

# University of Chicago Cancer Research Center



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## MEMBER NEWS AND UPDATES

### UCCRC News: CureSearch Walk

Join the UCCRC in celebrating and honoring children from our community who have been affected by childhood cancer. Sign up to participate in the 1st annual Chicago CureSearch Milestones Walk on September 12, 2009, either as a participant or a virtual walker. This fundraising event unites people in the fight to reach the day when every child with cancer can be guaranteed a cure.

To register for this event, click [HERE](#), and type "The University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital" in the team name section. On the day of the event, please arrive at Lincoln Park, Grove 13 (Lakefront, just North of the Diversey Driving Range) at 8:00 AM to check in.

The event is shaping up to be a great family walk to benefit our COG trials and patients. In conjunction with this walk date, the state of Illinois has officially declared Saturday September 12th Childhood Cancer Awareness day.

### UCCRC News: ASCO Award

The UCCRC would like to congratulate Olufunmilayo Olopade, MBBS, FACP, for receiving the ASCO/ACS award for pioneering research in breast cancer genetics. This award distinguishes individuals who strive to not only treat patients with cancer but also to understand causation and focus on prevention. Dr. Olopade presented the lecture "A Family-Based Approach to Primary Prevention of Breast Cancer" at the recent ASCO conference. She discussed her current focus on the role of both the environment and genetic makeup in the development of estrogen receptor-negative breast cancer.

### UCCRC News: Food Drive

Thanks to all of you who supported the UCCRC Food Drive to recognize National Health Care Day of Service. We delivered your contributions to Vital Bridges, which serves nearly 2,000 people impacted by HIV and AIDS in the Chicago Metropolitan area each year. Over the past 20 years, Vital Bridges has provided nearly 10 million meals, more than 600,000 nights of shelter, and 250,000 hours of counseling to over 10,000 clients.

### Core Facilities Update

Several of the CCSG-supported Biological Sciences Division Core Facilities will be relocating to dedicated space in the new Knapp Center for Biomedical Discovery (KCBD) this summer. The facilities that will be relocating include the Genomics Facility (DNA Sequencing/Genotyping and Functional Genomics), the Integrated Microscopy Facility will relocate, but will also retain a small satellite operation in its current location in Abbott. The state-of-the-art KCBD space was specifically designed according to each of the Facility's operating requirements and reflects a commitment to collaborative research.

The cores will be moved sequentially over a timeframe of late July to September; downtime for each core is anticipated to be one week. All Core Facility investigators will be informed of the scheduled downtime well in advance of the move so that appropriate project planning can take place. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the planned move or service disruptions, please contact Mary Paniagua, OSRF Director at [mpaniagu@bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:mpaniagu@bsd.uchicago.edu).

### UCCRC News: CECOS

The UCCRC's Community Engagement Centering On Solutions (CECOS) group has partnered with the Bronzeville Community Market to provide summer job opportunities from June through October 2009 for students who participated in the first annual Nutrition Knowledge Bowl. This will allow the students to apply what they learned in preparation for the Nutrition Knowledge Bowl to their lives, through daily access to fresh, organic produce. To prepare for the event, students covered a broad range of topics including healthy eating and good nutrition to prevent diseases such as cancer.

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