Thank you, friends!
from Patricia and Barbara

We are so honored that you have chosen to gather with us for the 27th Annual Vera Bradley Foundation Classic. Even in uncertain times, your consistent support and dedication to ending breast cancer has never been stronger. We are certain of that!

The day is coming when breast cancer will no longer exist for future generations. To the courageous women who have battled or are currently battling breast cancer, to the extraordinary researchers at the Vera Bradley Foundation Center for Breast Cancer Research who discover new findings daily, to the energized participants who join us year in and year out, to our dedicated sponsors who generously give to this cause, and to the faithful volunteers who selflessly give of their time—thank you for being a part of this Classic!

We believe.
FROM THE DIRECTOR

Every year when the Vera Bradley Foundation Classic comes around, I try to take time to reflect. If you are anything like me, the last year and a half has provided many opportunities to do just that. We’ve all had to adjust, modify, and check where our priorities lie. While many things have changed during the pandemic, the dedication of our sponsors, volunteers, and researchers have not.

I wish each and every one of you could visit the Vera Bradley Foundation Center for Breast Cancer Research at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center with me. The advancements and discoveries that the rockstar researchers there are making, many of which you can read about throughout this program, is astounding. Their progress and the difference they are making is a direct result of your faithful giving.

I’m often reminded of something Dr. Kelvin Lee, MD, Director of the Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center, said. “Research is where hope lives.” That succinct statement summarizes why the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer is so passionate about research. Research brings results and results directly impact the lives of brave women across the globe, giving them a renewed sense of hope, peace, and excitement for life.

Because of your unwavering support and belief in our mission, there continue to be many advancements in prevention, treatments, and quality of life for women affected by breast cancer. I am honored and humbled to get to work besides so many of you every day. If we keep believing, together we will make a difference!

With gratitude,

Lynda Houk, Executive Director
Vera Bradley Foundation

The uniqueness of each person is stitched into her DNA. Every strand reveals a distinct personal characteristic. Together, these stitches create the fabric of who she is and determine every element of her health: her well-being, her tolerance for medication, and her ability to overcome everything from the common cold to a complex disease.

Yet, even the most carefully stitched fabric can become unraveled. When a slipped stitch leads to the development of breast cancer, the tumor weaves its own unique characteristics, its own pattern for survival.

Researchers at the Vera Bradley Foundation Center for Breast Cancer Research at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center know that to improve breast cancer treatment, they must design therapies that consider both the genetics of the tumor and the woman it has invaded. Intertwining intricate information will allow for therapies — tailored to each tumor and tolerated by each patient – to be developed.

This treatment is hers and hers alone. It is monogrammed exclusively for her.
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Monogrammed Medicine— the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer’s $10 million commitment to genomics research—became a pillar of the Indiana University School of Medicine’s Precision Health Initiative and Indiana University’s first Grand Challenge. This funding launched a research program for women with triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) that the entire university embraced. Now, the concept that therapies can be tailored to treat the most aggressive forms of TNBC is a reality.

Researchers in the Vera Bradley Foundation Center for Breast Cancer Research continue to improve the cure rate for women with the highest risk for recurrence of TNBC. Research builds on the highly successful Monogrammed Medicine program to develop better, more personalized therapies.

Monogrammed Medicine is proving that targeting triple negative breast cancer’s unique genetic vulnerabilities works.

Women with TNBC at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center were the first in the world to receive a unique two-drug combination therapy. The discovery of this aggressive cancer’s genes in the Vera Bradley Foundation Center, also revealed that when the dominant gene was blocked with a targeted drug, the tumor adapted by creating a second line of defense: a reactionary gene that spurred the tumor’s continued growth. A second drug was then identified to block this real-time adaptation. At the time, both drugs were in early development.

While the Monogrammed Medicine research team led the laboratory effort, Kathy Miller, MD, a researcher in the Vera Bradley Foundation Center, developed and directed the Phase I clinical trial, a necessary first step that evaluates the safety of the drug and determines an appropriate dosage. The trial proved to have the second highest success rate nationally of any clinical trial therapy for advanced TNBC.
A large percentage of TNBC patients are now freed from fear of recurrence: Monogrammed Medicine research has identified those most likely to relapse, liberating others to reclaim their lives.

A national, clinical trial targeting women at high risk for recurrence of TNBC, funded in part by the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer and directed by Bryan Schneider, MD, a researcher at the Vera Bradley Foundation Center, compared precision-guided therapy versus the wait-and-see if TNBC returns before starting treatment approach, the current standard of care.

Blood draws were a component of the trial and the source of an amazing discovery. In this high-risk group of patients, the Monogrammed Medicine team identified critical indicators for who would likely recur and for those who had been cured with initial treatment. Their results were published in the prestigious journal, *JAMA Oncology*.

By raising awareness of this unique trial through the Vera Bradley Foundation’s social media, the team doubled its patient enrollment rate and shaved two years off the clinical trial timeline. This allowed many women to reclaim their lives without fear of a cancer recurrence, while intensifying research for those with the most aggressive TNBC.

Components of both Dr. Miller and Dr. Schneider’s Phase I clinical trials will be integrated into Phase II trials beginning in 2022. In the new trial, patients at high risk for recurrence and patients with early-stage TNBC will receive advanced, genomically directed drugs to target TNBC’s most active genes.

In the Vera Bradley Foundation Center for Breast Cancer Research, the design for an entirely new approach to treat triple negative breast cancer is taking shape:

**Immunotherapy – harnessing innate disease-destroying abilities – for triple negative breast cancer.**

Understanding why the immune system fails to stop TNBC is the first challenge. The immune system is the body’s natural defense against disease. While research in this area is 200 years old, it has only been in the last 15 years that scientists have been able to reveal the mechanisms that cancers employ to evade immunity. Now, effective treatments have been developed for some cancers that harness natural immunity to stop the disease process.

First, researchers discovered molecular “checkpoints” that naturally control immune system functions. For instance, immunity is suppressed during pregnancy to protect unrecognizable fetal cells. Checkpoints also manage how the immune system heals a wound or makes a cold go away, likewise, checkpoints also tell the immune system to stop the healing process once recovery is complete. Research is revealing how malignant cells hijack these checkpoints, allowing cancer to develop unchecked.

The second discovery is that T cells—which the immune system unleashes to seek and destroy abnormal or foreign cells—can be harvested from patients and re-engineered to become targeted cancer treatments. “We can now take the immune system cells and manipulate them with a synthetic process to make cells that redirect the immune system to cure cancer,” explained Kelvin Lee, MD, Director of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center.

“The beauty of immunotherapy—unlike chemotherapy—is that it is a living drug. Using re-engineered T cells to treat cancer has fundamentally changed outcomes for leukemia and multiple myeloma patients,” he continued. “These blood-based cancers are quite different from solid tumors, like breast cancer, but there is a very robust effort at IU to grow this kind of immunotherapy expertise in general for solid tumors and, in particular, for breast cancer.”

Chemotherapy kills cancer quickly and then dissipates from the body. T cells live on providing active surveillance to eliminate recurrent cancer cells should they form. For triple negative breast cancer patients, the combination of immunotherapy with targeted chemotherapy (Monogrammed Medicine) offers the promise of effective treatment and sustained remission.

Lee—who has dedicated his career to developing immunotherapy to treat cancer—believes in this research. “Research is where hope lives. Nobody believed 20 years ago that immunotherapy would be central to curing cancer. We’re not there yet with breast cancer, but we’re on our way.”
The moment I realized I could start thinking about a long-term future, there was a shift in my mindset. I became so energized. Just two years ago I was planning my funeral, writing letters to my kids and parents, and sharing ‘final’ experiences with my husband.

Jenny is a five-year triple negative breast cancer survivor. She’s been in complete remission since participating in the two-drug trial targeting TNBC’s most active genes. Her oncologist, Kathy Miller, MD, led the trial, and Jenny is alive today because of this Vera Bradley Foundation-funded research conducted by the Monogrammed Medicine team. “I feel good and am trying to make the most of this gift of time!”

“I’m enrolled in social work classes and would love to become a medical social worker to help other women with breast cancer navigate the cancer world. It can be overwhelming.” As for the Appalachian Trail, she and her husband, Danny, continue to knock off sections as they can; it’s a goal they’ve been pursuing for the last six years. “This last hike seemed a little harder, but I can’t blame it on cancer. It could be because I’m 48 or had Covid-19 in November ... or simply because the terrain was mountain after mountain, and I live in a flat state!”

Then there’s the road trip to Orlando and many more miles logged to get her younger daughter to volleyball competitions. “I get all this time in the car with my kid. The other parents are groaning, but I’m so happy to be spending so much time with her. Every single milestone I get to be a part of with my girls feels like a miracle.”

“There’s just an excitement to living. I mean, I had never seen the Grand Canyon. I told my family, ‘we have to go – tomorrow,’ and I hoped they would be able to make the trip with me. What a gift that getaway was for us. We hit five national parks and called it the Canyon Tour. What a magnificent place to think about the beauty of time; it took millions of years for layer upon layer of the Grand Canyon to emerge. Life has been there for more than 10,000 years!”

“There are still so many places I want to see, so much more to experience and learn. Cancer was a reminder to get on with it.”
Surviving and Thriving

From the day of her diagnosis, a woman becomes a breast cancer survivor forever. Research in the Vera Bradley Foundation Center for Breast Cancer Research is empowering each survivor to live her life with strength and resiliency.

There are 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States. Some have been cured, others cope with the very real threat of recurrence, and those who are actively battling the disease manage the presence of cancer day by day. "We're helping women live longer, but we also need to help them live better," says Tarah Ballinger, MD, a researcher in the Vera Bradley Foundation Center. Her investigations focus on patients' physical and mental wellbeing during and after treatment, and— for those whose cancer-free futures are less certain—all the times in-between.

Her goal is to create a comprehensive approach for survivors to address the unique physical and psychological issues they face. "We need to imagine what life should look like for patients from diagnosis forward and be more proactive about treating and preventing potential short-term and long-term side effects from cancer therapy," Dr. Ballinger explains. Frequently problems aren’t addressed until patients bring them up or there are life-altering consequences. "We shouldn’t wait until patients have problems maintaining their health and functional status." Her vision is to purposefully assess how patients are doing and actively help them address deficits. "Each patient should receive a personalized approach based on her treatment experience."

More than anything, she wants breast cancer survivors to know that the research community is working hard to improve their experience.

"There are people who dedicate their entire lives or careers to try and make survivorship better. Hopefully that offers some amount of comfort. The impact that I hope to have is to use my passion to help women who are living with the disease to live better. I want to empower them to advocate for themselves and for the resources they need and not feel that they must do it all by themselves."
Fear of Recurrence

Many patients experience psychological distress at the end of treatment. “What just happened to me? I don’t feel like myself. Who is going to hold my hand now?” Dr. Ballinger’s research is working to understand these concerns and help women transition back to everyday normalcy.

“The fear of recurrence is real. Even women who are very grateful that their cancer is highly unlikely to return, still may have underlying fears.” Dr. Ballinger explains that this is a very normal response. How consuming and impactful these negative thoughts might be is dependent on a patient’s mindset, relationship with her physician, and conversations that may have taken place. “These are all fixable problems.”

Dr. Ballinger is initiating a project to study women at the other end of the spectrum, those who are at high risk for cancer relapse. She wants to understand their fear of recurrence and how it affects their day-to-day life. “How can we intervene to help them cope?” The solution may be to include specific psycho-social support as a component of clinical care.

Muscle Toxicity

Another important part of survivorship is musculoskeletal health. Muscle and fat may impact not only quality of life and physical function, but also survival. Dr. Ballinger is studying women taking drugs to keep estrogen-hungry tumors from developing (aromatase inhibitors). “In the early-stage setting, I am working on musculoskeletal toxicity from aromatase inhibitors. We don’t really understand why that happens, even though it’s the most debilitating side effect patients who take this medicine experience.” She explains that joint pain and muscle weakness force many patients to stop taking the medicine. “If you can’t take the medicine, it can’t prevent cancer from returning.”

Her project focuses on the cellular mechanisms of the toxicity. Patients are donating muscle biopsies and participating in exercise strength testing. As part of the research, they receive low-intensity vibration by standing on a platform at home. “There are stem cells in the bone marrow that either become bone, muscle, or fat. We want to determine if those cells can be manipulated by mechanical sensation to make bone and muscle, instead of fat. This study only enrolls sedentary patients, those who cannot or will not exercise.”

Obesity

“We need to understand racial disparities in survivorship so we can intervene to improve and cure breast cancer in women of African ancestry.”

Dr. Ballinger recently presented her findings from a study comparing differences in patients of African versus European ancestry with early-stage breast cancer. “We found that the body weight of women with African ancestry had a significant impact on the rate of cancer recurrence and death. African American patients were twice as likely to be severely obese, and these same patients were twice as likely to have a recurrence. In European Americans, weight didn’t matter.”

“There may very well be a difference in biology in Black obese women versus White obese women. Certainly, there are social determinants such as neighborhoods and access to healthy food that impact your obesity and breast cancer prognosis. There are so many factors, and we must tease out some of these issues to comprehensively address the problem.”

Exercise Intervention and Metastatic disease

Survivorship research addresses the benefits of exercise for women before, during, and after cancer treatment for early-stage breast cancer. Surprisingly, survivorship research doesn’t currently address women with stable, metastatic disease. Dr. Ballinger is changing this. She’s embarking on research that determines if lifestyle changes that passively impact treatment and recovery for early-stage cancer patients will also impact late-stage survival. “Those who are projected to live a long time with metastatic disease will probably benefit as well.”

Enhancing the Care Team

Dr. Ballinger’s vision is to create a continuum of survivorship care to conduct and implement research so that every newly diagnosed patient, whether she has early-stage or metastatic cancer, will have her functional issues addressed at the beginning. “We’ll actually help them exercise and access supportive care to ward off any toxicity before it happens. Then we’ll help women actively recover after finishing treatment. We’ll maximize her survivorship based on her individual needs.”
Ivy started getting regular mammograms at age 30 because, like her mother, she is a carrier of the BRCA2 gene that puts her at high risk for both breast and ovarian cancers. She’s grateful for her “amazing” oncologist, Tarah Ballinger, MD, whose research focus is helping women cope with the physical and psychological impact of cancer.

“I’m breast cancer free, and I don’t have a fear that it will return. I do fear ovarian cancer.” When she turns 40 she will have a hysterectomy to decrease her risk for the disease. In the meantime, she has recently started fertility treatments and hopes to start a family. “There’s pressure to hurry up and have a baby so I can be done with cancer.”

“We’re just now getting the hang of married life. I’ve been sick the majority of it,” Ivy Stubbs, 38, explains as she describes restarting life after breast cancer treatment. “We have a great friendship. We’re tight. That helps us in our marriage.”

She and Chris were married in August 2018 and Ivy’s diagnosis of breast cancer immediately followed in October. She hopes this past summer’s surgery is the end of treatment. “We’re beginning to figure out how to be a married couple, playing the role as a wife and husband and seeing what that looks like. We’re such a fun married couple trying to keep things light and focus on what we really enjoy.”

“Quality time is my love language.” Dancing, bowling, live music, and movies are the things she and Chris enjoy together. “Except animated movies. That’s his thing.”

Ivy, who was Miss Black Indiana USA 2006 and 2007, pauses, though, and reflects. “I’m still trying to figure out how to transition,” and explains she’s receiving help from a therapist. “When you go through cancer, you feel far removed from everyday life. Things change, and I’ve changed. I’m learning how to emerge back into the world.”

One thing is for sure, Ivy will reenter in style. This fashion designer loves “to be cute and feminine and wear sundresses with heels.” Prior to cancer, she earned a master’s degree in philanthropic studies and in 2019 chaired an annual breast cancer survivor’s fashion show and luncheon in Indianapolis. She was still going through “light” chemo at the time and was tired from radiation, but she was determined to plow through. “I had to show them my strength because the models were all survivors too.” Covid-19 cancelled the 2020 event, but she continues to serve on the IWIN Foundation board helping with the organization’s post-Covid-19 transition.

Cancer survivorship has always been a part of Ivy’s adult life. “My mother was treated for breast cancer in 2005 and ovarian cancer in 2011.” Leading up to Ivy’s wedding, she and Chris were at her side as she battled the final stage of ovarian cancer. “Chris was holding her hand when she passed.”

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Faculty Spotlight

Kelvin Lee, MD
Director, Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center

Cancer researchers like Kelvin Lee, MD, don’t casually toss around the word “cure.” While cures are universally sought, they aren’t easily found. Unexpected twists and turns are part of the pursuit.

“Nobody says cure in the cancer field because it’s like, ‘We don’t want to touch that. That’s maybe too ambitious and maybe too fraught with disappointment,’” Lee said.

Yet, it was Indiana University School of Medicine’s willingness to use this word that played into Lee’s decision to become Director of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center.

In announcing its Precision Health Initiative, Indiana University set goals to cure three forms of cancer—one of them triple negative breast cancer. That boldness spoke to him.

“For IU to come out and publicly say our objective is to cure this cancer,” he said, “that struck me as the mindset and the mentality at IU—to swing for the fences.”

Lee arrived at Indiana University in February from the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in Buffalo, New York, where he’d worked as a physician scientist since 2006. Among his achievements: developing a niche in multiple myeloma, building up the center’s research arm, and establishing a groundbreaking collaboration to test a lung cancer vaccine in the US with researchers in China.

Lee’s personal journey is a fascinating one.

He is the child of parents who fled the communist revolution in China. His parents, David, and the late Lilly Lee, met in Chicago, where his father was working on a doctorate in microbiology and his mother studied to be a lab technician.

As a teen in Rockville, Maryland, Lee dreamed of being a marine biologist, but a summer job in a cancer immunology lab at the Naval Research Medical Institute changed his mind. “This medicine stuff is kind of cool,” he thought, and Lee decided to pursue a medical degree.

When he applied to a University of Michigan program that enabled students to earn both undergraduate and medical degrees in six years, the response was confusing. The letter read: “Dear ________, we would like to interview you on________,” and it wasn’t signed.

Lee’s mother phoned the school, and the flustered receptionist gave Lee an interview date. Obviously, the admissions team granted him one-of-10 coveted spots for out-of-state students.

“At graduation, school officials cleared up the mystery of the blank admissions letter. They had intended to reject him. Someone botched the mailing. Lee finished second in his University of Michigan medical school class, after this “false” start. “The fact that I am a physician,” Lee said, “is a complete accident.”

That Lee tells this story—and he says he shares it with students—fits his personality, according to Larry Boise, PhD, a longtime friend and frequent research collaborator at the Emory School of Medicine. “It is a great story of how everyone who is judging you might not be right,” Boise said.

Lee credits a patient for leading him to a cancer career. While doing an oncology fellowship in Michigan, he encountered a woman with lymphoma whose disease was discovered only when she underwent a Caesarian section. Within four years, the woman died from the cancer leaving a beautiful daughter behind. He was stricken by the inadequacy of her chemotherapy. “I wondered why we can’t do better than this,” he said.

Lee continues his search for a better way—conducting research and treating patients with multiple myeloma. He is now also directing research and treatment for all cancers at a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center. “You have to lead from the front,” he said.

He also leads with empathy. Boise describes Lee as “one of the kindest, most generous people I’ve honestly ever known.”

“I want to make a difference in the lives of all cancer patients,” Lee said. “I believe IU offers me that opportunity.”

The Indiana University School of Medicine is home to the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center, an anchor of the National Cancer Institute’s (NCI) research efforts. 70 academic centers, located in 36 states and the District of Columbia, form the backbone of NCI’s programs for studying and controlling cancer.

The research we support is part of the Translational Breast Cancer Research Consortium, which is a collaborative group of 16 national research centers that conduct innovative and high-impact clinical trials for breast cancer patients.
Ellen, Marilyn, Lael, and Lona. Four friends who believed in the power of friendship. They played in 20 Vera Bradley Foundation Classic golf tournaments together. They sustained a friendship spanning three decades. They raised their families together, joyfully celebrated every milestone, and took countless girls’ trips. They fiercely circled and protected each other during challenging times.

Their outfits for the Classic are legendary. In fact, this iconic team inspired the “Best Dressed Team” award almost 20 years ago. Golf courses filled with women wearing matching shirts, shorts and skirts, visors, and even matching pink golf shoes made the Classic stand out from other tournaments. But for Ellen, Marilyn, Lael, and Lona, the bar was raised way beyond a matching outfit 20 years ago! Marilyn loves themes. She would begin planning months and months in advance—carefully pulling together a show stopping outfit to be unveiled the day of the Classic.

But it’s never been “just an outfit.” Lael’s mother is a 12-year breast cancer survivor, and these powerful women have been there for other friends who have faced down breast cancer. The outfits and themes have been an extension of the passion these friends have for finding a cure for breast, and other, cancers that rob families and friends of years of joy.

The friends faced their most heartbreaking challenge in 2017, when Ellen was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Sadly, she won’t be playing in the Classic this year as she lost her three year battle in November of 2020. Her beloved husband, Kent, will still caddie for the team. Her shoes can never be filled, but her clubs and her joyful spirit will still be on the golf course.

The team will be joined by Marilyn’s daughter, Stephanie. Stephanie, a nurse anesthetist who considered Ellen to be her bonus mom, will play with Ellen’s clubs. And she’ll continue the tradition that irrevocably bound these friends together.

Introducing the **ELLEN PYLE STYLE AWARD**

Without question, one of the highlights of the Vera Bradley Foundation Classic is when the “Best Dressed Team” awards are announced. Pickleball and Golf Teams—caddie included—dress in head-to-toe matching outfits, accessorize to perfection, and vie for this coveted prize each year. This year, the award is being given a fitting new name. The Ellen Pyle Style Award will be presented in honor of the woman who unwaveringly supported the Foundation while modeling the incredible power of friendship and connection. Ellen was equal parts elegant, graceful, loving, uplifting, and rip-roaring fun. **Ellen was always a genuine friend, and she was always the best dressed!**
The Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer Classic wouldn’t be possible without you. We know that everyone has a “why” when it comes to sponsoring and participating in events like the Classic. The time invested, stories shared, and memories of your loved ones mean just as much as every contribution made. Research is our reason, and it’s because of your shared belief in the power and impact of research that we are where we are today. Doctors at the Vera Bradley Foundation Center for Breast Cancer Research have made strides in their pursuit of finding a cure, because of your support.

Thank you for believing in what the Vera Bradley Foundation is doing to fund research and improve the lives of the many women affected by breast cancer today!

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Sue Miller, breast cancer survivor and Classic sponsor
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Chad Baldwin
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Sean Karr
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Mish Thomas
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Ashli McCombs
Leslie Hornmann
Diane Johnson
Barb Richards
Sue Miller
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Pam Morgan
Beth Wetherill
Cheryl Milligan
Lori Hansen
Eim Hesse
Jill Mueller
Gloria Nold
Carolyn Hayes
Joanne Lintner
Julie Nyckam
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Cathy Williamson
Krychele Valenzuela
Barbara Phillips
Elaine Cossart
Ann Davis
Diane Gerencser
Tonya Ream
Alyssa Bailey
Heidi Wright
Alyssa Rocholl
Kayla Blakeslee
Breeann Boswell
Elyse Nussbaum
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Wendy Davis
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Lutheran Health Network is proud to support the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer and provide cancer care to patients throughout northeastern Indiana.

For more about how we’re caring for you and the place we all call home: LutheranHealth.net/community-impact.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
—unknown

Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer and Summit City Chevrolet—a Classic pair!
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Research center to be established in Indianapolis

**THE JOURNAL GAZETTE**

The IU School of Medicine is creating a center for breast cancer research with significant support from the Vera Bradley Foundation, officials announced Monday night.

Indiana University is launching the Vera Bradley Foundation Center for Breast Cancer Research, which will focus on finding a cure for triple negative breast cancer, some of the most difficult-to-treat forms of the disease.

Dr. Jay L. Hess, dean of IU’s medical school, said “far too many women still die from this disease” despite medical advances.

The foundation, which has committed $35 million to support IU’s breast cancer research since 1999, is

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Classic raises $1 million Vera Bradley event benefits cancer research

**THE JOURNAL GAZETTE**

The Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer Classic eclipsed $1 million in earnings for the eighth time, and organizers believe they showed just how relevant the events will be for years to come - not just because breast cancer remains a formidable foe, but also because the Classic is "mobilizing new and younger participants."

"It’s wonderful anytime you can capture a young person and get them involved early," said Lynda Houk, executive director of the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer. "And then, maybe, you can get them involved farther with their time or talents or their treasures. We have an opportunity to get their attention with what we’re doing and why.

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LC Nature Park was created to honor the life and legacy of Carol Brooks, whose warm and engaging spirit is reflected in the park's wildflowers, majestic animals, and in the smiles of children who visit this special place.

LC Nature Park is proud to support the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer and the pursuit of life-changing treatments.

lcnaturepark.org
The McGee Group is proud to partner with the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer in the search for a cure. Our hope is that mothers, sisters, and daughters everywhere will have a future free from breast cancer.
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In memory of a dear friend, Sharon Demarest. While many of us are survivors, Sharon’s story reminds us that the fight isn’t over yet and that is why we continue to support the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer.

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