The Einstein Cancer Center has established a unique program in which clinical and laboratory scientists are collaborating on studies to explore the causes, diagnosis and treatment of gynecological cancers. A contribution of $300,000 from the Janet Burros Memorial Foundation to advance ovarian-cancer research will play an important role in building the infrastructure for the new program by helping establish a repository for the tissues that are essential to these studies.

“There are still many unanswered questions about how to prevent, diagnose and treat ovarian and other gynecological cancers. We’re proud to know our gift will assist researchers in the new program at the Center in their quest to find answers,” said Mara Burros Sandler, who serves, along with her husband, Ricky Sandler, and her brother, Chet Burros, as a trustee of the Burros Foundation. The foundation was established in memory of her mother, Janet, who passed away from ovarian cancer.

Ralph and June Adorno have made a gift of a fully paid $500,000 life insurance policy in support of the new Marilyn and Stanley M. Katz Comprehensive Cancer Prevention and Control Program. Supporting the program “seemed to us like a great opportunity to do something for the good of society that would help save lives,” said Mr. Adorno.

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation has awarded $732,000 to support three separate studies in breast-cancer research. The studies are being conducted by Rachel Hazan, Ph.D.; Thomas E. Rohan, M.D., Ph.D.; and Susan Band Horwitz, Ph.D., with Haley McDaid, Ph.D.

A grant of $180,000 from Susan G. Komen for the Cure will support the work of Nancy Carrasco, M.D., professor in the department of molecular pharmacology, who is studying a novel approach to breast-cancer treatment.

The Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation has made a grant of $100,000 to support the work of Dr. Ekaterina Dadachova in her exploration of radiolabeled antibodies as a novel approach to treating cervical cancer.

Events

Einstein’s Cancer Research Advisory Board hosts events during the year that bring together people interested in supporting the work of the Albert Einstein Cancer Center with distinguished Einstein faculty members who share the latest developments in cancer research.

Terri and Michael Goldberg will host a cocktail reception at their home in New Jersey on Tuesday, October 6, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Joseph A. Sparano, M.D., an Einstein physician internationally recognized for his research on breast-cancer treatment. For more information, please contact Liz Alberti, 718-430-4178.