Fashion Show Raises Nearly $90,000 For Cancer Research

“Never give up. There is so much to live for. I live in 3-Month increments taking one day at a time. Be thankful for your caregivers.”

Breast Cancer survivor Stacy Eaton delivered a powerful message of healing and hope at the 21st Annual Promise of Hope fashion show. Stacy described her cancer journey over the years and how she is celebrating life by living it to the fullest one day at a time.

More than 400 guests filled the Odyssey Country Club to capacity in Tinley Park as they watched Ms. Eaton receive a Promise of Hope jewelry item from Lori Stern, the daughter of fashion show founder and Foundation Board Emeritus, Juell Kadet. Ms. Stern also announced a personal gift from the Kadet Cancer Research Foundation for $18,000 to bring total gross proceeds from this year's event to nearly $90,000!

The Promise of Hope Fall Reveal is an annual fundraising event that brings long term, life altering impact for parents, children, and families touched by cancer. Event proceeds support cancer research and clinical trials. Thanks to donors and supporters of the Promise of Hope event, program participants like Stacey and Vladimir are able to share their stories of hope and healing.

Patient Receives Access To Life Saving Experimental Drugs

Vladimir is one of only 100 patients world-wide participating in a clinical trial using an experimental drug at Ingalls that offers hope in his fight for life against metastatic pancreatic cancer. “I’m grateful to participate in the clinical trial,” says Vladimir, “and hope to help make the drug FDA approved for other patients.”

When Vladimir researched last year where the drug called CPI-613 was offered, Ingalls was the only location in Illinois and one of the few cancer research programs in the country where the drug is accessible. “Thank God we’re not 7 hours away,” says Vladimir who lives in Highland Park with his partner Roman.

“The government’s own website, clinicaltrials.gov, only listed sites in Israel,” said Roman. He called a friend in California who is a physician who found out the drug was available at Ingalls. Vladimir met with Dr. Kimberly Kruczek at Ingalls who completed his screening and enrolled Vladimir in the clinical trial. “We were very happy to have this trial open and available to Vladimir”, said Dr. Kruczek, who said Vladimir is close to completing phase one of his treatment.

Vladimir’s story emphasizes the impact donors are having through their support of the Cancer Research program at Ingalls which is among the best in the world at providing access to life saving drug treatments and excellent clinical care. “The nursing team is amazing. Ingalls has wonderful nurses. They explain everything in detail. They are very supportive. With the long hours of treatment, it’s really helpful to have this team on your side,” says Vladimir.

Thanks to donor support, there is reason for hope. Vladimir remains hopeful for a cure and looks forward to life heading into the new year. “In 2020, I want to get rid of my disease. That’s my goal. I look forward to a happy life after this ordeal,” says Vladimir.
Dr. James Wallace And Ms. LeNita Johnson Named To Foundation Board!

A physician leader on the Ingalls Cancer Research team and an accomplished nurse, who transitioned into a business leadership role in her family owned firm, are the newest select members of the Ingalls Development Foundation Board of Directors.

The IDF board voted in September to accept board applications from Flossmoor, Illinois resident LeNita Johnson, a longtime Foundation donor who serves as Chief Operating Officer of Vital Care Industries in Tinley Park. According to Ms. Johnson, “I believe that I can best serve the Foundation by assisting with fundraising activities and being available to serve on various committees. Also, I can serve the Foundation by assisting with clinical, patient-related activities.”

Joining Ms. Johnson on the board for a three year term is Oncologist Dr. James Wallace, who joined the UChicago Medicine Ingalls Memorial medical staff in 2008. Dr. Wallace serves in a number of Oncology leadership roles, including cancer research and integrative medicine. Dr. Wallace says he is looking forward to serving, “The Ingalls Development Foundation has been instrumental in its prior leadership of cancer research and supportive programs that directly benefit patients and their care. My interest in joining the board would be to use my background and exposure to provide practical information that help guide future decisions.”

The development foundation board is responsible for general oversight of the foundation’s fundraising activities, including the authorization of all funding resolutions in excess of $5,000 and approval of the annual foundation development plan. As of September 30th, the Ingalls Development Foundation reported total assets in excess of $60 Million.

Ingalls Development Foundation Awards Southland Scholarships

Southland institutions of higher education and others across the country benefitted by the awarding of more than $69,000 in scholarships for the fall semester to the employees and children of employees at UChicago Medicine Ingalls Memorial. Additionally, IDF awarded employees more than $23,000 in scholarships for the spring 2020 semester. “We greatly value our relationship with Ingalls Memorial Hospital both as one of South Suburban College’s best supporters of scholarships and largest employers,” said Patrick Rush, Executive Director PR & Resource Development. “We share a mission for education and career development, and look forward to placing more of our scholarship recipients into the local workforce through our Allied Health and Nursing Programs.”

Scholarship recipient Angela Young quoted Aristotle saying, “Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.’ My daughter and I are honored to be the recipients of what the Ingalls Development Foundation takes pleasure in, and that is to bless their employees and their families with scholarships to pursue their life purposes. Thanks IDF!”

Scholarships are a core program for the Ingalls Development Foundation, which earmarks a portion of the proceeds raised through its annual benefit show and through employee giving to underwrite the cost. “We are delighted to invest these philanthropic dollars back into our employees and their families while also supporting the outstanding institutions of higher education in the Southland,” said Sam Cutrara, IDF Board Chairman.

Angela Young with daughter Brittney Milsap
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New Website Coming Soon!

We are delighted to announce our newly redesigned website will soon be live! The new site will provide visitors with a user-friendly way to learn about the impact of donations, philanthropic opportunities at UChicago Medicine Ingalls Memorial, and easily access Foundation information.

You’ll find a gallery’s worth of images and updates that make the site easier to use.

- **Memorial & Honorary Carousel**: the names of honored and memorialized individuals through Paving Your Legacy and Promise of Hope Fall Reveal.
- **Call Out Boxes**: highlights of important information
- **Improved Navigation**: With very few clicks, users will arrive quickly at their desired destination.
- **Your Impact**: Visitors can easily see how their philanthropic investment has transformed community health.
- **Social Media**: Integrated Twitter and Facebook buttons foster improved communication with you, our donors, supporters and stakeholders. Follow and engage with us.

We hope you enjoy the redesigned site’s fresh look and easy use! If you have any feedback, please let us know on Facebook or Twitter.

Visit us soon to learn about IDF donor opportunities, upcoming events, community benefit activities and clinical updates.

Visit us at ingallsfoundation.org
About Ingalls Development Foundation
We support the mission of UChicago Ingalls Memorial to improve the health of the Chicago’s southland communities we serve by connecting donors with opportunities to transform community health through philanthropic investments in facilities, programs, and services that benefit our patients and achieve clinical excellence.

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Thank you, Ken Hoekstra!

On December 7th, longtime IDF friend and former board member, Ken Hoekstra was honored for his 24 years of service on behalf of Ingalls Memorial. Ken joined the board in 1995. Ken and his wife, Sallie, have sustained the Hoekstra legacy of philanthropy and service, which helped establish Ingalls Memorial Hospital as the premier healthcare option in the south suburbs.

(Left to right) Brian Sinotte, Ken Hoekstra, Paul Donohue and Sam Cutrara