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# Winship Win the Fight 5K a Great Success

N A SATURDAY MORNING IN LATE SEPTEMBER, 3,000 individuals came together at the starting line of the 4th annual Winship Win the Fight 5K to demonstrate their support for cancer research.

"You could feel the positive energy on the field," said Tom Reynolds, whose company, Peach State Freightliner Trucks, is a race sponsor and brought a team of more than 78 participants. "People were there because each had been affected by cancer in some way, and each held the hope for more research, for better treatment, for a cure."

Reynolds himself is a cancer survivor, and his wife, Patricia, lost her battle to a rare form of sarcoma. He is a strong advocate for increased funding for cancer research. "This race is so important to me and my family," Reynolds said. "With the decrease in government funding and an increase in competition for those funds, independent fundraising events like the Winship 5K are becoming more and more vital."

Laura Murray Edmonds considers herself a "baby survivor," having been in remission from breast cancer since July of this year. "I just wanted to let everyone know that there is a tomorrow after the fight," Edmonds said, describing her decision to participate in the 5K so soon after finishing cancer treatment. Edmonds plans to put together a team next year to help raise more money for research. "I am so grateful to Winship—my medical team is like my extended family. If there is something I can do for them, I'm going to do it."

### Director's Update



THE 4TH ANNUAL WINSHIP WIN THE FIGHT 5K run/walk is now history! I am delighted to report that we surpassed our half million dollar fundraising goal and to date have taken in more than \$600,000. That money will stay right here in Georgia at the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University and will support 18 different cancer research projects. Your efforts made a real difference and will go a long way toward reducing the burden of cancer in this state and beyond.

I am pleased that so many of you were among the 3,000 participants who consider themselves Winship warriors. We had 187 teams register and many individuals were new to the event. It was wonderful to watch the friendly and creative competitions among the lead fundraising teams.

Our corporate sponsorships were also up in 2014. We had 30 corporate partners donate more than \$150,000 dollars and a lot of team spirit. A special thank you to our lead sponsors: Delta Air Lines and Peach State Freightliner Trucks.

For the first time ever, we also had a media sponsor. WSB-TV's People 2 People segment provided excellent publicity for the 5K and shared the heartfelt story of our master of ceremonies, Mark Winne and his wife Kate, a cancer survivor and Winship patient. If you missed it, you can watch the story online at: http://www.wsbtv.com/videos/news/groundbreaking-research-at-emory-helps-channel-2/vCsqCb/.

We are very grateful for the dozens of volunteers who took time on a Saturday morning to make this event a true success. We couldn't have done it without you.

As we plan for the 5th annual Winship 5K on Saturday, October 3, 2015, I know that we can count on your continued support. Please start thinking about how we can increase the number of participants and donations. You have helped us build a great foundation that allows Winship to lead the fight against cancer, but we are not done yet. Your gift of any amount will help us reach our goal of eliminating cancer once and for all.

Consider visiting us at Winship to take a tour of our facilities to see how your contributions are making a difference in the lives of patients. Give us a call at 404-778-5175 to make arrangements.

Best wishes,

Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD Executive Director, Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Team Jessie at the 2014 Winship Win the Fight 5K.

#### **TEAM JESSIE**

When it came time to select the service project for her bat mitzvah, 13-year-old Jessica Levine knew that she wanted to give back to the place that has given her family so much.

"My dad was treated at Winship, so it's a big part of my family," Jessica said. "My dad and I have run the Win the Fight 5K for the past three years, and it was fun to be able to support Winship with my own team this year."

Jessica's father, Winship Advisory Board member Billy Levine, began treatment for multiple myeloma at Winship in 2011. The treatment was successful in controlling his disease and reducing his symptoms, and Levine promised his physicians that he would do whatever he could to give back to Winship.

"This was my third year participating in the Win the Fight 5K with Jessica, and I'm so thankful that I am well enough to run each year," Levine said. "The 5K is such a great opportunity to help others understand the breadth of what Winship does. It's incredible to see all of those people running and walking who have been unfortunately touched by cancer, but fortunately served and treated by Winship."

#### **ED HAWIE'S HOPE FOR A CURE**

Ed Hawie plays many important roles at Winship Cancer Institute. He helped draft the bylaws during the formation of the Winship Board of Advisors in 2007, and has served seven of the last eight years on the board. He is also a founding member of Winship's *Partner in Research* annual giving program, and continues to be a leader through his contributions. Hawie is an advisor, an advocate, and a friend for Winship, and he does it all for one reason: he wants to find a cure for cancer.

"You have an interest in cancer because you had the disease and you want to help," Hawie said, referring to his own battle with prostate cancer that led him to volunteer with Winship. "We get caught up in other things and forget what we're here for—to come up with a cure for cancer."

Hawie was first diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1997, and received treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital. When his cancer returned three years later, he learned that his physician, Jonathan W. Simons, MD, had come to Winship. Through his friendship with his doctor, and in gratitude to the nurses and staff he met during treatment, Hawie became a committed donor and volunteer.

Hawie describes himself as "emphatic" when it comes to promoting his goal. "Everyone at Winship is very dedicated," he said, and he knows that his role is to advocate for support to allow researchers to stay on task. "The only thing that is important is the cure, the cure, the cure."

# ELIZABETH ANN STERN COHEN TRANSLATIONAL LUNG CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Debra Cohen established the Elizabeth Ann Stern Cohen Translational Lung Cancer Research Fund in her mother's memory to further their shared goal of eradicating cancer in adults and children. Under the care of Dr. Fadlo Khuri at Winship, Debra's mother, Elizabeth "Libby" Ann Stern Cohen, battled metastatic lung cancer for over six years. When she passed away, Debra knew her mother would want her to continue the fight against cancer.

"Cancer is an overwhelming disease for the patient and the family, "Debra said. "Metastatic lung cancer like my mother's robs people of their dignity and their quality of life." Debra's gift was also inspired by the difficulties she and her mother witnessed among fellow patients and families at Winship. Watching so many others struggle to fight the disease solidified Debra and Libby's hope for "no more cancer."

"I am forever grateful to Dr. Khuri and my mother's medical team, whose expertise and compassion made it possible for her to live as long as she did," Debra said. "I can't imagine a better place for someone to fund the goal of eradicating cancer than Winship."

# Win the Fight 5K

The first-place female finisher among cancer survivors was Karen Dewalt, a new Winship Advisory Board Member who completed treatment just seven months ago. For Dewalt, the highlight of the day was not competing or winning a medal, but when her nurse from her chemotherapy sessions found her in the crowd. "I was so touched that she remembered me after all of the patients she has seen since," Dewalt said. "That is what the Winship experience has been for me. I received outstanding medical care, delivered by a compassionate staff of professionals."

Andy Wilson, who serves as the Senior Associate Dean for External Relations and the interim Vice President for Community for Emory's Division of Campus Life, is an avid runner and an 11-year lymphoma survivor. "It's an amazing privilege to participate in the 5K as a survivor and an Emory employee," Wilson said, crediting the "world-class" treatment he received at Winship with helping him heal from his diagnosis. "I was challenged to run faster by my good friend Michael Ferrara, who has dedicated his philanthropic efforts to raising funds to support leukemia and lymphoma research." Wilson did run faster, coming in first among male cancer survivors. "As a survivor and a competitor, I felt compelled to try my very best."

This year's Win the Fight 5K was the most successful yet, raising more than \$600,000 for cancer research at Winship. The event registered 187 teams and drew 30 corporate sponsors, who brought together thousands of runners, walkers, and cheerleaders. "The Winship 5K has engaged the Emory and metro Atlanta communities to take personal action against cancer," says Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD, executive director of Winship Cancer Institute. "As a life-long runner, I am thrilled to share my passion with so many people and to also send an important message about reducing the risk of cancer and illness through exercise and healthy living!"

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Peach State Freightliner Trucks at the 2014 Winship Win the Fight 5K.

Winship Advisory Board member Mark Kauffman volunteered as the Grand Marshal for the 5K this year, and his company, Kauffman Tire, was one of the generous corporate sponsors for the event. "The Winship 5K is so important because the money raised stays here in Atlanta and in our community," Kauffman said.

Kauffman was motivated to support Winship through his experience helping his father John Kauffman, who battled both prostate cancer and pancreatic cancer and served as the first chair of Winship's Advisory Board. "The doctors and staff at Winship handled my father with professionalism, care, and an excellent bedside manner," Mark Kauffman said. When Kauffman was asked to serve as the 5K's Grand Marshal this year, he did not hesitate to accept. "I was humbled and honored to participate," he said. "Winship is truly a special place."

Save the date for the 5th Annual Winship Win the Fight 5K Run/Walk - Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Emory University's McDonough Field.

### Junior faculty spotlight: Mylin A. Torres, MD

AS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Mylin A. Torres, MD, is a recognized breast cancer expert and advocate. After receiving her bachelor's degree from Harvard and her medical degree from Stanford, Torres completed her training in radiation oncology at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Originally from Georgia, Torres was excited to bring the research and clinical skills to Winship's breast cancer program and the Glenn Family Breast Center.

"Coming to Winship was a wonderful opportunity to return home and provide state-of-the -art care to women in Georgia," Torres said. "Dr. Curran was so accommodating and willing to give me the space I needed to help grow our program."

Torres credits much of the success of Winship to its focus on multi-disciplinary research and collaboration. Torres has received support from the Cooper Family Foundation Breast Cancer Initiative to partner with psychiatrist Dr. Andrew Miller to research the long-term psychological side-effects of breast cancer and its treatments. "Collaborations with researchers like Andy show how much value Winship places on scientists from different departments and areas working together to make progress in the fight against



cancer," Torres said. "I have never been at a place with better mentors who truly want to see me excel, and it's been amazing to have the opportunity to mentor younger physicians in the early stages of their career."

Her groundbreaking work has not gone unnoticed. Torres recently earned the Rising Star Award at the 2014 Healthcare Heroes Awards Event sponsored by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, and she was awarded a prestigious grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation to further her research into cancer-related fatigue.

# 3,000 PEOPLE WIN THE























### **Top Fundraisers**

(all totals as of 10/7/2014)

Top Teams

Top IndividualsGail Grimmett\$36,620Gary Johnson\$11,299Ed Steinman\$6,410Randi Zelcer\$5,853Jessica Levine\$4,057

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# Friends of Winship, Celebrating Fourth Year

WINSHIP'S AUXILIARY GROUP, Friends of Winship, celebrated the completion of its 4th year with its Annual Meeting at the end of October. Pictured on the right, are Founding Chairs Marietta Petters and Kathy Bowman (top left to right) who turned the leadership of the group over to new Co-Chairs Missy Craver and Julie Fox (sitting left to right).

## Upcoming Friends Events

Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy Panel Discussion and Lunch

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 11:00 am-1:00 pm The Cathedral of St. Philip, Child Hall

3rd Annual "Fashion A Cure" Fashion Show

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 11:00 am

Cherokee Town Club



# Mary B. Dinos Glioblastoma Brain Tumor Research Fund

MARY DINOS was an accomplished golfer, artist, and ardent bridge player, who loved spending time with her friends, her nine grandchildren, and her husband of 58 years, Jack Dinos. She was about to celebrate her 80th birthday in January 2012 when her friends at bridge club perceived a significant difference from her normal play. After seeking immediate medical evaluation and testing, Mrs. Dinos received a devastating diagnosis she had a type of malignant brain tumor called a glioblastoma. "The discovery of the cancer was out of the blue," said her husband. "There were no warning signs."

Mrs. Dinos began treatment at Winship under the care of neurosurgeon Dr. Costas Hadjipanayis, medical oncologist Dr. William Read, and radiation oncologist Dr. Hui-Kuo Shu. "The care Mary received was truly exceptional," Mr. Dinos said. "These men deal with devastating brain tumors daily, but with attitudes that are not fatalistic or hopeless, and they helped me and our family in the months that followed her treatment."

Despite the expertise of her medical team, Mrs. Dinos passed away in July 2012. Glioblastomas are highly aggressive and complex to treat. "So little is known about this deadly type of cancer," Mr. Dinos said. "It is not given the attention of other types of cancers because there are so few survivors to speak about it."

In an effort to change the story of glioblastoma, Jack Dinos has made a generous gift to establish the Mary B. Dinos Glioblastoma Brain Tumor Research Fund to support the Winship Brain Tumor Center at Emory. This endowment is both a tribute to his wife and to her medical team for their persistence in fighting this challenging disease.

"Hopefully this fund will lead to better methods of early discovery of the tumors or to treatments that will lengthen the lives of those suffering," Mr. Dinos said. "If it might help someone else, then I know my wife would be pleased."

To learn more about supporting the Winship Brain Tumor Center, please contact Jennifer Daly at 404-778-4270 or jdaly@emory.edu.

## Tina Borg Classic 5K Supports Winship

AS A FRESHMAN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, Michelle Borg planned to earn her bachelor's in business administration. However, assisting her mother, Tina Borg, through treatments for lung cancer at Winship Cancer Institute changed Michelle's career goals, and her life.

"I knew I wanted to give something back to Winship, which gave us so much," Michelle said.

She switched to the doctor of pharmacy program at UGA, with a focus on clinical trials in oncology. Before her pharmacy classes even began, Michelle founded Student Oncological Advocates in Pharmacy (SOAP). SOAP promotes cancer awareness at UGA events and organizes volunteers to visit patients undergoing treatment at Winship. In 2012, SOAP organized the Tina Borg Classic, a 5K race to benefit Winship.

"To sit back and not do anything is not like me," Michelle said. "I want to make a difference."

Tina Borg was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in 2009, and her early prognosis suggested she would only survive six to eight months. Michelle credits Winship with helping her mother live another three years. Tina Borg was able to see her daughter's passion for cancer research and treatment develop. She was at the other end of the line when Michelle called to tell her parents she had been accepted into the College of Pharmacy at UGA, and she was present when Michelle told her she had named SOAP's 5K race the Tina Borg Classic.

"One of my favorite memories is telling my mom that I was creating a race to raise money for cancer research and that I was naming the race for her," Michelle recalled.



Left to right: Dr. Suresh Ramalingam, Ed Borg, Michelle Borg and Sydney Borg.

Tina Borg succumbed to cancer in October 2012, but her memory is alive in her daughter's passion and commitment to finding a cure. This year, 60 participants ran in the Tina Borg Classic, and the event raised more than \$3,000 for clinical trial research at Winship. SOAP will continue hosting the annual fundraiser, and Michelle is keeping her eyes on her ultimate goal.

"I plan to go to medical school so I can become involved in clinical trials for oncology," she said, adding that she would love to return to Emory to conduct clinical trial research. "My mom felt so cared for at Winship, and I want to give that care to my patients."

# Annual Carpenter Cup Raises Funds for Cancer Research

THE CARPENTER CUP FOR CANCER RESEARCH, sponsored by the Druid Hills Golf Club, took place on August 16, 2014. The annual golf tournament drew 48 participants and raised more than \$6,700 for cancer research at Winship. The tournament is named for Robert "Bob" Carpenter, a former member of the club's board of directors, who passed away in 2007 from pancreatic cancer. Mr. Carpenter's wife, Janet Carpenter, was in attendance, along with many Winship physicians and friends. Wayne Harrell and Matt Schuh served as this year's team captains, with Team Harrell emerging as the victors. Participants enjoyed the team format, the great weather, and the opportunity to contribute to Winship in Bob Carpenter's memory.



Pictured from left to right: Mrs. Janet Carpenter, Dr. Omer Kucuk, Dr. Martin Sanda and Mr. Mike Hines.

## New Development Director Named for Winship

FOLLOWING A NATIONAL SEARCH, MARY B. KOZIK, CFRE has been selected to join Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University as senior director of development. She will lead a team that was responsible for raising more than \$11 million in private donations in fiscal year 2014.

Kozik is the former chief of institutional advancement for The Preservation Society of Newport County in Newport, RI. In that role, she was responsible for raising over \$21 million since 2012. Previously, Kozik served as the vice president for institutional advancement and chief development officer at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA, one of the original National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers. She also held past positions within the Lifespan Health System in Providence, RI and The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Easter Seals, both in New York.

"Private philanthropy is key to fulfilling Winship's role as our state's only NCI-designated cancer center," says Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD, executive director of Winship. "We are delighted to have someone of Mary's caliber lead this effort. We are also grateful to her predecessor, Vicki Riedel, who worked tirelessly for the past ten years to



establish and build the Winship development program into one of the most successful programs within Emory University."

Riedel takes on a new role overseeing principal gifts for the Woodruff Health Sciences Center of Emory University.

Kozik, a graduate of Bryant University in Smithfield, RI, is a Certified Fund Raising Executive with over 15 years of health care experience.

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