



ED UPDATE – DONNA BARRY

Dear GO Supporters –

I am excited to be including an Executive Director (ED) UPDATE in our December newsletter. It has been a whirlwind six months since I started at Global Oncology (GO). I have learned so much about the huge oncology-related needs worldwide and how GO is well-positioned to help eliminate disparities in access to cancer diagnostics and treatment. Here are a few highlights and updates from GO since I started:

Board of Directors: In early December, GO added four new members to our Board of Directors: Dr. Edward J. Benz, Jr., Dr. Michael Link, Dr. Chris Varma and Dr. Krishna Yeshwant. Dr. Benz recently retired as CEO of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and is currently President Emeritus of DFCI. He received GO's first Visionary Award at their October 1 benefit concert. Dr. Link is the Lydia J Lee Professor in Pediatric Cancer at Stanford University and a past-President of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). Dr. Varma is currently the President and CEO of Vision Medicines, Inc., which he co-founded in 2013, and he previously co-founded and served as President and CEO of Blueprint Medicines, Inc., a leading oncology therapeutics company. Dr. Yeshwant is a General Partner at GV, formerly Google Ventures, where he has worked since its inception and leads a health-focused portfolio. See additional biographical details for all four new Board Members below. We are thrilled to have them join our existing, terrific Board Directors and look forward to integrating them into our work.

Benefit Concert: GO collaborated with the Longwood Symphony Orchestra to host our first major benefit. We are thrilled that we raised over \$105,000, which will be directed towards existing GO projects (The GO Map, education materials, palliative care training, etc.) and to help the GO team expand our programmatic efforts.

Global Cancer Project Map (GCPM): The GCPM continues to be our largest, most collaborative project. We will rebrand the GCPM to The GO Map when Version 2.0 is launched later in 2017. Be the first to learn when we launch by signing up at thegomap.org. We cannot wait to roll out the new features and capabilities of The GO Map and look forward to dynamic engagement with all users!

Palliative Care Training: GO continues to partner with groups to improve palliative care globally. Most recently, Dr. Kavitha Ramchandran from Stanford University lectured at a NCI CGH Workshop in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Cancer Education Materials: Our low-literacy education materials are currently translated and being used in six languages – English, Spanish, Chichewa, Kinyarwanda, Setswana and Haitian Creole. We are in discussions and actively fundraising to adapt the materials for radiotherapy and translate into additional languages. In 2017 the materials will be used at the Boston Medical Center – their first domestic use.

As we head into the holiday season, I would like to thank all our GO supporters for your time, donations and commitment to eliminating global health disparities. I'm so thankful to be working with this incredible team and you.

With deep thanks - Donna