WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE UCCRF ASSOCIATES BOARD.

The Board: The Associates Board of the UCCRF is comprised primarily of young philanthropists committed to the fight against cancer. Although it is the UCCRF’s newest Board, the Associates Board has already made significant contributions to advance cancer research and has helped the University of Chicago maintain its reputation as a pioneer in the study and treatment of malignant mesothelioma and the development of immunotherapies. This approach to treatment encourages our own immune systems to attack cancer and enhances its effectiveness. Since its inception, the Associates Board has provided more than $350,000 in funding to underwrite mesothelioma and immunology research.

Funding: Much of this money has recently gone towards funding immunology, specifically the Human Immunologic Monitoring Facility (HIM). The HIM facility serves as a specialized laboratory performing correlative assays for cancer-based clinical trials. This facility interacts with and supports many other University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center programs in furtherance of the goal to improve cancer care, develop more successful and safer therapies, and promote prevention and screening research. The UCCC is an exceptional institution that is globally recognized for its accomplishments. The UCCC is in the top fifteen cancer programs nationwide and is the best in Illinois, according to U.S. News and World Report.

Membership: The Associates Board conducts quarterly member recruitment and education events, but invites interested parties to explore membership at any time. Prior to becoming a member of the Associates Board, an applicant may wish to attend Associates Board events and converse with current board members. All applicants must turn in an application, provided by the membership committee, and submit it for approval. This application is designed to inform current board members about the applicant’s fitness for the Board, their reasons for making this commitment, and any special skills or knowledge which the Board can use to augment its fundraising and education efforts.

The Board has designed two membership tracks so that applicants can commit only as much time as they are able. Active membership is best suited for those who wish to fully participate in and support the Board’s efforts; it awards voting rights and responsibilities, including attendance at eight of twelve monthly meetings. For those unable to make this significant commitment, the Board also offers social membership, which confers preferential access to Board events and information regarding Board events, but does not require regular attendance or allow voting rights. Social members may attend meetings and join committees if they so choose. Yearly dues for active members are $75 and social membership dues are $50.

The Associates Board has several key fundraisers throughout the year, including the Ham Jam, Karaoke for a Cure, and other unique and fun events. Members are encouraged to attend and support these events and become involved in committees that suit their interests.

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