and result in a cancer prevention strategy.

Xiaofeng Zhou, Ph.D.
*University of Illinois – Chicago*
Dr. Zhou aims to identify the biomarker differences between oral lesions that become cancerous and those that do not, in order to develop a screening method to detect oral cancer in early stages.

Xiangsheng Zuo, Ph.D., M.D.
*University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center*
Dr. Zuo is examining the role of the protein, PPAR-delta, in colon tumor formation to determine whether the protein can be used to develop chemopreventive drugs and to ensure that other medicines affecting the protein are safe to use.

### Partnership Grants

**American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)**
The AACR-Prevent Cancer Foundation Career Development Award for Translational or Preventive Lung Cancer Research was awarded to Dr. Herta Huey-An Chao of Yale University.

The AACR- AstraZeneca-Prevent Cancer Foundation Fellowship in Translational Lung Cancer Research was awarded to Dr. Anil Potti of Duke University Medical Center.

The AACR-AstraZeneca-Prevent Cancer Foundation Fellowship in Translational Lung Cancer Research was awarded to Dr. Daniel B. Costa of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

**American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)**
The ASCO-Prevent Cancer Foundation Young Investigator Award was given to Dr. Maureen M. O’Brien of Stanford University.

**American Society of Preventive Oncology**
The ASPO-Prevent Cancer Foundation 2007 Cancer Prevention Research Fellowship was awarded to Dr. Dejana Braithwaite of the University of California, San Francisco.
International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC)
The IASLC-Prevent Cancer Foundation fellowships were awarded to Daniella Basseres of the University of North Carolina, Dr. David Jackman of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Dr. Jill Larsen of the Prince Charles Hospital and Dr. Roman Thomas of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

**Sponsored Grants and Fellowships**

**Cecile and Fred Bartman Foundation**
The Bartman Foundation Research Grant for the Study of Prostate Cancer awarded a second year of funding to Jin-Rong Zhou, Ph.D., at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at the Harvard Medical School for his study, Soy and Black Tea Combinations for Prevention of Prostate Cancer.

**Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program**
The Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program Research Grant in Preventive Cancer Vaccines has awarded a second year of funding to Mark Rubinstein, Ph.D., and Ananda Goldrath, Ph.D., at the University of California, San Diego for their study, Boosting Protective Anti-tumor T-cell Immunity with an IL-15 Super-agonist. This grant was made possible through the generous support of the Wal-Mart Foundation.

**Miss Leslie C. Devereaux**
The Richard C. Devereaux Outstanding Young Investigator Award in Lung Cancer Prevention was awarded to Olga Gorlova, Ph.D., at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas for her study, Assessing Health Benefit of Screening High-Risk Individuals for Lung Cancer.

**Michele and Drew Figdor**
The Figdor Family Fellowship in Colorectal Cancer Research was awarded to Courtney Gray-McGuire, Ph.D., at Case Western Reserve University for her study, Localization of a Colon Cancer Susceptibility Gene via Genetic Association.

**The Holden Family Fellowship**
The Holden Family Fellowship in Breast Cancer was awarded to Dr. Andres Jaramillo of Rush University Medical Center, for his study, Characterization of T-cell Immune Response to Mammaglobin-A.

**Living in Pink**
The Living in Pink – Prevent Cancer Foundation Grant was awarded to Dr. Robert Strange at the University of Colorado, for his study, Exercise Alters Tumor Blood Flow: Implications for Breast Cancer Development.

**Scope it Out 5k Run/Walk**
The Charles A. Kraenzle Fellowship in Colorectal Cancer Prevention was awarded to Giovanni Pitari, M.D., Ph.D., at Thomas Jefferson University for his study, Targeting Guanylyl Cyclase C To Prevent Colorectal Cancer.

**Richard and Marianne Stohlman Family Foundation**
The Stohlman Family Fellowship in Breast Cancer Prevention was awarded to Katherine Crew, Ph.D., at Columbia University for her study, Biomarker Modulation Study of Vitamin D for Breast Cancer Chemoprevention.
Knowledge is power. The Prevent Cancer Foundation is empowering people across the country with information and resources to reduce their risk of cancer and to spread this life-saving information to their friends and families.

The Foundation is reaching young students with valuable cancer prevention education through Project Early Awareness. This program in Washington, D.C., public high schools and has reached more than 2,800 female high school students with valuable breast health information since its inception in 2000. In addition, over 1,800 boys have participated in simultaneous cancer prevention sessions. The program continues to encourage students to share the message of early detection with family members and caregivers, thus expanding the reach of the program exponentially.

The Prevent Cancer Foundation is now enabling youth groups nationwide to teach young women about the importance of breast health. The Breast Health Education for Young Women DVD and Facilitator’s Guide are designed to increase teenage girls’ knowledge about breast cancer and encourage their commitment to good, lifelong breast-health habits. The 14-minute educational video and guide were developed in partnership with the Howard University Cancer Center for use in interactive education sessions. Published in February and available on the Prevent Cancer Web site, these educational materials include facts about breast cancer, a demonstration of breast self-exam, critical thinking exercises, survivor stories and messages to advocate for one’s health. Now, urban schools and community groups across the country can teach girls to develop breast health habits that will help them reduce their risk of breast cancer for years to come.

In 2008, the Prevent Cancer Foundation launched its first new public service announcement campaign in 16 years. The first two announcements address colorectal cancer and skin cancer. They were developed under the guidance of the Foundation’s Medical Advisory Board members. These key messages were also created in conjunction with a new initiative launched by C-Change – a consortium comprised of the nation’s key cancer leaders, including Foundation President Carolyn Aldigé – which encourages cancer organizations to unite on their messages to the public. The Prevent Cancer Foundation not only embraced this effort to communicate consistently to the public, but chose to showcase it in the new campaign.

The Foundation is helping ten American Indian/Alaska Native teams representing sixteen tribal communities across the nation to improve colorectal cancer awareness, screening and treatment.
Last year, these teams attended a Dialogue for Action to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening Working Meeting to develop strategies specific to their community. The Foundation applauded their efforts with $10,000 start-up grants to help each team implement their plan. Through this funding, a range of activities emerged this year to raise awareness in underserved populations. Some teams planned educational events and provided colorectal cancer screenings, while others created culturally-sensitive brochures and posters to use throughout their tribes. The teams worked with their communities, including tribal elders, to emphasize the importance of cancer prevention and early detection.

The Foundation’s hands-on, interactive educational exhibit, Check Your Insides Out From Top to Bottom, had a stellar year as it visited communities across the country with the message that they can reduce their risk of cancer. The exhibit was showcased at the Mayo Clinic’s Pathways to Prevention Health and Wellness Expo in March, but made its biggest splash at Grand Central Terminal in New York City where over 30,000 people explored the exhibit in three days.

The Foundation partnered with the Hope Through Grace Foundation to make Houston the kick-off for Prevent Cancer Foundation’s 2008 Super Colon National Disparities Tour. The Super Colon specifically visited areas of high colorectal cancer incidence to help raise awareness about potential risk factors for colorectal cancer and to encourage people to get screened for cancer early. The inflatable, walk-through colon earned over 5 million media impressions during the tour, making it an impactful vehicle for spreading the word of cancer prevention and early detection to more than 16,000 men, women and children. Stops on the tour included Aberdeen, S.D.; Chicago; Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Houston; Kearney and Omaha, Neb.; Wichita, Kan.; and York, Pa.

Cancer PreventionWorks, the Foundation’s hardcopy newsletter, gained an electronic component this year. The monthly e-newsletter complements
the hardcopy version and has been a popular addition to the Foundation’s communication avenues. The e-publication features cutting-edge research, tips to reduce cancer risk, and stories about Foundation supporters and cancer prevention advocates. In addition, the e-newsletters have been useful for connecting with our readers and providing them with useful information, interesting facts and Foundation news.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death throughout the world. As global tobacco consumption grows, there is an urgent need for screening tools for early detection and more targeted treatment options. The Foundation’s fifth annual Lung Cancer Workshop, Application of High Resolution CT Imaging Data to Lung Cancer Drug Development: Measuring Progress, convened in April to evaluate advances in using spiral CT scanning to assess more quickly whether a new treatment is effective. The annual workshop brings together leaders in the field of early lung cancer detection from across the country. The outcome of this year’s meeting demonstrated that better use of these tools can improve the detection and treatment of lung cancer at earlier stages.

The Foundation held its 10th Annual Dialogue for Action in Colorectal Cancer Screening: Moving Forward Despite a Broken Health Care System event. The conference attracted 192 prominent leaders involved in the spectrum of colorectal cancer education, screening and treatment. Conference attendees identified three top health care reform recommendations that they wanted relayed to policy makers and legislators, so that preventive services will be included in health care reform.

1. Reimburse primary care providers for evidence-based preventive services.
2. Establish an incentives program for patients to complete preventive screening exams and participate in healthy behaviors, in addition to incentive programs for employers.

The Foundation also used this opportunity to honor three outstanding contributors to the cause of early detection and prevention. Anita Mitchell, a colorectal cancer survivor from the state of Washington, was awarded the Cancer Prevention Laurel for Advocacy. Claudia R. Baquet, M.D., M.P.H., from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, was awarded the Cancer Prevention Laurel for National Leadership. Joseph Sung, M.D., Ph.D., of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, was awarded the Cancer Prevention Laurel for International Leadership.

Over the past six years, seventeen states have been moved from awareness to action against colorectal cancer as part of the Dialogue for Action program. The state-level program, facilitated by the Foundation, continues to help states to develop effective action plans to meet their comprehensive cancer screening objectives for colorectal cancer. This past year, the Foundation convened these summits as the final segment of a five-year cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
The Prevent Cancer Foundation’s Community Grants Program awarded five grants totaling $400,000 over two years, to community-based groups for cancer screening, outreach and education programs. Thirty-eight organizations from around the country applied for these grants; five were selected by a review panel of community outreach, clinical and public health research experts who specialize in working with underserved populations. This year’s community grants support prevention and early detection programs focusing on cervical, colorectal, prostate and breast cancer. By promoting local cancer awareness and screening programs across the United States for all populations, especially underserved communities, the Foundation-funded programs spread the message of cancer awareness and prevention.

Community grants were awarded to Chenango Health Network in New York, Emory University School of Medicine in Georgia, Hispanic Health Initiatives, Inc. in Florida, Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, Inc. in Maryland and Rural Health Group, Inc. in North Carolina.

Food vendors, carnival rides and farming take center stage at most state fairs. But this year, the Foundation made cancer prevention the real headliner. By partnering with many medical and local representatives in the summer and fall, the Foundation brought cancer prevention awareness and early detection screenings to men and women from rural areas facing many barriers to preventive services. The majority of participating state fair booths offered prostate cancer screenings and distributed educational materials. The Foundation co-hosted awareness and screening booths in seven states: Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Ohio –

Reaching Out to the Underserved

The Prevent Cancer Foundation brings its message of cancer prevention and early detection into a medically-underserved region. Community leaders hear the message and join the fight against cancer. Soon everyone in the area is taking an active interest in reducing their risk of cancer. This is just one way the Foundation continues to help the people who need it most.

Lenny the Clown helped the Foundation raise awareness about prostate cancer at the North Dakota state fair.
It was an influential year for the Prevent Cancer Foundation and for President and Founder, Carolyn Aldigé. In addition to the Foundation’s efforts to reduce cancer risk across the nation, the message of cancer prevention and early detection took center stage around the world as Aldigé spoke to a variety of audiences about issues related to cancer prevention and early detection.

In September 2007 Aldigé was in Seoul to serve on a panel that addressed participation in clinical trials for lung cancer at the biennial meeting of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer. Then later that same month, she was asked to give two talks at the First Asia-Pacific Consensus Meeting on Colorectal Cancer Screening in Hong Kong. In addition, Aldigé was invited to speak about barriers to screening at a conference “Colorectal Cancer in Europe,” sponsored by the Czech Society of Gastroenterology and the International Digestive Cancer Alliance in Prague.

Finally, we were all pleased to learn that the Prevent Cancer/George Washington University Mammovan was used as a model for a similar program in Romania. Mihaela Geoana, spouse of the former Ambassador of Romania to the United States, raised funds and established the program in her home country after touring the Mammovan during the time she lived in Washington, D.C.

resulting in more than 5,600 men being screened for prostate cancer. Each booth had U.S. Senators and Representatives as honorary co-chairs.

Thanks to the Prevent Cancer Foundation’s generous support, this year alone, more than 2,600 mammograms were provided to women in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area on the George Washington University’s Mammovan. This Foundation-funded program has enabled more than 1,200 uninsured women to receive mammograms free of charge at community sites and workplaces over the past twelve months. The van is equipped with state-of-the-art digital mammography equipment and the program utilizes patient navigation services to provide any necessary follow-up care regardless of a woman’s ability to pay.

Since 1994, the Foundation has provided more than 4,900 mammograms and more than 5,100 Pap tests to underserved Hispanic women through its ¡Celebremos la Vida! program. The program works with participants to overcome barriers to care — such as language difficulties, cultural differences, lack of insurance and financial constraints. Using patient navigators to educate women about cancer prevention and to guide them through the complex medical system, the program ensures women get all the necessary follow-up care. This Foundation-funded program is offered through partnerships with Georgetown University Lombardi Cancer Center and the Spanish Catholic Center in Washington, D.C., as well as the Family Health Partnership Clinic in McHenry County, Illinois.

The state-of-the-art digital mammography van provided more than 2,600 mammograms this year.
Changing the System from the Inside

Working with key leaders in the cancer community as well as elected officials and government representatives, the Foundation has worked tirelessly to draw cancer prevention and early detection into the political arena.

Making a Difference

The Prevent Cancer Foundation has worked closely with Members of the 110th Congress and the advocacy community to advance legislation and awareness among lawmakers on cancer prevention issues. Priorities have included increasing the Federal budget for cancer research, improving access to preventive screenings, advancing embryonic stem cell research and ensuring a strong infrastructure for clinical trials.

The Foundation worked with champions in the Senate to draft comprehensive cancer legislation and has worked with Presidential hopefults to raise the visibility of cancer prevention in their platforms and in the minds of the electorate. We educated legislators about the importance of access to cancer screenings through briefings on cervical cancer prevention and colorectal cancer screening, and through our Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program. We also motivated members of our growing Advocacy Action Center through action alerts and our advocacy Web site to ensure that lawmakers understand that cancer prevention is top of mind for their constituents.

HONORING CANCER PREVENTION CHAMPIONS

The Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program, led by Lisa McGovern, wife of Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA), had a busy year with many outreach and educational efforts. On September 27, 2007, the program hosted its 15th Annual Action for Cancer Awareness Awards Luncheon and honored 5 advocates. Senate spouses Barbara Grassley and Barbara Johnson were honored with the Congressional Families Leadership Award. Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Chief Medical Correspondent for CNN was honored with the Distinguished Service in Journalism Award, and Phil Gordon and Rafe Furst, founders of the Bad Beat on Cancer initiative, were honored with the Excellence in Cancer Awareness Award.

Supporting Congressional Spouses

The Congressional Families program also hosted informational seminars throughout the year featuring leading experts in a variety of areas of cancer prevention. In addition, the program assisted Congressional spouses in spreading the message of cancer prevention to their communities through local newspapers, radio stations, and community groups.
Helping Kids Be Kids

There is hardly anything sadder than a child who is suffering from cancer. The Prevent Cancer Foundation and its affiliated programs, Hope Street Kids and Tracy’s Kids, are working hard to eliminate childhood cancer and the traumatic effects it has on the lives of children.

PASSING LEGISLATION

On July 29th, the president signed the Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act, legislation authored by Congresswoman Deborah Pryce (OH-15) to dramatically increase federal investment in childhood cancer research and awareness. The bill, a historic step in the fight to eradicate pediatric cancer, authorized $150 million to hasten advancements in pediatric cancer research.

FUNDING RESEARCH

To further promote innovative childhood cancer research across the country, Hope Street Kids awarded its eighth round of grants and fellowships a total of $740,000. Institutions that received awards this year are Baylor College of Medicine, Children’s Hospital Medical Center – Cincinnati, Children’s National Medical Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York University School of Medicine, Stanford University, University of California – San Francisco and Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

To support its research program, HOPE STREET KIDS held its two signature events; the ninth annual “Swinging for Caroline” Golf and Tennis Invitational in Arlington, VA, which raised $325,000 and the “Eighth Annual Caroline Pryce Walker Memorial Event” at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium which raised $200,000. Proceeds from both events support the pediatric cancer research awards program.
HELPING KIDS HEAL WITH ART

“Healing through Art” reached an even greater number of children with cancer this year as the Tracy’s Kids art therapy program expanded to a new location. The Children’s National Medical Center’s Northern Virginia outpatient clinic joined the Georgetown University Lombardi Cancer Center and the Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. to offer this unique healing experience. Under the guidance of trained art therapists, young cancer patients and their families find a safe, comfortable and engaging environment to deal with the emotional stress and trauma of cancer. In and out of the hospital, Tracy’s Kids enables them to share their feelings and gain a sense of control during a time when everything else seems to be spinning out of control. Tracy’s Kids also helps kids lead active and fulfilling lives once they are cancer free.

PUTTING ART IN THE SPOTLIGHT

On February 13, 2008 the excitement of Hollywood took over Washington, D.C., even in a driving snowstorm, for the third annual “And the Winner is…Tracy’s Kids” fundraiser.

Maintaining the Mission

All of this work could not have happened without the generous support of the Foundation’s friends. Each donation they have made and their continued belief in the Foundation’s mission has allowed us to stretch our educational programs and research grants to bring vital health information to thousands, if not millions, of people.

ANNUAL SPRING GALA

Under the gracious patronage of Ambassador and Mrs. Nabi Sensoy, the Foundation’s Annual Spring Gala’s theme was “Turkey – The Garden of the Sun,” in honor of that beautiful country’s rich heritage and culture. Held at the historic National Building Museum and underwritten again this year by the Wal-Mart Foundation, the event raised nearly $1.4 million in support of the Foundation-funded George Washington University Mammovans, ¡Celebremos la Vida! and the 21st Century Young Scientists Fund.

Winner is…Tracy’s Kids”, raising over $500,000. We were delighted to have event co-chairs Robert Iger, President and C.E.O. of the Walt Disney Company, and his wife, Willow Bay, join us and award the 3rd Annual Courage Award to Senator Tim Johnson and Mrs. Barbara Johnson, both cancer survivors. The evening’s festivities would not have been possible without the Walt Disney Company, who underwrote the event, and Chevron, our major sponsor.

Carolyn Aldigé (far left) stands with Ambassador and Mrs. Nabi Sensoy and Nancy Brinker (far right) at the Foundation’s annual gala.
More than 800 attendees including Prevent Cancer Foundation supporters, members of Congress, representatives of the business and medical community, and the diplomatic corps enjoyed Turkish-inspired cuisine and dancing.

The colorful and intricate feel of Turkey was expertly captured by celebrated event designer, Foundation board member and 2008 gala co-chair David Tutera. We were honored to have Brenda Becker and David serve as gala co-chairs along with our Honorary Congressional co-chairs, Senators Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Gordon Smith (R-OR) as well as Representatives Norm Dicks (D-WA) and Ed Whitfield (R-KY).

15TH ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS INVITATIONAL
The 15th Annual Sporting Clays Invitational was held at the Prince George’s County Trap and Skeet Center on Monday, October 1, 2007. A special V.I.P. preview event took place at the Center on Sunday, September 30 and welcomed family participation. Holland and Holland, the prestigious British gunsmith, again offered a shotgun demonstration and shooting with priceless firearms, followed by a family barbeque, outdoor activities for the youngsters and a practice shoot.

Co-chaired by Murray Johnston and Rick Kessler, proceeds from the tournament supported cancer research and community outreach grants. The tournament honored the late John George, a special friend of the Foundation and proprietor of J&P Sporting Clays, where the event had been held for many years. John lost his personal struggle with pancreatic cancer, having been diagnosed shortly after our 2006 tournament, which was one of the last events held at J&P Sporting Clays before it closed.
FOURTH ANNUAL BAD BEAT ON CANCER
TEXAS HOLD’EM TOURNAMENT

Renowned professional poker champion and commentator Phil Gordon hosted the Prevent Cancer Foundation’s 4th Annual Bad Beat on Cancer Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament in Washington D.C.’s historic Union Station on May 6, 2008.

Gordon, a Prevent Cancer Foundation board member, was inspired to support the Foundation in memory of his aunt, who lost her battle with breast cancer. As the master of ceremonies, he was joined by fellow professional player and Prevent Cancer Foundation Board Member, Rafe Furst, to host a poker clinic prior to the evenings festivities, along with renowned professional players Andy Bloch, Annie Duke, Chris Ferguson, Rafe Furst and Howard Lederer. Gordon led a poker clinic prior to the evening's festivities. This allowed amateurs and veteran players alike to learn from world-renowned experts. Event co-hosts included members of Congress and leading Washingtonians.

The tournament fundraiser had 120 players all vying for the ultimate grand prize, a $10,000 seat at the 2008 World Series of Poker in Las Vegas generously donated by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.

The much-anticipated tournament raised over $350,000 in support of Prevent Cancer’s research, education and community outreach efforts.

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The Foundation is grateful to the many friends nationwide who have designated us as a beneficiary of their fundraising events in the past fiscal year.

Those events include the Scope It Out 5K Walk/Run for Colon Cancer Awareness in Washington, D.C. and Inverness, Fla.; the Living In Pink Luncheon in Washington, D.C.; the Holden Cup Golf Tournament in Alexandria, Va.; 18 Holes for Hope Golf Tournament in Fairfax, Va.; Alaska Poker Association in Wassila, Alaska; Trick Shot Billiards, Inc. in Longwood, Fla.; the Michele and Drew Figdor 3rd Annual Poker in New York City and the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas.

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**UNRESTRICTED GIFTS**

The Prevent Cancer Foundation relies on unrestricted gifts to sustain its day-to-day commitments and allow our board of directors and scientific review panel the opportunity to channel resources into those research, education and community outreach efforts that are most promising. An unrestricted gift may be designated for a specific program or type of cancer research.

**PREVENTION PIONEERS**

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HOLD A FUNDRAISER FOR CANCER PREVENTION

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- Offering advice and expertise on event planning
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- Attending the event or check presentation
- Acknowledging direct contributions to the Prevent Cancer Foundation

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Computer Sciences Corporation Workplace Giving Campaign  

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Robert H. Pitt II was the first chairman of the board of directors of the Prevent Cancer Foundation. His commitment, wisdom and leadership played a great role in the Foundation’s growth.  

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WellPoint Associate Giving Campaign  
Winston Partners Group LLC  

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Statements of Financial Position
for the year ended June 30, 2008

ASSETS
CURRENT ASSETS
Cash and cash equivalents $3,906,317
Accounts and pledges receivable $828,792
Total Current Assets $4,735,109

INVESTMENTS
General $4,621,181
Endowment programs $5,480,239
$10,101,420

PROPERTY
Office furniture and equipment $156,373
Accumulated depreciation $(119,341)
$37,032

OTHER ASSETS
Deposits $19,289
Charitable gift annuities $144,116
Interest in remainder trusts $302,295
Deferred compensation plan $12,837
$478,537

TOTAL ASSETS $15,352,098

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
CURRENT LIABILITIES
Accounts payable and accrued expenses $247,361
Deferred income $298,300
Grants payable $2,873,765
Total Current Liabilities $3,419,426

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES
Charitable gift annuities $71,797
Deferred compensation plan $12,837
Total Long-Term Liabilities $84,634
Total Liabilities $3,504,060

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted $8,160,004
Temporarily restricted $3,305,018
Permanently restricted $383,016
Total Net Assets $11,848,038

TOTAL LIABILITIES $15,352,098
AND NET ASSETS

Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
for the year ended June 30, 2008

SUPPORT AND REVENUE
Contributions $5,289,634
Bequests and other income $1,196,480
Investment income $(627,740)
In-kind contributions $577,725
Special events $3,053,455
Less: Costs of direct benefits to donors $(283,505)
Net assets released from restrictions —
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE $9,206,049

EXPENSES
Program:
Research $3,380,553
Education and public awareness $5,140,757
Community outreach $1,014,191
Management and general $988,611
Fundraising $1,158,159
TOTAL EXPENSES $11,682,271

DECREASE IN NET ASSETS $(2,476,222)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR $14,324,260

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR $11,848,038
Our New Public Service Campaign

PREVENT CANCER FOUNDATION

Come back to life.
It’s never too late to quit smoking. Reduce your risk for colon cancer. Quit NOW.

Remember this?
They’re it’s time to get screened for colon cancer. Starting at 40, you can reduce your risk by taking to your health care professional.

Don’t blow it off another year!
Reduce your risk for breast cancer. Starting at 40, use your birthday as a reminder to get a mammogram and a clinical breast exam every year.

Start early.
Reduce your risk for skin cancer. Limit sun exposure between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wear sunscreen & protective clothing. Have an annual skin exam.

Never stop.
Reduce your risk for skin cancer.

Knock it out.
Beat prostate cancer to the punch.
Talk to a health care professional about screening—no earlier than age 45 if you are African American.

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