

The Palchak Connection

Hope for a Cure... Begins with Research

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The Gift of Giving!

This month JPCF will mail out our Annual Appeal Letter to members of the community requesting financial support for Cancer Research that is being done at PCR Oncology in Arroyo Grande.

All funds raised will stay here locally and make it possible for PCR to continue to provide cancer patients life-sustaining treatment options as a satellite site for the National Cancer Institute. Your support assures the preservation of local cancer research through clinical trials at PCR Oncology. Please consider supporting this important life-sustaining mission.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of financial support.

Penny's Annual Support This Year's Theme "You Are Not Alone"

Penny Rodriguez of Penny's All-American Café in Pismo Beach is once again raising funds for Breast Cancer Awareness, and proceeds will be donated to JPCF.

This is Penny's 18th year of generously giving back to the community. Many of those years included JPCF as the recipient of her fundraising efforts.

This year the café is selling Penny's famous Jalapeño Strawberry jam as well as Penny's coffee mugs with this year's theme, "You Are Not Alone".

Penny's fundraising Grand Prize is a \$1,500 gift card for a Sycamore Hot Springs Getaway. Numerous other prizes will be given out including gift baskets and gift cards from local restaurants and merchants.

Penny's fundraising efforts will conclude on December 23rd so be sure to visit Penny's All American Café at 1053 Price Street in Pismo Beach in support of Breast Cancer Awareness and the JPCF while enjoying a great meal there!



In celebration of 20 years of collaboration between PCR Oncology and the JPCF, I would like to share some of the progress that we've been part of and the ways that we have led our community:

- First in region to sequence tumors, thus identify promising "Targeted Therapies."
- First in region to use "Targeted Treatments" aimed at genetic weaknesses of cancer to patients.
- Invited by the NCI to be first-in-state to open Moonshot Biorepository Study.
- First in state to enroll in ComboMATCH trial testing a combination of targeted agents based on genetic makeup of cancer.
- First in region to systematically offer Medical Social Work Consults (recommended by NCI but not



covered by insurance) with funding by JPCF.

- First in region to offer "Angiogenesis Inhibitors" to treat cancer.
- First in region to offer Cancer Survivor Celebration.
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Thanks to all who attended!

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By David Palchak, MD

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PCR Oncology and JPCF could not achieve any of the above without the support of our community.

Thank you for your wonderful support over the last 20 years. We have the opportunity to pursue many other "firsts" with your continued support.




Celebrating 20 Years Supporting Cancer Research & Progress

It has been twenty years since the Jacquelyn Palchak Cancer Fund (JPCF) began operating as a non-profit supporting cancer research in South San Luis Obispo County. Significant progress has been made in cancer treatment over these twenty years in part through the work done by David Palchak, MD and PCR Oncology.

This year's Cancer Survivor Celebration luncheon held on October 21st was especially significant and meaningful due to our 20 year milestone anniversary. We had speakers in the oncology field that included Dr. Palchak and Oncology Nurse Phea Castro. PCR's Physician Assistant Kimen Colgan

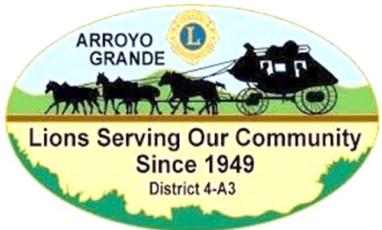



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Fun was had at the Survivor Celebration!

Thank you to the Arroyo Grande Lions Club for their generous donation. Pictured L-R: 2nd VP Daphne Manos, President Terry Orton, JPCF President Marie Palchak, and Lion's Past President and JPCF Member, Bill Cockshott.

Thank you to Nancy Trudeau for her generosity with her winning bid for Dr. Palchak's homemade apple pie.



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