

**The Gary L. and Thelissa Zollinger  
Early Detection of Lung Cancer Endowment  
Accountability Report  
November 2009**

As part of our ongoing promise, it is with great pleasure that I share our yearly November accountability report to those who have done so much to support this endowment and *The Gift of Life and Breath*. The past 12 months have been quite significant as the endowment continues to grow and the research it supports shows signs of promise and possibilities.

**Endowment Status Report Fiscal Year 2009/June 2009**

Total Gifts and Additions                      \$348,130.00

**The Gift of Life and Breath Race**

A major shift of location took the 2009 race to the Anschutz Medical Campus. With registrations totaling 902 (732 actual participants) and donations exceeding our \$20,000 goal (\$23,345) it was the largest Gift of Life and Breath 5K event yet hosted. Because of its phenomenal growth and success, the race has been selected by AMC Cancer Fund, one of the fundraising partners of the University of Colorado Cancer Center, to become one of its yearly events. All funds raised will continue to be distributed to the Zollinger Early Detection Endowment. Since the race first began in 2007, AMC has been actively involved in providing the much-needed insurance coverage. The resources and support they can provide will allow the race to progress and continue in the future. Transition plans are already underway with a race date set for May 15, 2009 at the Anschutz Medical Campus. Registration details will be forthcoming. We encourage you to check our website [www.thegiftoflifeandbreath.com](http://www.thegiftoflifeandbreath.com) for updated information. For those interested in volunteering, please contact Nancy Stewart at [stewartn@amc.org](mailto:stewartn@amc.org)

**Research**

The primary focus of this endowment is to support research for the early detection of lung cancer. The collaborative efforts of Dr. Kim O'Neill from Brigham Young University and Dr. Michael Weyant from the University of Colorado have been impressive. In April of 2009 their research was accepted for presentation at the American Association for Cancer Research. This research was also recently awarded a \$23,000 grant from the Colorado Golfer's Against Cancer organization. With monies from this grant coupled with endowment funds, this critical research can continue and progress.

**Personal Note**

As I have watched the endowment and the race event grow from a small cluster of devoted friends and volunteers to a significant venture, I am truly amazed. It was Gary's sincere desire that lung cancer be given the attention that it so greatly needed and to provide a means for its early detection. To each of you, I give my heart-felt thanks for the support you have given in this effort. You have truly made a difference and by so doing have become a vital part of Gary's motto... *a force for good*.

Sincerely,  
Thelissa Zollinger