

Please Join Us for the 3rd Annual
**BREAST CANCER INNOVATION
FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER**



*an evening of mingling, networking,
hors d'oeuvres, cupcakes, & cash bar*

Bid on fabulous silent auction items whose proceeds will support breast cancer treatment research being done in our own back yard.

To see our growing list of auction items, please visit our website
www.breastcancerinnovation.com



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH | 5:00-7:30 PM

PORTAGE COUNTRY CLUB

240 North Portage Path, Akron, OH 44303

\$50 PER PERSON

RSVP by Thursday, September 28th by returning the enclosed card,
or email breastcancerinnovation@gmail.com.

Stories of Support



MASTER OF CEREMONY:

Ray Homer, Program Director, WAKR Radio

SPEAKERS:

Survivor's husband: Bob Bothel, retired senior federal employee, former Director of Europe for a US University, father of one, stepfather of two, grandparent of 4, but most importantly—husband of a breast cancer survivor. Bob and Toby are now the founders of TAB Education Partners where Toby is one of the country's leading experts on STEM Education.

Survivor's Sister: Carol Nolan is retired from EyeMed Vision Care, and is the sister of Judy (Nolan) Akins. Throughout their lives, the two have celebrated each other's triumphs, as well as locking arms together to overcome any adversity that came their way, the most challenging being Judy's 2 1/2 year battle with breast cancer that began in 2012.

Doctor: Gordon McLennan, M.D., who is on the Radiology & Bioengineering staff at Cleveland Clinic Foundation, has over 10 years of experience in cancer drug release research. He has been collaborating with Professor Puskas for 4 years and led the studies on the polymer-based cancer diagnostic agents with the "magic claws." He will explain why the research of Professor Puskas is so promising for cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Researcher: Dr. Judit Puskas, Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at the University of Akron, in collaboration with The Cleveland Clinic is conducting ground-breaking research related to the treatment of breast cancer and breast reconstruction surgery. She is the recipient of the 2017 Charles Goodyear Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a scientist by the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society.

PRESENTATION:

The BCIF Pink Gardenia Awards
for Outstanding Breast Cancer Support.





BREAST CANCER INNOVATION FOUNDATION

DEAR FRIEND,

How amazing would it be if the cure for cancer came from right here in Akron?

OUR HISTORY & MISSION: The Breast Cancer Innovation Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in Akron, Ohio in 2012 by Carole and Robin Reid. Originally known as the Carole & Robin Reid Foundation, our name changed to the "Breast Cancer Innovation Foundation" in 2014. **Our Mission:** *The Breast Cancer Innovation Foundation (BCIF) raises funds and donates to universities and charitable research institutions conducting breast cancer research that will benefit women, by transferring innovations from the laboratory to the bedside.*

OUR TARGET: Current breast cancer research in Professor Judit E. Puskas' laboratory at The University of Akron aims to (1) improve the efficiency and less invasive treatment of breast cancer, and (2) reduce or eliminate the side effects associated with chemotherapy. These two objectives will be accomplished by the delivery of imaging agents and cancer-killing drugs using polymer-based materials with "magic claws." These "magic claws" will directly target and attach to cancer cells preferentially over healthy cells and destroy them! Similar materials were in Phase III clinical trials in Europe in 2014, but were terminated because the agents did not perform as expected. In addition, consistent production attempts were unsuccessful until Professor Puskas' group took up the challenge and solved these problems! The Puskas "magic claws" research is ready to complete its final stages and begin hospital clinical studies. Hopefully, this treatment will reach the patient's bedside as soon as possible!

OUR GOAL: \$100,000 must be raised to cover the costs of production in the Puskas lab and testing at the Cleveland Clinic. At the "2016 Cupcakes for a Cause" event, \$30,000 was raised towards this goal. But, your help is needed to reach our target goal. You can help us now by visiting our website and Donating with PayPal, <http://www.breastcancerinnovation.com/you-can-help-now/>. Or by attending our October 5th event. Your tax-deductible donation, which will support the research causes directly, will greatly impact the lives of women diagnosed with breast cancer.

THANK YOU for helping in our efforts to combat breast cancer!

Sincerely,



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Please complete and return by September 28th.

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Yes, I am attending _____ Number Attending

I am unable to attend, but please accept this donation.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tickets are \$50 each. Please list additional attendee name(s) on back.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ made payable to Breast Cancer Innovation Foundation.

Bill Credit Card \$ _____ Visa MC Discover

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Card No.: _____ Exp. Date ____ / ____ CVV _____