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The Jonathan B. Loden Foundation c/o Mr. Bryan Loden 6205 Mallet Drive Mount Airy, MD 21771

Dear Tim, Laurel and Bryan,

Thank you for your recent gift to support the Head and Neck Cancer Program at Johns Hopkins through the Jonathan B. Loden Foundation.

This year, we marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our cancer center. Throughout these 40 years, we have been on the forefront of discovery, reinventing and redefining the state of the art in science and medicine. We have gone from understanding very little about what caused cancer to--for the first time in the history of medicine--defining very specifically the exact errors to cell DNA that cause cancers to originate, grow, and spread. Most importantly, we are figuring out how to exploit these errors to detect cancers earlier and improve treatment.

The Jonathan B. Loden Foundation has been an essential part of our success. Even during challenging economic times, where we have seen major cuts to federal research funding, Kimmel Cancer Center clinicians and scientists like Dr. Christine Chung have been able to continue to innovate because of the support of people like you.

I am deeply grateful to your continued support. I know that the effort to organize the annual golf tournament is enormous and I am so impressed with how the event has grown over the years. I was so pleased that you were able to visit the cancer center, meet Dr. Chung and learn about the work the she and others are doing in our head and neck research labs.

Hopefully you are all doing very well. I was amazed at the outpouring of support and generosity from family friends after last year's postponed tournament. This annual event is near and dear to my heart, and I'm looking forward to helping out again at the 2014 tournament.

Sincerely,

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cc: Megan LeDonne, Associate Director of Development

