

The Peachey Effect: JULY-NOVEMBER 2019

Supporting critical breast cancer research in Indiana for 25 years

2019 has been a year of reflection and forward thinking, as we have honored our 25th anniversary and continued to make bold, impactful gifts to breast cancer research in Indiana, including:

\$100,000 in continued support of the Catherine Peachey Taxonomy of the Normal Breast Project at the IU Simon Cancer Center, to fund a data analyst position. Following the Peachey Fund's \$250,000 landmark gift in 2018 to launch this project, coupled with an additional \$750,000 grant from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, this unique area of research was boosted by our additional funding. The analyst will organize the project's genetic information, prepare data for reporting and help organize the system of data collection within the Komen Tissue Bank.





\$24,000 allocated from the Catherine Peachey Breast Cancer Prevention Endowment at the IU Simon Cancer Center to purchase normal tissue analysis equipment for the Susan G. Komen Tissue Bank Lab. With this funding, Dr. Anna Storniolo and Dr. Natascia Marino will purchase the QIAcube and QIAxcel devices, allowing for more time and cost-efficient extraction of DNA or RNA. The automation will ensure streamlined processes, reduced human error, and the highest safety standards.

\$5,000 to the International Breast Cancer & Nutrition Program (IBCN) at Purdue University. The goals of the IBCN partnership, launched at Purdue in 2010, are to develop research locally and globally, promoting the training of future scientists in breast cancer prevention research. Over the past eight years, IBCN has awarded the Catherine Peachey Award for Oral Presentation to 25 trainees across life and social science disciplines. In 2019, the funding adds four additional awardees and supports educational and research exchanges for trainees.

Community Partners:

Guerin Catholic High School Girls Soccer Cancer
Awareness Game raises \$5,000 for the Catherine
Peachey Fund: The Golden Eagles honored friends and
family who have battled cancer on Saturday, September
14, at their annual Cancer Awareness Game. Parents and
athletes utilized corporate sponsorships, personal
donations and t-shirt sales to raise funds to support
breast cancer research in Indiana via the Catherine
Peachey Fund. Thank you to the Guerin Catholic Golden
Eagles for your passion and support!



Carmel High School Lady Greyhounds Soccer Team raises \$3,000 to benefit the Catherine Peachey Fund and breast cancer research in Indiana: On Saturday, August 31, the Carmel High School Girls Soccer team used donations, t-shirt sales and a partnership with Noble Romans in Carmel to donate to the Catherine Peachey Fund in support of breast cancer research in Indiana. We are so grateful for this 2nd annual event, benefiting the Catherine Peachey Fund. Thank you to the Carmel Lady Greyhounds!

Evereve at Clay Terrace Style Social raises \$700 for the Catherine Peachey Fund: Our first ever Style Social, on October 10th, was a fun night of shopping, wine, appetizers and great conversation about the Catherine Peachey Fund and breast cancer research in Indiana. We enjoyed this event so much that we are planning a second Style Social in Spring 2020. Stay tuned for date and time! Thanks to Evereve, their amazing staff and all who attended this event and made it a success!





Hamilton County Sheriff's Department sells pink badges to raise \$435.44 for the Catherine Peachey Fund: Members of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department had the opportunity to purchase and wear pink badges during the month of October. There are many family connections to breast cancer within the Sheriff's Department. By wearing pink badges and other gear, their hope was not only to help raise money for research but to give women a visual reminder to perform their self-checks and schedule their doctor's appointments. We are so grateful!

On behalf of the Catherine Peachey Fund, thank you to all of our donors, sponsors, supporters, volunteers and friends who continue to support our mission – *Stephanie Rufenbarger Lesher, Program Manager*