Dear Friends,

As the new Chair of the Foundation for Women’s Cancer (FWC), I consider 2015 to be a pivotal year for FWC, as we successfully completed the merger with the Society of Gynecologic Oncology’s (SGO) Foundation for Gynecologic Oncology, which became effective on January 1, 2016.

In many ways this merger has been a homecoming for FWC; SGO created the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation in 1991 to enhance awareness, research and education about gynecologic cancers. Since that time the Foundation has hosted 104 survivors courses all over the country in over 26 states, we have distributed over $7.5 million in research grants and prizes, and our premier fundraising event of the year—The National Race to End Women's Cancer—continues to gain momentum.

We are incredibly grateful to our donors and supporters who recognize the need to end women’s cancer. Every six minutes, a woman is diagnosed with a reproductive cancer — cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal and vulvar—which impact more than 98,000 American women each year. Many women are not diagnosed until the late stages of these diseases, and 30,000 will die this year.

Our supporters collectively make a tremendous contribution to the fight to end women’s cancer in many ways: By sponsoring a research grant, registering for the Race to End Women’s Cancer, organizing smaller fundraisers, donating in honor or in memory of a loved one, or even purchasing from vendors who have pledged part of their proceeds to FWC.

Every contribution, no matter how large or small, puts us on the path to eradicating gynecologic cancers.

We hope that you will continue to support us in our efforts to end women’s cancers. Every day we are making a difference in the lives of thousands of women and their loved ones. Our patients never cease to amaze us with their strength and resilience, and I can assure you that they appreciate all that you do on FWC’s behalf to promote awareness, research and education about women’s cancers.

Sincerely,

David Mutch, MD
FWC Chairman
Since 2009, the **National Race to End Women’s Cancer** has brought together people of all ages from across the country to celebrate survivors, honor loved ones and raise awareness. The Race shines a bright spotlight on gynecologic cancers, while raising crucial education and research funding to #endwomenscancer. The 7th Annual Race to End Women’s Cancer was held Nov. 8, 2015, at Freedom Plaza in Washington, DC. An Ovarian Cancer Survivors Course was also held over the weekend, with 101 attendees.
As of the 2015 SGO Annual Meeting for Women’s Cancer, the Foundation had funded 103 research grants. The following research grants and awards were presented at the SGO Annual Meeting in Chicago on March 29, 2015:

**Athena’s Run Endometrial Cancer Research Grant (one-year grant for $50,000)**  
Yi-Wen Huang, PhD, Medical College of Wisconsin

**St. Louis Ovarian Cancer Awareness Research Grant (one-year grant for $75,000)**  
Katherine Fuh, MD, PhD, Washington University School of Medicine

**Amgen Ovarian Cancer Research Grant (one-year grant for $50,000)**  
Paiman Peter Ghoroghchian, MD, PhD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Caring Together, NY Ovarian Cancer Research Synergy Grant (two-year grant for $100,000)**  
Guillermo Armaiz-Pena, PhD, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

**Judith Liebenthal Robinson Ovarian Cancer Foundation Research Grant (one-year grant for $50,000)**  
Dmitriy Zamarin, MD, PhD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

**Gynecologic Cancer Research Grant (one-year grant for $45,000)**  
Xiaowen Hu, PhD, University of Pennsylvania

**Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation Excellence in Ovarian Cancer Research Prize in Honor of Ronald Alvarez, MD ($5,000)**  
Jason Dennis Wright, MD, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and New York Presbyterian Hospital

**Perlman Family CCARE Lynch Syndrome Research Stipend ($1,500)**  
Joshua Cohen, MD, UCLA Health

**John L. Lewis, Jr./William O’Connor Foundation Research Prize ($1,000)**  
Kemi Doll, MD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**2015 Public Service Award**  
Linda Duska, MD, University of Virginia

**Carol’s Cause Awards for the Outstanding Paper by a Resident or Fellow ($3,000 per winner)**  
Justin Bottsford-Miller, MD, Billings Clinic  
Linda Hong, MD, University of Michigan

**Claudia Cohen Research Foundation Prize for Outstanding Gynecologic Cancer Researcher ($50,000 prize)**  
Beth Karlan, MD, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Each year hundreds of women from almost every state in the country attend one of FWC's free Survivors Courses. These courses provide the most current information about treatment options, research and quality of life strategies taught by leading experts, mostly gynecologic oncologists. Most courses focus on a specific gynecologic cancer—cervical cancer, ovarian cancer or uterine cancer. Seven Survivors Courses took place in 2015.

Feb. 7-8, 2015 – Anchorage, AK
Gynecologic Cancer Survivors Course
This was the third gynecologic cancer survivor course to take place in Anchorage. Thanks to Joanie Hope, MD, this course was sponsored by Alaska Let Every Woman Know. The course was held over two days and based around a weekend of events dedicated to gynecologic cancer awareness.

Feb. 28, 2015 – West Palm Beach, FL
Ovarian Cancer Survivors Course
Howard Goodman, MD, worked with the Good Samaritan Medical Center, Florida Cancer Specialists and Foundation Medicine, to fund the second course held in West Palm Beach.

May 8, 2015 – Orlando, FL
Ovarian Cancer Survivors Course
This was the second ovarian cancer survivor course held in Orlando, thanks to Robert Holloway, MD. This course was sponsored by Florida Hospital Cancer Institute and Women’s & Girls’ Cancer Alliance and gathered survivors from five states throughout the country.

June 27, 2015 – Shreveport, LA
Gynecologic Cancer Survivors Course
Thanks to Beard Family Foundation, Willis Knighton Health System, Feist Weiller Cancer Center, Breast Cancer Specialists, Pierremont Ob/GYN Specialists, Hematology/Oncology Associates and Radiation Oncology Services, this was the first Gynecologic Cancer Survivors Course to be held in Shreveport.

Sept. 12, 2015 – Duarte, CA
Ovarian Cancer Survivors Course
Thanks to Steven Rosen, MD, of City of Hope, the Foundation held the first Ovarian Cancer Survivors Course in Los Angeles County.

Sept. 26, 2015 – Morristown, NJ
Ovarian Cancer Survivors Course
Daniel H. Tobias, MD, and the team at Morristown Medical Center held their second Ovarian Cancer Survivors Course at their facility. This course was another success, and Dr. Tobias agreed to have another course in 2017.

Nov. 7, 2015 – Washington, DC
Ovarian Cancer Survivors Course
An ovarian cancer survivor course was held in conjunction with the 2015 National Race to End Women’s Cancer. The course was sponsored by Intuitive Surgical, Inova, Morphotek and Myriad.
The FWC is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to ensure public awareness of gynecologic cancer prevention, early detection and optimal treatment. In addition, the Foundation supports research and training related to gynecologic cancers. The Foundation advances this mission by increasing public and private funds that aid in the development and implementation of programs to meet these goals.
The Foundation for Women’s Cancer (FWC) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing research, education and awareness about gynecologic cancer risk, prevention, early detection and optimal treatment.