



## *December E-News*



*Happy Holidays*

*from the Board of Trustees,*

*Staff, Students, & Volunteers*

*at Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory!*



# **The Match is On!**

## **Celebrating Success for the 45th Anniversary Matching Challenge**

We are pleased to share that we met the initial matching goal in our 45th anniversary gift campaign. As a result, all contributions are now being matched dollar for dollar, immediately DOUBLING your impact.

Thanks to strong early support, the first \$15,000 goal was reached, prompting the donation of \$15,000 in matching funds. The generous donor will continue to match new contributions up to an additional \$45,000 in honor of our 45th anniversary through March 31. In total, Wood Hudson may receive up to \$60,000 in matching funds to further strengthen our cancer research and undergraduate education programs.

We encourage you to give during this matching period to maximize the impact of your support. If your employer offers a matching gift program, those contributions may also qualify during this campaign, potentially resulting in up to four times the impact of your gift.

## **Chemed Foundation Continues Its Longstanding Support**

Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory gratefully acknowledges the Chemed Foundation for its recent \$10,000 gift in support of our mission. For the past 8 years, the Chemed Foundation has provided consistent support for Wood Hudson's scientific research and educational initiatives. This ongoing investment helps ensure the continuation of cancer research efforts and the training of the next generation of scientists. We thank the Chemed Foundation for its ongoing investment in our work.

## **Exciting Early Progress in Dr. Gehret's Research**

Dr. Mary Kate Gehret is leading research focused on targeting mutant KRAS which plays an important role in colorectal cancer. In cancer, mutations in the KRAS gene cause the KRAS protein to become overactive, which can lead to uncontrolled cell growth. Her work is helping researchers better understand how this gene contributes to cancer development and how it may be addressed through future treatment strategies.

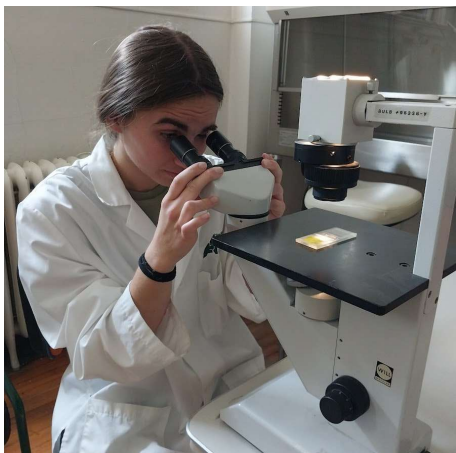
She is partnering with her former advisor at the University of Cincinnati James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy, Dr. Joan Garrett, to advance this research through the analysis of samples using advanced genetic testing methods. This collaboration is providing deeper insights and helping guide the next phase of the project.



## **Thank You Dedicated Volunteers and Supporters**



Great news! A big thank you to Georgia Kinman, Mary Wimmers, Kay Roberts, Sandy Whitford, and Judy Bradford for getting our newsletters ready. Look for our year-end Report in your mailbox soon and also on our website for your review.



Thanks to the continued support of our donors and partners, Wood Hudson has had a highly successful year, and we look ahead to 2026. We will share an amazing announcement in January as we celebrate our 45th anniversary. Additional details will be available on Facebook, LinkedIn, and our website that will be getting a refreshed look.



***As We Close Out 2025,  
Support Wood Hudson Today!***

Your continued support drives our research and student programs. Thank you for helping advance our mission of cancer research and education at Wood Hudson. As the year ends, your gift will have 2 TIMES the impact through our matching campaign while counting towards your 2025 tax deduction. Give today to make a difference!

**DONATE TODAY**

