



to a Cure 2006

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Message from THIS CLOSE President

Dear Friends,

THIS CLOSE for Cancer Research, Inc. is an all volunteer, non-profit fundraising organization founded in 1990. Our sole purpose is to raise money for cancer research.

It all began when my husband Joel Brander was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML). We began searching for organizations or researchers that could provide us with information and hope for a cure. We called many nationally known organizations but did not find the help we were looking for. At the time, no one had the cure for CML. Our search eventually led us to Dr. Zalman Arlin, the leading research specialist in leukemia at New York Medical College.

When we met with Dr. Arlin, he described his progress in developing a cure for CML, and enabled Joel to participate in his promising research protocol treatment. We were so impressed with Dr. Arlin's research



Julie Brander-Klein, President

that we decided to help him raise money to fund ongoing cancer research. We contacted Grammy Award Winner Michael Bolton (a childhood friend of Joel's) to perform at a fundraising dinner. Michael soon agreed to be the national chairman for THIS CLOSE, and each year since then, he has graciously performed and hosted fundraising events for us.

In the years since my husband Joel died of cancer in 1992, there has been much progress in the fight against cancer, including the identification of a drug for CML. Today, cancer is often detected earlier, treatments are constantly being improved and patients have a better quality of life. But our job is not complete until there is a cure for all forms of cancer. Currently less than five percent of all research grant proposals receive funding from government resources. Urgent cancer research depends upon the generosity of individuals like you.

Thank you for taking time to consider this important cause. May you always enjoy good health, happiness, joy and peace.

Julie Brander-Klein, President
THIS CLOSE for Cancer Research

Our Mission

THIS CLOSE for Cancer Research Inc. is an all-volunteer 501c3, not-for-profit, fundraising organization founded in 1990. THIS CLOSE is dedicated to raising funds for cancer research. The money raised goes primarily to the Brander Cancer Research Institute (BCRI) at New York Medical College. Funds are used to:

- Provide critical laboratory equipment needed to study new drugs and their effects on specific cancers
- Establish fellowships for gifted scientists involved in research who identify new treatments for cancer
- Develop new drug treatments for all forms of cancer.

National Chairman: Michael Bolton
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Progress Report from the Brander Cancer Research Institute

Since 1991, researchers from the Brander Cancer Research Institute (BCRI) have published over 280 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals, an average rate of more than 19 papers each year. Researchers have also published over 70 book chapters, co-authored and edited eight books and hold six U.S. patents.

One recent BCRI project resulted in the development of new methods to detect damage to the DNA components of human cells. The findings enable researchers to differentiate between DNA damage caused by environmental factors such as tobacco carcinogens and damage caused by anticancer drugs. These findings have two important implications in the fight against cancer. In the case of carcinogens, the findings may help to distinguish individual elements contained in tobacco smoke that are responsible for causing lung cancer. In the case of anticancer drugs, the new BCRI methods provide the ability to accurately assess levels of DNA damage. This may lead to more effective use of anticancer drugs.

Anticancer drugs are designed to selectively kill cancer cells, while sparing normal cells. Most drugs cause cells to die by a process called apoptosis. Researchers at BCRI have developed several methods to investigate the chain of events that occurs within a cell during apoptosis. These methods are now used worldwide in the development and evaluation of anticancer drugs.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) continues to recognize the productivity and quality of research conducted at BCRI. Research activities of BCRI scientists has been competitively reviewed and funded for the past 26 years, making it one of the longest continuously funded projects in the history of the NCI. Looking forward, BCRI scientists believe that combining knowledge from the recent research discoveries will increase the effectiveness of anti-cancer drugs and decrease the side effects. Your donations to THIS CLOSE will help that goal become a reality. Continued research of new ideas depends on private funds from friends and corporations.

Ten Reasons to Contribute to THIS CLOSE for Cancer Research Inc.

- If we fund cancer research now, we can improve rates of cancer survival for family and loved ones who may suffer from the disease in the future.
- As a 501c3 organization, all donations to THIS CLOSE are tax deductible.
- THIS CLOSE is an all volunteer not-for-profit organization with dedicated board members and volunteers.
- Almost all products and services are donated, enabling THIS CLOSE overhead expenses to be minimal.
- THIS CLOSE has negotiated an administrative cost with the Brander Cancer Research Institute (BCRI) of only five percent, to ensure that more money can go directly to research.
- THIS CLOSE funds the initial research that must be done before scientists can apply for and receive federal grants.
- The research funded by THIS CLOSE focuses on the development of new drug and treatment programs for all forms of cancer.
- THIS CLOSE helps fund fellowships for gifted scientists who have the potential to develop innovative, new treatments for all types of cancers.
- World renowned BCRI scientists regularly published articles in scholarly medical journals and lecture at national and international symposiums.
- Treatment protocols developed by BCRI are used worldwide to treat patients with cancer.

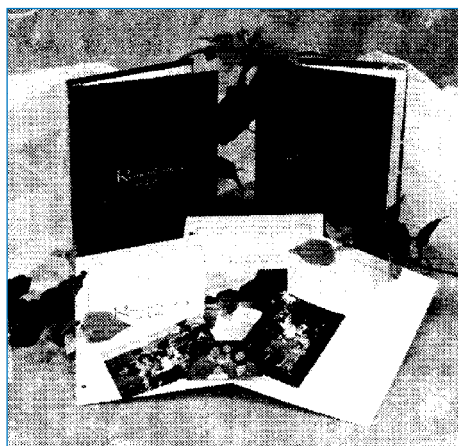
Statistics about Cancer

Cancer shows no discrimination.

This year alone, more than 1.2 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer. More than half a million will die from this disease. This means that every 30 seconds a person in the United States is diagnosed with cancer and every minute another dies. We all know someone who is fighting the battle or who has lost the battle to cancer. Cancer research is critical so that a cure can be found in our lifetimes.

Purchase "Remembering a Life"

To help grieving families remember and celebrate the life of a deceased loved one, THIS CLOSE for Cancer Research President, Julie Brander-Klein collaborated with psychologists, clergy and funeral directors to write "Remembering a Life." The book enables individuals to create a memory book to celebrate the life of their loved one. The book provides emotionally rewarding results through the grief process. The journal pages allow friends and family to express their feelings and to describe treasured memories to look back on



and to cherish for generations to come. "Remembering a Life" makes a thoughtful gift to a family who has suffered the loss of a loved one or is in the process of losing a loved one. The book can be used at a wake, during shiva or at any other ceremony or gathering remembering a deceased person. All proceeds from the sale of this book go directly to THIS CLOSE for Cancer Research, Inc. To order a copy for \$25 dollars, visit www.this-close.org, call 203-387-CURE (2873) or send a check along with the form below.

Volunteer Opportunities

As an all volunteer organization, THIS CLOSE encourages you to donate time, energy and expertise to plan and organize fundraising events. Volunteers wishing to participate in the March event in New York City can help coordinate or donate items for the silent auction or sell advertisements and tickets for the event. For more information, please e-mail, lisa@thisclose.org.

Donations

On behalf of THIS CLOSE National Chairman Michael Bolton and the board of directors, we would like to thank you for your continued financial support for THIS CLOSE. As a result of the generosity of friends like you, THIS CLOSE continues to help the Brander Cancer Research Institute (BCRI) make a difference in the fight against cancer. Thanks to you, our benefactors, sponsors and friends, **we are THIS CLOSE to a cure.**

MAKE THIS CLOSE YOUR CHARITY OF CHOICE

I wish to make a donation to THIS CLOSE in the amount of: \$ _____

Gifts of Recognition & Remembrance

In honor of:

In memory of:

Send acknowledgement to:

Address:

I would like to order ___ copies of "Remembering a Life." (\$25 for each copy)

I wish to make a donation to THIS CLOSE in the amount of: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

VISA \$ _____ MasterCard \$ _____ American Express \$ _____

Account Number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

“Unlatch the Cure”

In October 2004, THIS CLOSE sponsored “Unlatch the Cure” an event held at Lotus, a restaurant and bar in New York City. The event raised more than \$25,000 for the fight against cancer. Event coordinators Lisa Brander and Marisa Stubin, who both lost their fathers to cancer in 1992, wish to thank



Lisa and Marisa

all the participants and donors who helped make the night a huge success. Another THIS CLOSE fundraising event will be held in New York City during the last week in March 2006. Michael Bolton has agreed to host this event.

Save the Date

During the last week in March 2006, a special fundraising event & silent auction will be held in New York City.

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SO GENEROUSLY TO OUR CAUSE ...
A CURE FOR CANCER.



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