

December 12, 2016

Dear Friends of The Lewin Fund,

We are proud and excited to share highlights of our Fund's activities this past year and offer you a glimpse of our future goals and initiatives. We have closely adhered to the three pillars of our Mission: Education and Prevention, Psycho-Social Support, and Clinical Research Initiatives.

Our efforts in education and prevention this year received excellent reviews and feedback. Specifically, our #LivingFearless Wellness Symposium at the JCC in Tenafly, New Jersey, was well attended and earned stellar comments. Our slate of renowned speakers spoke on the prevention and treatment of cancers—breast, colon, lung, and gynecologic—as well as nutrition and hereditary genetics. The importance of annual visits with gynecologists was stressed because women tend to place more importance on visiting their hairdresser than their physician. This must change! The audience took this message to heart and committed to making annual appointments.

We are planning our next #LivingFearless symposium for November 2017. It is our intention to make this symposium an annual event. Videos of the presentations from the 2016 #LivingFearless Symposium will soon be available on our website.

We have renewed and strengthened our support of the BOLD buddies program, providing support for teens and young adults who have experienced or are experiencing a mother or grandmother with cancer. Our support includes mentoring, focus groups, activities to engage these young adults, and ground-breaking research which demonstrates a need that has been hitherto neglected.

We continue to focus on hereditary links to cancer, as well as highlighting information supporting prevention and early detection. We have learned that a greater focus is required on endometrial and uterine cancers. We plan to expand our educational efforts to inform women and their physicians about the earliest signs of these deadly cancers and how to be proactive with prevention and treatment.

We are also exploring providing funding for Pap smears for women in underserved areas of Bergen County and the greater metropolitan area. Our investigation indicates this is a pressing need.

Our on-going partnership with Holy Name Medical Center has enabled us to strengthen our efforts in the areas of education and prevention by working closely with their health experts and advocates and their patient population.

The Lewin Fund will soon fund an innovative basic research project conducted by a consortium of specialists led by a medical oncologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. This world-class team is looking at the DNA of a specific and deadly form of ovarian cancer, and we are honored and proud to support them financially in their efforts. We will also continue to fund the Woman to Woman reunions at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. Woman to Woman is one of only 27 national cancer support programs for women's gynecological cancers.

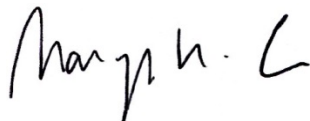
Where do you come in?

The Lewin Fund's website is in the process of being updated, but you can still make your *secure* donation to the Fund through our existing website. And, as always, you can make your donation by sending a check to The Lewin Fund. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donations are tax deductible.

Our new website will be launched by the first of the year. With the new website it will be easier for you to designate your donation in the memory of a loved one or to direct your donation to support a specific program. If you do not direct your donation to a specific program it will support all worthwhile endeavors of the Fund. Please remember that no one in The Lewin Fund accepts compensation for their time and efforts, and that more than 90% of your donation goes directly to the programs we support.

We continue to be grateful to all of you. Your emotional and financial support are truly appreciated. On behalf of all at the Fund, warmest wishes to you and yours for the holidays, the New Year, and beyond.

With best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharyn N. Lewin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "L".

**SHARYN N. LEWIN, M.D.**  
PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR