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Dear Bruce,

PFC has been busy during the first couple months of this year. New funding partners like **Bridal Expo Chicago & Milwaukee** and Seattle based **Dogs for Cures** join our existing funding partners to create new Rediscovery Research™ projects that can impact patients. PFC has also added Leslie Anderson from Harris Bank to our distinguished Board of Directors.

Recently, the PFC-Rockford Chapter started conversations with Rockford area hospitals to create a location to conduct clinical trials to further the MS research PFC sponsored at UW Madison.

PFC's **Rediscovery Research™** clinical trials in **diabetes** at Mayo Clinic and Harvard, **lung cancer** projects at Hopkins, Cleveland Clinic and Rush, **Batten Disease** projects at Hopkins and University of Iowa, **prostate cancer** projects at University of Chicago, a **leukemia** project at St. Judes, **MDS** projects at St. Vincent's Cancer Center, Albert Einstein and Children's Memorial, and **BHD** projects in the Netherlands, Wales and Canada all bring hope to patients with diseases right now.

This is all possible because of your generous support and commitment to Rediscovery Research™ at Partnership for Cures.

Sincerely,



[Micha Siegel](#)

Vice President of Advancement

PFC New Board Member



Leslie J. Anderson, Senior Vice President for Harris Bank's Business Banking Lending Group, is responsible for the growth and development of the Chicago Market Business District, which consists of businesses with revenues up to \$50 million. Leslie has been in the banking industry for 18 years. She began her career in banking at NBD Bank Chicago where she completed a formal credit training program, spent two years as an internal auditor and served as a lender in their Asset Based lending group. After NBD Bank, Leslie spent four years with Harris Bank in their Middle Market Lending group, where she managed a portfolio of 30 middle market companies ranging in sales from \$10-\$75 million. For the past six years, Leslie spent her time with Fifth Third Bank as Vice President/Team Leader responsible for developing their Chicago Middle Market Banking group and establishing the bank's Middle Market Healthcare team.

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"I am passionate about creating new treatments for patients while they are still healthy enough to benefit," says Ms. Anderson. "My family and friends have been impacted by health issues recently. I can see how critical it is for us to focus on increasing their quality and length of life."

Leslie has a B.S. in Finance from Hampton University (Hampton, VA) and an MBA with a focus in Entrepreneurship, Marketing and Strategy from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management (Evanston, IL). Other affiliations include Professional Advisor for DePaul University, Mentor to Kellogg Graduate School's Entrepreneurship Program, active member of youth programs with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Leadership Greater Chicago Board Member and Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow.

PFC & The Blues Traveler



Partnership for Cures was selected to be the **charity of choice** by the world renowned headliner **Blues Traveler** and promoter **Platform One Entertainment** at one of Chicago's hottest fanfare events. **Dare 2 Dream** will kick off its eighth benefit concert on **Thursday, April 15th, 2010 at the House of Blues in Chicago.**

Rock icons and featured band, Blues Traveler, will perform to support PFC. A significant portion of the event's proceeds will benefit Partnership for Cures and our efforts in helping to find a cure for juvenile diabetes. You can support this fundraising event by purchasing tickets, providing silent auction items, and connecting us to diabetes groups who might want to join us in supporting our clinical trials at Mayo and Harvard, the only two locations in the world working to cure long-standing type 1 diabetes in adults and children.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and can be purchased without a processing charge by contacting us at PFC (312-696-1368) or by visiting Ticketmaster [here](#).

What's Happening At PFC



PFC-Rockford is creating a new clinical trial center for research in **MS and Parkinson's Diseases** to further the research we have supported at the University of Wisconsin. This new initiative will involve one or more Rockford area medical facilities. PFC-Rockford is currently looking for support from the community to raise \$300,000 to fund this patient impact research.

Rare Disease Research-Leukemia-Henry Schueler 41 & 9 Foundation-Drs. Charles Mullighan at St. Jude Children's Research Center and Steve Hunger at Denver Children's Hospital and the Children's Oncology Network have now started the first ever gene review of the rare hypodiploid acute lymphocytic leukemia (HALL), the disease Hank Schueler had when he passed away. Information about the genetics of this disease should help us determine which currently available treatments can help patients with this fatal disease.

In addition, the **Henry Schueler 41 & 9 Foundation and PFC** co-sponsored the first symposium on zygomycosis (a deadly fungal infection that ultimately caused Hank Schueler's death) in conjunction

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with world renowned clinician-scientist Dr. Tom Walsh of the NIH. Scientists came from Europe to join those from over a dozen institutions here in the US. The results of the Forum will be published in the CID, the journal of infectious disease, and help lead to quicker diagnosis and new treatments.

The mission of the **Dogs for Cures Foundation at PFC** is to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals with catastrophic diseases such as type 1 diabetes and lung cancer by providing medical service dogs that are trained to use their senses and service abilities to improve quality and length of life for patients 24 hours a day.

New Funding Partners- Bridal Expo Chicago & Milwaukee



Bridal Expo Chicago and Milwaukee has a goal this year of raising \$50,000 for charity and we would like your help! Weddings are a lifestyle event filled with love, promises, and family. Bridal Expo is encouraging those who are going through these joyful moments to give to those who are working

through more challenging times fighting their catastrophic disease.

Bridal Expo and their donors will make a difference for friends, coworkers, and family members whose lives are impacted by Breast Cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's and Batten Disease, a fatal childhood disorder, and dozens of other diseases. All proceeds from bridal show ticket sales are donated exclusively to the lifesaving research at Partnership for Cures. Bridal Expo will also support each attendee to donate on site at the Expos and on the [Bridal Expo website](#).

[Help support the Bridal Expo Chicago & Milwaukee give back!](#)

Let the PFC staff know if you are involved in or know of a group that raises funds to support research in a specific disease. We can locate, validate and manage direct patient impact research for this group, usually at no net cost to our funders. Imagine actually making an impact on patients with a disease right now. We can help you do that!

Our Mission

[Partnership for Cures](#) and our philanthropic investors raise money to find and manage Rediscovery Research™ to create new uses for FDA-approved drugs, devices and other therapies that significantly improve length and quality of life for patients in two years or less.



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