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Dear Ginger,

I am so grateful to be the recipient of the generosity of the entire Y-Me Community. It is always very moving for me to be a part of the Y-Me Softball Tournament and to be able to talk to the dedicated Y-Me supporters about the research carried out by my laboratory at the University of Chicago that is focused on ending the pain and suffering caused by breast cancer, particularly metastatic breast cancer.


On behalf of the University, and my entire research team, thank you for all that you do as a member of the Y-Me Board to make the tournament possible and to spread awareness of the importance of breast cancer research. Your remarkable donation of \$84,000 this year is reflective of your impressive leadership and determination as board members over 27 years that the Y-Me Softball Tournament has been taking place.

This gift continues to be critical to the groundbreaking research in my laboratory where our focus is on ways to stop metastatic breast cancer. My lab team and I continue to pursue our mission to understand breast cancer metastasis, the deadliest aspect of this disease. Our research sets out to define new therapeutic targets that we are determined to see make an impact for woman with breast cancer. Ultimately, our research aims to inform how doctors treat breast cancer with the single important objective of obtaining better outcomes for breast cancer patients.

The ongoing partnership that I have formed with Ginger Rugai's Y-Me Softball Tournament is very meaningful to me, both personally and professionally. I have met so many remarkable women and their families and heard stories that continue to inspire my lab members and I in our research during the time that I have been lucky enough to receive your support.

Once again, thank you for your thoughtful generosity. I look forward to continuing to work with you and the entire board.

With gratitude,



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