



2011 Accountability Report

In keeping with the guidelines established by race founder, Gary Zollinger, we are pleased to once again provide our supporters with the 2011 annual Accountability Report. This report provides a financial report of The Gift of Life and Breath as well as a brief summary of the race and a progress report on our research efforts towards an early detection of lung cancer.

Financial Report 2011

Funds

\$322,757	The Gary L. and Thelissa Zollinger Early Detection Endowment
11,907	Remaining balance from grant funding
<u>85,456</u>	2011 Race Donations
\$419,820	

Expenses

\$100,945	Research Expenses (12 months)
<u>13,824</u>	2011 Race Expenses
\$114,769	

The Gift of Life and Breath Race 2011

We have been very fortunate to continue running The Gift of Life and Breath race on the beautiful CU Anschutz Medical Campus. Because of campus expansion and construction, this year's race was moved to a new campus location-the grounds surrounding historic Building 500 (formerly known as the Fitzsimmons Hospital). This majestic building provided the perfect event backdrop along with a park-like setting that exceeded all expectations. Our numbers continued to grow with 862 participants and \$85,156 in race donations. AMC Cancer Fund remained a vital source of direction as hosts of this event and provided a wealth of support in reaching out to the community.

Research

With our continued focus on the early detection of lung cancer, we have been able to expand our research efforts in the following areas:

- Developed a secure data base allowing us to register and track vital information from newly diagnosed lung cancer patients.
- Continued research support for Thymidine Kinase 1 (TK1) which included a presentation “Thymidine Kinase 1 Staining Aids in Lung Cancer Prognosis” at the 2011 American Association for Cancer Research Conference in Orlando, Florida. As part of this study, a variety of lung tumors were stained showing TK1 expression in the early stages of lung cancer with an increase in the TK1 expression as the cancer became more advanced.
- Expanded our funding to include Dr. Celine Mascaux, a highly qualified lung cancer researcher who is currently working under the direction of Dr. Fred Hirsch, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine and Pathology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Working in the Hirsch lab, Dr. Mascaux has been able to further test TK1 as a possible early detection biomarker and also continue independent research on other forms of early detection biomarkers for lung cancer.

A Personal Note

Five years have passed since my husband Gary established a research endowment and a 5k race for the early detection of lung cancer. It has been very reassuring to watch his early detection dreams take root, expand and grow. However, this dream would not have progressed without the continued support from you---our donors. As our research base has expanded, so has our need for increased financial support. Because of your generous donations, our financial needs for 2011 were met and we were again able to cover our research expenses this year. Thank you for your past participation and for your past support. But most importantly...thank you for giving the gift of life and breath to the future.

*Thelissa Zollinger
Co-founder The Gift of Life Breath*

Register for the 2012 Gift of Life and Breath 5k

Please join us on Saturday, May 19th for the 6th annual Gift of Life and Breath 5k on the beautiful Anschutz Medical Campus! Form a team, get your company involved or participate as an individual and help us get closer to an early detection!

Registration is open!

Please visit: www.thegiftoflifeandbreath.com

For more information on the Gift of Life and Breath 5k, sponsorships, or registration questions, please contact Jen Garner: 303-239-3331 or garnerj@amc.org