Data indicates that one in two women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. We have aligned ourselves with partners in the fight against cancer to impact and ameliorate the challenges facing these women. Our goal is to reduce cancer through earlier detection, improve quality of life, and affect cures by identifying and supporting innovation at every level. We are thrilled to share The Lewin Fund’s achievements and activities over the past year with you:

* We invited cutting-edge research proposals from investigators through a formal grant application process. Our [scientific advisors](http://www.thelewinfund.org/about-us/scientific-advisors/) are world-class, internationally recognized leaders in women’s cancer research. They bring expertise in diverse scientific disciplines and will review proposals consistent with the Fund’s mission and priorities.
* The Lewin Fund supports two innovative and prestigious women’s cancer support programs, to help these organizations offer critical resources and research advances to women following a cancer diagnosis:
	+ The [Woman to Woman Program at Mount Sinai Hospital](http://www.mountsinai.org/patient-care/service-areas/obgyn-and-reproductive-services/patient-support-services/womens-gynecologic-cancer-support/women-to-women-program), an established program that provides one-to-one emotional support and mentoring to women undergoing treatment for gynecological cancer. They also provide group support, education and integrative therapies to ameliorate the side effects of therapy. The Woman to Woman Program was established in 2003, and they host a highly successful semiannual Gynecologic Oncology Symposium and Reunion in New York. The September 2014 program, supported by The Lewin Fund, covered legal issues associated with a cancer diagnosis and the use of integrative techniques to relieve treatment side effects.
	+ [The Bronx Oncology Living Daily (BOLD) Program](http://www.einstein.yu.edu/centers/cancer/support/fundraiser/)**–**[Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care](http://www.einstein.yu.edu/centers/cancer/) helps Bronx cancer outpatients cope with the physical, emotional and spiritual challenges of cancer and its treatment; to allow them to connect with other cancer patients; and to provide access to complementary medicine and healthy lifestyle activities. The BOLD Living Program offers over a dozen monthly wellness workshops, while the **BOLD Buddy Program** offers peer counseling and treatment companions to isolated cancer patients. Our grant will help support and develop the new **BOLD Brothers/Sisters Program** to support Bronx youth and young adults caring for mothers and grandmothers with cancer.

- We are witnessing an explosion in the field of cancer genetics and educating the community is a priority. The Lewin Fund disseminates information about hereditary genetics and wellness as fundamental elements in cancer prevention. Our sponsorships will help reach more women and their families, which will enhance quality of life and reduce the risk of hereditary cancers, including breast and ovarian cancers. Two other partners include:

 - **Holy Name Medical Center**, of Teaneck, New Jersey, which hosted a Jewish Women’s Health Symposium and Brunch. Over 200 attendees from the community learned about unique medical issues that impact Jewish women’s gynecologic health.

 - [Sharsheret](http://www.sharsheret.org/), the only national organization addressing the psychosocial needs of young Jewish women and their families in all stages of breast cancer and ovarian cancer. We are supporting Sharsheret’s Young Professionals Circle (YPC), an innovative program to educate young professionals about the early signs and symptoms of women’s cancers, to facilitate earlier detection as well as help these women understand their personal risks for cancer.

We have completed a dynamic first year. The development of our website along with our social media presence has aided our efforts to introduce and brand our Fund.

In line with our mission, we have supported programs that have made and will continue to make a meaningful difference to women and their families. Our scientific advisors will allow us to evaluate and support research endeavors that will assist in moving the frontier forward in women’s cancers and ultimately lead to more insight and cures.

Fundraising efforts are ongoing. We are excited moving into our second year and continuing the important work of The Lewin Fund to Fight Women’s Cancers. Our thanks to those of you who have generously supported us. Your continued support and involvement is greatly appreciated.