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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is my pleasure to announce that the money collected for our Breast Cancer Project in 2004-05 has been presented to the Fred Hutchinson Breast Cancer Research Center, Seattle, WA in the amount of \$73,209.75. We thank you for your wonderful contributions and support of this very worthwhile project.

The money will help fund Dr. Peggy Porter's Breast Specimen Repository Program. One of the most promising areas in breast cancer research today is identification of molecular targets that can be used for prevention, early diagnosis or the development of tailored therapies against the disease. To identify these markers, researchers must have access to specimens and associated data from breast cancer patients, those at high risk for the disease, and those who are currently disease-free. Thus, a key Program component is the Breast Specimen Repository, which makes tissue and blood specimens from consented patients available to such studies.

We will be kept informed regarding the progress of this project and with our contribution we hope to make a difference in finding the cause and hopefully a cure for this dreadful disease that affects each of us in one way or another.

Fraternally,

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