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Dear Katie,

Thank you once again for supporting cancer research in my laboratory at the University of Chicago. I am immensely grateful to be the recipient of the generosity of the entire Y-Me Community. The support of the Y-Me Softball Tournament means so much to me and my lab, especially now when research funding is tighter than ever. Over the years, I have met so many remarkable people at the Y-Me Softball Tournament, heard stories that remind why we do what we do, and I have been privileged to partner with you.

On behalf of the University, and my entire laboratory team, thank you for all you do as a member of the Y-Me Board to make the tournament possible and spread awareness of breast cancer research. Your incredible donation of \$105,000 this year reflects what you and your fellow board members have built in the nearly 30 years of the Y-Me Softball Tournament.

Work supported by Y-Me in the Macleod Lab has already shown that inhibiting autophagy blocks tumor cell migration, invasion, and breast cancer metastasis and it is exciting to watch as autophagy inhibitors progress in clinical trials now for metastatic cancers, including breast cancer. Importantly, Y-Me support continues to let us carry out research deemed "too preliminary" to be funded by federal agencies, like our current work on the role of NIX in breast cancer growth and metastasis. The support from Y-Me will ultimately allow us to generate that preliminary data needed for federal funding from NIH/NCI and most importantly continue to make strides to prevent and treat breast cancer more effectively.

I look forward to this year's partnership with you, Ginger, and the entire board.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay F. Macleod".

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