

MMRF FastFacts

A monthly e-newsletter



Dear Friends,



As the holiday season quickly approaches, we are reminded daily how thankful we are for our friends and families, and the many wonderful people who have stood by our side every step of our journey with multiple myeloma. Many of these people were with us last week at our annual Fall Gala, a fundraising event that brought together over 1,200 people touched by multiple myeloma to raise research funds—critical dollars that will be used

immediately to move **carfilzomib, pomalidomide** and other promising treatments into the last phase of clinical trials before approval and to open new trials where even the most heavily pre-treated patients can access therapy. We are deeply grateful for everyone's generosity and support.

Warm regards,

Kathy Giusti

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P.S. We value your feedback – **please let us know what you think.**

Clinical Trials

Assessment of Efficacy and Safety of Perifosine, Bortezomib and

Dexamethasone in Multiple Myeloma Patients

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Panobinostat or Placebo With Bortezomib and

Dexamethasone in Patients With Relapsed Multiple Myeloma

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Phase 3 Study Comparing Carfilzomib, Lenalidomide, and Dexamethasone (CRd)

vs Lenalidomide and Dexamethasone (Rd) in Subjects With Relapsed Multiple Myeloma

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Get Involved

MMRF Race for Research Fall Series

Join us for the MMRF Race for Research Fall Series taking place in Washington, D. C. (Nov. 14) or Atlanta (Nov. 20). Register today & start your fundraising now! For more information, [email](#)

Laura Higgins.

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MMRF Endurance Events 2011 Calendar Announced

Looking for a marathon, half marathon, triathlon, cycling event or "Great Race" to support the MMRF? Registration is now open! For more info visit us [here](#), or [email](#) Endurance Events.

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MMRF Store

Purchase apparel or jewelry from the MMRF as a gift to say thank you or to recognize a special occasion, and support our mission in style.

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Start a Fundraiser

Your favorite activities can help support the MMRF! Use bake sales, letter writing, concerts, sporting events or happy hours to raise funds to develop next generation treatments and a cure. Visit our [Calendar](#) to see if there is an upcoming fundraiser in your community, or [plan one of your own!](#) For more information, please contact Alex Karnell at karnella@themmr.org or (203) 652-0215.

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Breaking News

More than 1,200 People Come Together to Advance Cancer Research at MMRF Fall Gala

The MMRF brought together more than 1,200 supporters, including many patients and their loved ones, as well as celebrity guests, at its 14th annual Fall Gala on Saturday Oct. 30, in Greenwich, Connecticut. The premier benefit raised nearly \$2 million to support the MMRF's efforts to develop next-generation treatments for patients with multiple myeloma. Jazz pianist and vocalist **Diana Krall** and her sister **Michelle Krall Wigmore** received the MMRF's Spirit of Hope Award in honor of their steadfast and impressive support of myeloma patients and their families. **Paul Simon**, 12-time Grammy Award winner, inductee to the Songwriters Hall of Fame and music industry icon, performed as the evening's Special Guest. As a testament to her commitment to patients and families living with cancer, **Deborah Norville**, Emmy Award-winning broadcast journalist, New York Times best-selling author and a member of the MMRF Honorary Board of Directors, served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the 9th year. **Hervé Hoppenot**, President of Novartis Oncology, was honored with the MMRF Corporate Leadership Award. Other special guests included CNBC's **Carl Quintanilla**, Co-Anchor of "Squawk-Box" and a member of the MMRF Honorary Board of Directors, and his wife, **Judy Chung**. **Thank you to everyone for making this evening so magical. [More >](#)**

View 2010 MMRF Fall Gala photos now.

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3, 2, 1: Cure Research Campaign Closes in On New Treatments

We are doing everything we can to speed the development of more effective treatments that promise patients longer windows of time. But, we cannot do it without your support of the **3, 2, 1: Cure research campaign** today. Your donation is critical to accelerate the most promising treatments through Phase III clinical trials; open several new early-stage trials of next-generation treatments; and translate findings from our genomics program to develop more targeted treatments that help patients live longer and lead to a cure. With still \$10 million left to raise before closing the books on this campaign, your support will determine whether we are able to move these programs forward. Make a donation today. [Donate Today >](#)

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Precious Cat Company Fuels Multiple Myeloma Research

Your love of cats can help you make a difference in the fight against multiple myeloma. Purchase any Precious Cat Litter product in the month of November and 100% of all profits will be donated to the MMRF. [Find a Precious Cat Litter retailer](#) near you today! [Buy Today >](#)

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