

At 12 years old, she was not ready to give up hope

Your generosity helped a child and her family maintain hope despite the odds

Lacey Conlan was having trouble seeing the blackboard.

A visit to the optometrist, however, revealed she did not need glasses. She had a more serious issue: a swollen optic nerve. A neurologist, in turn, diagnosed the fundamental problem: a tumor in Lacey's brain.

At just 12 years old, Lacey had a rare and serious form of brain cancer. Within three days, she underwent brain surgery.

There were no guarantees.

"We went from this happy girl dancing around singing, to her lying in bed with a big scar across her head," Lacey's mom Kathy remembers. "We were told she was probably going to die."

But Lacey and her family were not ready to give up. When a friend told them about City of Hope and our combination of science, medicine and compassion, they knew they had found a powerful ally.

That is what your generosity makes you: an ally of every man, woman and child who is battling cancer at City of Hope.

"We grabbed every ounce of hope"

For six weeks, Lacey endured daily radiation treatments. Then came six months of chemotherapy. It was rough, but now she and her family had hope.

"To go from hearing your child has maybe a 30 percent chance to live, to hearing 60 percent," Kathy Conlan says,



Diagnosed with a rare and deadly form of brain cancer when she was just 12, Lacey Conlan credits you with helping City of Hope develop the treatments that gave her family hope and turned her from a patient into a survivor.

"that may not sound like much, but we grabbed every ounce of hope we could."

"If it wasn't for each quarter, each dollar that was donated, I don't think I would be here today."

Many of the treatments that helped save Lacey's life were developed right here at City of Hope. That is the kind of impact your generosity has.

Today, more than nine years later, Lacey is a survivor. And she thanks you for helping her make it.

"If it wasn't for each quarter, each dollar that was donated," she says, "I don't think I would be here today."

Lacey has grabbed life by the horns. She won a recurring guest role on the TV sitcom "That's Life." She met stars

like Kevin Costner and Cindy Crawford. She was awarded the Ace Bailey Award of Courage by the National Hockey League Alumni Association. Now in college, she happily returns to City of Hope to talk to staff and patients, take part in events and raise money for pediatric cancer research.

If you ask her, though, Lacey might say there is nothing exceptional about her at all.

"People think that just because I had cancer I'm different," she says. "But I'm just like any other young person. I hang out with my friends, I go to the beach, I go shopping ... I love shopping! I'm just an average college student with average interests."

And for a young woman who once looked death in the face, a chance to be "average" may be the best outcome of all.

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**Thank you
for all the
many reasons
you give**

*Michael A. Friedman, M.D.
President and CEO*

There are a thousand or more reasons you might support City of Hope.

Perhaps, like nearly all of us, you have a friend or loved one who has battled cancer, and you give in honor of his or her fight. Maybe they were even treated here at City of Hope.

It is possible you have been touched by the inspiring stories of cancer survivors at City of Hope. Or, you could be fascinated by City of Hope's lifesaving use of advanced technology like robotic surgery, lasers and genetic engineering.

**Now is a great time to
renew your partnership.**

Maybe you grew up in Southern California, and City of Hope has always been a trusted name in cancer treatment. Or, you could be a new friend who heard about us for the first time last fall through our partnership with FOX Sports Supports.

Most likely, some of these reasons — and others I did not list — play a part in your decision to be a partner of City of Hope.

I hope you will take this opportunity, while it is still early in the year, to renew that partnership by sending a gift today. As you will discover in this issue of *HopeCONNECTION*, our friends at 3M will double your gift if it arrives before the deadline.

Whatever your reason for supporting City of Hope, thank you: for your compassion, for your generosity and for your leadership in the battle against cancer and other deadly diseases.

Michael A. Friedman

Firefly may bring serenity to problem of multidrug resistance

It is a sad fact: Anticancer drugs not only allow tumor cells to build up resistance to that drug over time, but can even help them resist other chemotherapy drugs, too.

City of Hope researchers are looking to the firefly to bring light, and maybe a little serenity, to this troubling situation.

Scientists have long known a gene called *mdr1* is responsible for multidrug resistance. In an attempt to better understand how it works, a City of Hope team led by Susan Kane, Ph.D., professor in the Division of Tumor Cell Biology has used genetic engineering to combine *mdr1* with the gene that allows fireflies to shine.

Now, when *mdr1* is active in Dr. Kane's lab samples, researchers can track it by the glow it gives off.



The humble firefly is helping shed light on ways to destroy cancer tumor cells.

Because *mdr1* exists in a variety of tumors, Dr. Kane's research may light the way to treatments for several cancers. It sounds like science fiction, but it is everyday fact at City of Hope, thanks to generous friends like you.

Football season is over, but you can still wear the uniform

Super Bowl XL marked the end of the National Football League season, wrapping up City of Hope's partnership with FOX Sports Supports.

Thank you, FOX Sports, for making City of Hope your official charity this season. And if you are a new friend who joined us after seeing City of Hope on FOX programming, we are glad to have you with us.

The season is a fond memory, but you can still wear the City of Hope lapel pin sported by Curt, Howie, Terry, Jimmy, Michael and all the NFL announcers on the FOX team. Just go to www.cityofhope.org/giving/fox-sports-supports and click on "Donate" to make a gift today.



How you are helping beat ovarian cancer

City of Hope's unique mix of science and compassion targets a disease affecting thousands of women

About 21,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year. And because the disease is often not detected until its late stages, only 45 percent of women will survive longer than five years after diagnosis.

You are helping to change that.

Led by Mark Wakabayashi, M.D., City of Hope's gynecologic cancer program brings our distinctive, multidisciplinary approach to detecting, treating and ultimately curing ovarian, uterine and cervical cancers.

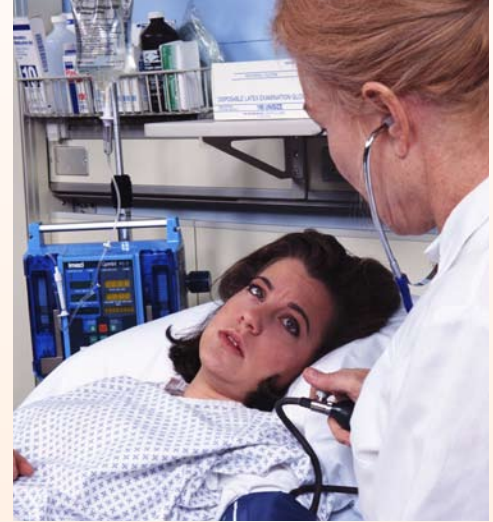
"Our focus is ovarian cancer," Dr. Wakabayashi says, "because the numbers are so high and survival rates so low."

Fortunately, he reports, we are making progress. Avastin, a drug created using technology developed at

City of Hope, has been shown to stop tumor growth. It is now being tested for effectiveness on ovarian cancer.

Intraperitoneal, or IP, chemotherapy has added as much as 16 months to a cancer patient's lifespan. City of Hope was one of the first institutions in the U.S. to use IP to treat ovarian cancer. Today, Dr. Wakabayashi says, even women who have their initial surgeries elsewhere come to City of Hope for IP chemo.

City of Hope's labs are busy, too. Promising research by Dr. Richard Jove and Dr. Hua Yu on the STAT3 protein may lead to a drug that stops tumor growth and triggers immune-system responses, while Dr. Michael Jensen's work on T-cells suggests a patient's own immune system can one day be supercharged to destroy cancer.



Ovarian cancer is a big focus at City of Hope. Your generosity is helping us overcome it.

"We have a remarkable team here," Dr. Wakabayashi says. You are part of the team, thanks to your generous support of City of Hope.

Doctor leaves home in paradise for City of Hope

When asked about City of Hope's strengths in treating ovarian cancer, Dr. Mark Wakabayashi mentions skilled surgeons, advanced chemotherapy and a commitment to patients' quality of life.

Dr. Wakabayashi understands "quality of life." Before coming to City of Hope in 2006, he was on staff at the Kapi'olani Medical Center in Honolulu and an award-winning instructor at the University of Hawai'i medical school. So why exchange trade winds and surf for Santa Anas and smog?

"I was never going to leave," he says with a laugh. "I was not looking to go anywhere."

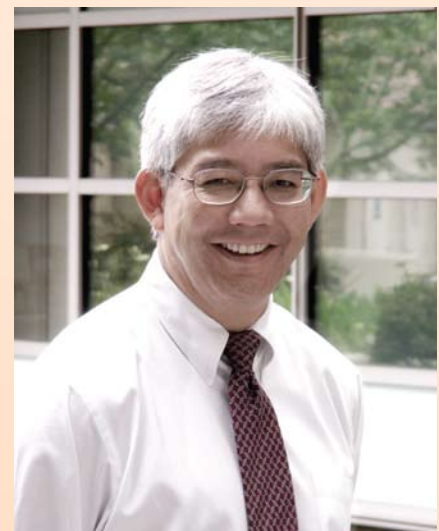
Dr. Wakabayashi knew many doctors in Hawai'i who had trained

at City of Hope. "They all spoke very highly of it," he says. "I wanted to see how this place works. What makes it so special."

When we were looking for a new head of gynecologic oncology, Dr. Wakabayashi jumped at the chance to see City of Hope up close. "I interviewed with 21 people," he says. "At the end, I realized I would love to work with every one of them."

"When they offered me the job, my wife and I knew we had a problem," he laughs.

Today, his family makes it back to Hawai'i every now and then, but Dr. Wakabayashi knows he is home. "It is absolutely great here," he says. "There is a real need for what we are doing. Our work is making a difference."



Dr. Mark Wakabayashi was a doctor and award-winning professor in Hawai'i. But given the chance to come to City of Hope, he traded Honolulu for L.A. and has not looked back.

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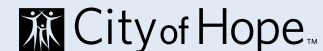
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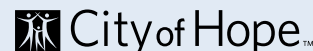
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