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Dear Friend and Supporter:

We are excited to announce that Uniting Against Lung Cancer (Uniting) and the Thomas G. Labrecque Foundation (TGLF), two organizations founded nine years ago with the common objective of advancing lung cancer research, have joined forces. The expanded Uniting Against Lung Cancer will now be the single largest private non-profit source of funding for lung cancer research in the United States. Working with our partners and supporters, Uniting will be able to further strengthen our support of ground-breaking research by scientists and physicians through our core grant-making programs:

- **Uniting Against Lung Cancer's Research Grant Program:** Working with our partners, Uniting funds innovative research through individual grants at leading lung cancer research centers across the nation. The grants are selected in an RFP process that includes review and endorsement by the foundation's Medical Committee, made up of many of the nation's leading thoracic researchers and physicians. To date, more than \$6.1 million and over 60 grants have been made at institutions in 21 states, enabling a number of projects to produce the preliminary results they need to qualify for follow-on funding from government agencies to take them to the next level.
- **Canary Foundation's Lung Cancer Program:** Uniting will continue to partner with the Canary Foundation's Lung Cancer Program, a unique and collaborative initiative that TGLF and the Canary Foundation created in 2007. The program aims to save lives through early detection, utilizing Canary's effective and proven virtual institution organizational model that brings a multi-disciplinary team of researchers and medical experts together.

Our professional staff of six will continue to organize and execute fund-raising and awareness events, including the TGL Classic Run as One road race; the annual Strolling Supper with Blues & News; and Kites for a Cure™. These events have raised millions of dollars to combat this devastating disease, the nation's #1 cancer killer of smokers and non-smokers alike. We will also maintain and welcome new relationships with families and organizations that want to establish their own lung cancer research grants, hold their own events, and become part of our dynamic Foundation.

Since our inceptions (as TGLF and Joan's Legacy: The Joan Scarangelo Foundation to Conquer Lung Cancer), we have believed that only by uniting will a cure for lung cancer be found. Please join us in celebrating this important milestone in the fight against lung cancer.

We look forward to sharing more good news with you as we progress and execute our mutual vision.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Tighe

Thomas G. Labrecque, Jr.