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## Greetings,

Last month, Garding Against Cancer turned 5 and we are proud to share that we have raised over \$5 million, with all funding staying at UW Carbone Cancer Center for groundbreaking research and for patient care around the Badger state.

While some of our events were "on the bench" in 2021, cancer has not taken a "time-out" and continues to disrupt the lives of patients and families across Wisconsin. We are continuing to do all we can to support their journeys, as well as the medical community's passionate fight to eradicate this disease. The generosity, concern, and support you provide to the mission of Garding Against Cancer has been so inspirational.

Please join us on Saturday, May 7, 2022 for our fifth Garding Against Cancer signature event, which will be held IN-PERSON at the Kohl Center! Get out your over-the-top fascinator, bow tie, or seersucker attire because this year's event will feature a Kentucky Derby theme with a Kohl Center spin. Mingle with special guests, enjoy delicious food stations, a one-of-a-kind silent auction, lively entertainment, and much more.

When we began our Garding Against Cancer journey, in honor and memory of Greg's father, Glen Gard, who passed away in October 2015 after a six-month battle with brain cancer, we never could have imagined the outpouring of support.

Contributions enable researchers at the UW Carbone Cancer Center to explore promising new ideas, purchase new cancer research technology, and develop better methods of diagnosing, treating, and preventing cancer. Your support in 2021 fostered progress in immunotherapy treatments, pediatric research, advancements in breast, kidney, and brain cancers, and supported the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative's work to reduce cancer disparities across the state.

Contributions also support patient care initiatives across Wisconsin, providing financial assistance to individuals, pediatric cancer family support, wigs and cool cap therapy to prevent and address hair loss, massage and music therapy, wellness programs, cancer screenings, and treatment for the non-insured and under insured in communities such as Menomonie, Wausau, Oshkosh, La Crosse, Whitewater, and Janesville.

Whether you've joined our team through sponsorships, donations, in-kind gifts, or your own precious gift of time, we thank you, with all our hearts, for being an integral part of our Garding Against Cancer community.

Please mark your calendars now for May 7 and find the sponsorship opportunities enclosed. We hope to re-connect with you at our signature event!

On, Wisconsin!

Coach Greg and Michelle Gard