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June 1, 2016

Dear Friend,

This year marks the 22nd Annual Y-Me Softball Tournament on **August 27, 2016** when more than 1,000 women stand together to help find a cure for breast cancer. It is a day of fun, awareness and friendship where survivors and competitive softball players take the field to raise money for breast cancer research. We are excited to announce again this year that all of the proceeds of the 22nd Annual Y-Me Softball Tournament will directly endow investigations conducted by breast cancer researcher, Dr. Kay Macleod at the University of Chicago Medicine, Ben May Institute.

We have toured her laboratory and seen the promising and exciting work being done by Dr. Macleod and her researchers as they work to find new treatments and end this dreadful disease. In her most recent published work, Dr. Macleod publicly credits the tournament's funding for supporting her current findings ([www.y-mesoftball.com](http://www.y-mesoftball.com)). Your generous support will allow us to provide continued capital for the important investigations that are underway. It is imperative that these research efforts persist at an accelerated pace and that can only be done with your assistance and donations, because today, someone's mother, wife, sister, friend or neighbor will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Gratefully, we have relied on businesses like yours to support this event through donations that help underwrite the cost of this tax exempt charity tournament. Last year, we presented a check for \$55,000 to Dr. Macleod and our goal is to surpass that amount in 2016. This annual one-day event has become a game changer, and we, along with health care professionals and researchers, are committed to finding a cure. The fight against breast cancer involves us all and with your support we will be victorious!

But we cannot win this fight without support from friends like you. For that reason, we are asking you to please consider joining our team as a sponsor of this year's tournament. I have enclosed the tournament's sponsorship information for you to consider the level that is right for you. Your support will be gratefully acknowledged on our website and elsewhere. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 312-909-9993 or via email at [ymesoftball@gmail.com](mailto:ymesoftball@gmail.com).

We hope that you will be on our team August 27th as we work to support Dr. Macleod in her important research that has the potential to save many lives and end breast cancer. Thank you in advance for "stepping up to the plate" as we battle to "strike out breast cancer".

Sincerely,

Ginger Rugai and Y-Me Board of Directors



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