

A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIR

- NANCY MISHKIN -

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BEAT THIS HORRIBLE DISEASE.”



It has taken many baby steps to build this foundation over the last 20 years, and I am so proud of what we have built. Any sculptor will tell you that you simply cannot create a sculpture without a strong armature, and like a sculpture, Tower's foundation is strong indeed. From very humble beginnings, with very simple goals, we have grown into a force to be reckoned with in the Southern California cancer community. This simply would not have been possible without the dedication and guidance of brilliant board members. Every one of them has left their mark on the organization, and I am personally grateful for the contribution of each and every one who has generously supported the foundation with their time and their dollars.

I am also so grateful for the support of both of our auxiliary groups without whom we simply could not have come so far, so fast. Our Magnolia women are a group of hands-on ladies who help with all of our events but focus the majority of their energies on our amazing sold out luncheon each year. The Cancer Free Generation brings new vitality to our organization with their own hugely successful fundraising events.

And look at us now!

In 2015, we granted over \$3 million—not bad for a foundation that was at a major crossroads just four years ago, and was predicted by some to become irrelevant. We fund young investigators, senior investigators and major discovery funds. But that's not all. We also support a variety of community partners who bring vital programs to underserved populations throughout Los Angeles. And in our spare time, we host an expanding slate of patient support programs in-house. We have recently moved into

a beautiful new space just five blocks from the physician practice that gave us our start.

And we are not done yet!

I look at the next 20 years and see nothing but opportunities to build on the strong foundation we have established. I look forward to unlocking the mysteries of cancer through basic science research, and turning cancer from a deadly disease to a treatable chronic ailment. I look forward to expanding our patient support services to meet the needs of an expanding population of survivors. And most of all, I look forward to working myself out of a job!

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of so many. Together, we can stop cancer from robbing us of our loved ones. Together, we will beat this horrible disease.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 20th Anniversary Gala on May 19th!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Mishkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop for the letter 'M'.