

# Circle *of* Support



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Hoag Family Cancer Institute

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Even while facing a global pandemic, Circle 1000’s steadfast commitment to the Hoag Family Cancer Institute never wavered. We raised more than \$1.1 million in 2021, a remarkable achievement during an unprecedented time. That is why, after the pandemic forced us to cancel our Annual Circle 1000 Founders’ Celebration Brunch in 2020, we held our 2021 event virtually. As host of the June event, I looked into a camera rather than into your eyes, and it certainly wasn’t the same as being together in person. Nevertheless, the shared experience reinforced the connections that lift our spirits and drive our commitment to fighting cancer.

On behalf of the Founders’ Committee, I thank you for your ongoing support for Circle 1000. Our donations support the Hoag Family Cancer Institute in providing the highest quality care to more than 4,000 new cancer patients each year. Together, we fund the critical resources, staffing and professional development that have helped earn Hoag a top 10 percent ranking in cancer care amongst hospitals nationwide. In our 34-year history, Circle 1000 has cumulatively raised more than \$22 million, contributing directly to Hoag’s stellar reputation as the leading provider of cancer care in Orange County.

In 2021 alone, Circle 1000 raised more than \$1,125,190. Your generous donations will be allocated within the Hoag Family Cancer Institute as follows:

- \$400,000: Oncology Physician Leader Recruitment
- \$250,000: Molecular Imaging & Therapy Program
- \$200,000: Arden Flamson Oncology Nurse Navigator Program
- \$150,000: Translational Pathology Program
- \$95,190: High Risk and Early Detection Program
- \$30,000: Hoag Annual Oncology Nursing Conference

I am proud and honored to be part of this group with a shared purpose, and I eagerly look forward to celebrating Circle 1000’s 35th Anniversary on **April 29, 2022**. That is when we plan to reconvene for our annual brunch—this time, in person! We will share long-awaited smiles and hugs as we renew our commitment to supporting the Hoag Family Cancer Institute’s hopeful, healing care.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Sue Hagestad,  
Circle 1000 Chair, 2021



Sue golfing with 2021 keynote speaker Jake Olson and service dog Quebec



### Circle 1000 Founders’ Committee Invitation Stuffing Party — April 2021

Our Annual Circle 1000 Founders’ Celebration requires many hours of creative planning and preparation by our dedicated Committee, even in its virtual format this year. Along with those responsibilities came a truly joyful reunion in April when Committee members gathered in person for the first time in over a year for our invitation stuffing party. An otherwise simple task has never been such fun, reinforcing our bonds and our shared sense of purpose. It also gave us the opportunity to create a video, shown during the virtual celebration, in which Committee members expressed their gratitude and support for Circle 1000.

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## Circle 1000 Founders' Virtual Celebration

Our plans and preparation led to a well-attended virtual Circle 1000 Founders' Celebration on June 3. Several hundred of you logged into the live event, with several hundred more watching the online recording, which can still be viewed by scanning the QR code below.

We were inspired by the story of retinal cancer survivor and keynote speaker Jake Olson, who was accompanied by his service dog, Quebec. Despite losing both eyes, Jake achieved his dream of playing football for USC and wrote an inspiring memoir, *Open Your Eyes*. We also met Kimberly Reinika, a breast cancer patient enrolled in a clinical trial through Hoag's Molecular Imaging & Therapy Program, which is supported in part by your generosity. Kimberly, her nurse navigator, her genetic counselor and her doctors all expressed their gratitude to Circle 1000.



Jake Olson, Quebec & Sue Hagestad



Scan this code with your smartphone camera to view the virtual event.



Backstage



Sue Hagestad & Lin Auer



A crew of expert technicians managed the event livestream

# Emerald Circle

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# Pioneering Molecular Imaging & Therapy Program Benefits from Circle 1000

One of the innovative Hoag Family Cancer Institute programs funded in part by Circle 1000 is Orange County's first and only Molecular Imaging & Therapy Program. Molecular Imaging & Therapy is the most sensitive cancer detection and therapy program available today. We are grateful to Gary Ulaner, MD, PhD, FACNM, for initiating Hoag's groundbreaking program when he was recruited in 2020 from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Dr. Ulaner has since been named the James & Pamela Muzzy Endowed Chair in Molecular Imaging and Therapy, becoming Hoag's 17th endowed chair holder. Along with funding from Circle 1000, the endowed chair allows Dr. Ulaner to expand Hoag's clinical trial programs using molecular imaging and therapy. Dr. Ulaner has already begun some promising new trials, including a phase 2 CD38-targeted myeloma trial being performed only at Hoag and the University of Miami and the first estrogen receptor-targeted imaging trial in California for patients with breast cancer.



Gary Ulaner, MD, PhD, FACNM, James & Pamela Muzzy Endowed Chair in Molecular Imaging and Therapy

"Circle 1000 supports our work in applying molecular imaging to detect cancer cells at a molecular level, often before structural changes would appear in traditional imaging," Dr. Ulaner said. "This targeted imaging also helps guide us in targeted therapy for better outcomes. I thank the visionary donors in Circle 1000 for helping us grow programs like molecular imaging and for allowing us to provide state-of-the-art care to every patient we touch."

As the James & Pamela Muzzy Endowed Chair in Molecular Imaging and Therapy, Dr. Ulaner will also train fellows. "My goal is for Hoag to become a leading center for training in molecular imaging and therapy," Dr. Ulaner said, adding that the fellows will be sought after by leading cancer centers, enhancing Hoag's worldwide reputation. Dr. Ulaner's vast expertise has already had a significant impact on the Hoag Family Cancer Institute, and we are excited for the future.

# Circle 1000 Funds Bladder Cancer Research and Support

A critical drug shortage. A life-changing decision. The need for support during the fight of their lives. All of these have been addressed with help from Circle 1000's funding to Hoag's Bladder Cancer Program.



Jeffrey Bassett, MD, MPH

Circle 1000 funds partially support Hoag's clinical studies in patients with non-muscle invasive bladder cancer, allowing them to receive the proven immunotherapeutic agent BCG despite an international shortage. Urologic oncologist Jeffrey Bassett, MD, MPH, calls BCG "the backbone of treatment" for its role in preserving the bladder. "Hoag creatively addressed the shortage by joining a research study on dual immunotherapy, using BCG (the standard of care) alongside an additional immunotherapy agent (N-803, QUILT studies 2.005 and 3.032)," he said.

Dr. Bassett also noted philanthropy's role in funding Hoag's comprehensive program for muscle invasive bladder cancer patients, who face the loss of their bladder. "The goal is survival in a way that doesn't compromise quality of life," he said. "Patients come to me with gratitude for all the education, care coordination and community provided by our program, especially from our nurse navigator, Sandy Southerland. She is a bigger pillar for our bladder cancer patients than any individual doctor."

In her role, funded by Circle 1000, Southerland runs the county's only bladder cancer support group and interfaces directly with patients before and after treatment. "When they leave the hospital, oftentimes, I get a phone call, whether they're needing motivation or the right resources to address their issues," she said, adding that her clinical knowledge as a registered nurse and oncology certified nurse is essential too.

"In my role supporting cancer patients, I have to know and provide information about precision medicine, genetics, chemotherapy, radiation, surgery and immunotherapy," said Southerland. Philanthropy also supports Hoag's Bladder Buddies Program, which pairs patients with survivors who have undergone the same type of reconstruction.

"I want them to see their Bladder Buddy because they're living full lives—waterskiing, skydiving, swimming," Southerland said. "It puts them at ease more than anything I can do." One of the Bladder Buddies is known for inviting new patients to his home to discuss their upcoming surgeries over cinnamon rolls. This is just one of the ways philanthropy has sweetened Hoag's Bladder Cancer Program.



Sandy Southerland, BSN, RN, OCN

# Advancing Cancer Care, Providing Hope

## Your Impact in 2020

Funds raised through Circle 1000 support innovative programming, clinical trials, groundbreaking technology and an exceptional clinical team. Your generosity of \$844,690 in 2020 had the following impact:



### Molecular Imaging and Therapeutics

\$344,690

#### Impact:

Contributed to the recruitment of Director of Molecular Imaging & Therapy Gary Ulaner, MD, PhD, FACNM, James & Pamela Muzzy Endowed Chair in Molecular Imaging and Therapy, who brought to Hoag two National Cancer Institute research grants and six clinical trials, which have already enrolled over 100 patients in the first six months.



### Molecular Pathology Program

\$200,000

#### Impact:

Reviewed and analyzed  
**1,393**  
genetic profiles in 2020, including  
**335**  
personal patient consultations;  
**118**  
patients referred to genetic counselors for additional education and consultation.



### Bladder Cancer Preservation Program

\$50,000

#### Impact:

Expanded comprehensive bladder cancer services at Hoag's Cancer Center in Irvine, held monthly case reviews with all specialist types (including radiology, medical oncology and radiation oncology) to plan individualized care and provided nurse navigator patient support services.



### Arden Flamson Nurse Navigator

\$150,000

#### Impact:

Funding for specialized cancer nurse navigators to help patients and their families navigate through diagnosis, treatment and recovery in every tumor type program, including

- Brain Tumor
- Breast Cancer
- Gastrointestinal Cancer
- Gynecologic Cancer
- Head & Neck Cancer
- Hematologic Cancer
- Lung Cancer
- Lymphoma
- Melanoma/Advanced Skin Cancer
- Thyroid Cancer
- Urologic Cancer



### Sandy Sewell Oncology Nursing Scholarship Endowment

\$50,000

#### Impact:

One scholarship awarded for a nurse navigator to pursue a master's in nursing leadership, helping to further Hoag's culture of quality and compassionate nursing care.



### Annual Oncology Nursing Conference

\$20,000

#### Impact:

**95**  
nurses attended the virtual conference "Embracing Excellence in Oncology Nursing," including 51 Hoag nurses and 44 non-Hoag nurses from four different states.

Provided valuable continuing education and advanced certifications for oncology health care professionals.



### Non-Nursing National Education

\$30,000

#### Impact:

Due to the pandemic, funds could not be used in 2020 and were carried forward to provide for non-nursing education in 2021.

# In Tribute

## Legacy of Love

The following generous donors made gifts to Circle 1000 to celebrate the lives and honor the memories of loved ones lost to cancer. Through these tribute gifts, our donors touch the lives of other patients at the Hoag Family Cancer Institute.



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James D. Hewicker



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*Thank you to  
keynote speaker  
Jake Olson  
and Quebec!*

## Circle 1000 Founders' Committee



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Beth Knapp\*, Sue Hagestad, **Ginny Ueberroth\*** and Vicki Booth\*

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in a new, virtual format.*