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Tower Cancer Research Foundation To Announce Grant Recipients

Dr. Philomena McAndrew, Charitable Trust Founders Lippin Family, Philanthropists Abby & Alan Levy To Be Honored At Tower Gala

Tower Cancer Research Foundation's Tower of Hope Gala beginning at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, at The Beverly Hilton, will honor Dr. Philomena McAndrew, Abby and Alan Levy, and Dick, Sally and Alexandra Lippin and The Lippin Family Trust for their commitment to raising awareness about cancer, and their dedication to ending the disease.



Dr. Philomena McAndrew

Several of Tower's noted Career Development Grants will be awarded to researchers at UCLA, Cedars-Sinai and UCSD as part of Tower's ongoing Power of Precision Campaign.

In the last two decades, Tower has raised more than \$30 million, funding that supports grants ranging from one-year \$100,000 Career Development Grants to five year \$500,000 Senior Investigator Grants to \$1,000,000 Multi-disciplinary Discovery Funds.

Tower's Discovery Fund encourages the pursuit of high-risk, high-reward research projects by providing scientists with funding upfront, removing barriers to entry. Tower believes that leading-edge and novel ideas may not yet qualify for traditional grant funding due to a lack of preliminary data.

Tower's Power of Precision Campaign seeks to accelerate the pace of cancer research in molecular genetics and to promote translation of scientific advances into new life-saving therapies.

Historically, cancer patients have usually received the same treatment as others who have the same type and stage of cancer. After decades of research, sci-



Alexandra, Dick and Sally Lippin



Abby and Alan Levy

entists now understand that patients' tumors have genetic changes that cause cancer to grow and spread.

They have learned that the changes that occur in one person's cancer may not occur in others who have the same type of cancer. Precision medicine targets the changes in cancer cells that help them grow, divide and spread.

This campaign will help enable researchers to explore promising therapies that specifically target these changes or block their effects.

All of this year's honorees share a commitment to stopping cancer and improving the lives of those effected by cancer. And Dr. McAndrew is the connective tissue that ties them all together.

Abby Levy is a two-time cancer survivor and it was McAndrew who quarter-backed her care and led her and her husband Alan to Tower Cancer Research Foundation. Dick Lippin first met

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McAndrew in the hallway of the hospital when his late wife Ronnie was gravely ill. He remembered her honesty, different from others; and she was the person who connected the Lippin family to Tower.

- Dr. McAndrew, one of the country's leading oncologists, is one of the founding members of Tower Hematology Oncology Medical Group.

- Abby Levy joined the Tower Board of Directors in 2004, and served as chair from 2009 to 2011. Alan Levy is chairman of Tishman International Companies, a commercial real estate management and development company headquartered in L.A.

- Dick Lippin founded the respected PR firm, The Lippin Group in 1986. In 2009, he married Sally. Alexandra Lippin built a fashion, jewelry and special events division at The Lippin Group. She left the firm in 2016 to join Elyse Walker, where she currently heads the company's marketing, jewelry and fine arts departments.

For tickets and information, call 310-299-8477 or visit <https://www.towercancer.org/2019-gala-ticket-page/>.