



# BREATH OF HOPE

## Focus On Research

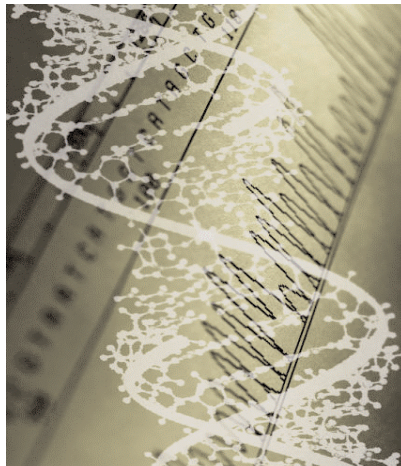
In December, MARF awarded nine exciting research grants to meso investigators in Holland, Italy, Australia and the United States. They will pursue a broad range of projects, certain to advance scientific success against meso.

With these nine new grants MARF has funded over \$3 million of critically needed research since the program began in 2000. Since then, MARF, through its competitive peer-review process, has rigorously evaluated 111 proposed meso research projects. We have awarded grants to the most promising 26% of them. These 29 grants encompass the spectrum of research, from fundamental cancer science to diagnostic tools and advanced treatments. Eleven of the projects focus on genetic discovery, seven on immunotherapy investigations, three on gene therapy, two on biomarker technology, and two on predictive genomics. Two of the grants support clinical trials, one is for a radiation therapy project, and one is for an imaging investigation.

We are now seeing success bloom from the research seeds we have planted. Medical research - and communicating the results of that research to the scientific community - take time, but the grants we funded in our earliest rounds are now developing an impressive track record. Results from the 11 grants MARF awarded between 2000 and 2003 have been presented at prestigious scientific meetings, including the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Thoracic Society, and the International Mesothelioma Interest Group. Many of them are pending publication as research papers in peer reviewed journals, and 5 of the 11 have already been published.

Promising data from the studies is also leading to follow-up studies funded by the National Cancer Institute, and

by MARF itself. In fact, one of the nine new grants funds a clinical trial based on the very successful results obtained by Dr. B.N.M. Lambrecht and his team at the Erasmus Medical Center in Rotterdam under a 2003 MARF grant. As described in the Summer 2005 issue of *Breath of Hope*, Dr. Lambrecht's first grant studied how to activate dendritic cells to teach the body's immune system to identify and kill meso tumor cells. The results of this early study were so effective that Dr. Lambrecht has now developed a phase I clinical trial to test this approach in meso patients. MARF is excited to fund this clinical trial, promoting research which isn't just promising in the lab, but which translates into improved treatments at patients' bedsides.



Dr. Ite Laird-Offringa of USC is also following up on her successful work under an earlier MARF grant. She has been searching for diagnostic markers for meso, a very hot research topic since the recent announcements of two meso-specific serum biomarkers. In the new grant, she will use novel technology utilizing DNA

methylation to pre-screen 6500 serum markers. Identifying additional molecular markers specific to meso will give clinicians a more complete "menu" of serum tests to aid early diagnosis of the cancer.

The other seven grants awarded in the 2005 round are for exciting new projects. Dr. Xiaobo Cao of Texas A&M University and his team are using the new molecular understanding of the human genome to undertake much more precise and tactical interventions against meso. The gene family *bcl-2* over expresses a protein, BCL-XL, which blocks cell death in meso tumors. Dr. Cao will evaluate a compound that blocks the over-expressed protein, to see if it will cause tumor cell death and

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## Message from the Executive Director



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MARF's 2005 Annual Report, included with this issue of Breath of Hope, demonstrates the rapid growth we have made in our mission to eradicate meso. For decades there was no private, independent organization funding meso research, as there is for most other cancers. Then MARF was formed in 1999. We began to develop our competitive, peer-reviewed research grant program. This program rigorously

identifies and then funds the very best research projects aimed at improving treatments for meso. In 2000 and 2001, our first two years of research funding, we evaluated 17 proposed projects and awarded new meso research grants to four of them. We were thrilled with this strong start, but contrast it to our last two years: In 2004 and 2005, we evaluated 60 applications, and awarded grants to the top 18!

Of course, funding critically-needed research, hosting the annual International Mesothelioma Symposium, providing support and education to patients and their families, and all our other program activities would be impossible without the generous support of our donors. The annual report also shows the rapid growth in our donor support, which has enabled all our progress.

Where do we go next? As MARF matures from relative "infancy" in the life of a nonprofit organization to "adolescence", one answer might be that it is unrealistic to expect to grow at the same pace as we have been. Babies grow faster than teenagers.

I see a different answer: The more a wildfire burns the hotter and hungrier it gets. This is true as long as the fire has two things - fuel and air. MARF's "fuel" is the tragedy of meso. We are driven by the suffering meso causes in the lives of our heroes and loved ones. With thousands still lost to the disease every year, the desire to stop this suffering burns in us.

Our "air" is hope - the hope that effective treatments for meso can be developed to stop the toll of suffering. We see this happening in other, better-funded cancers. We see the progress being made now by MARF-funded researchers and others. We hear about it at the annual International Symposium and read about it in the medical journals. Therefore our hope grows. It invigorates our passion to cure this disease.

So I believe we must continue our rapid growth. Moving forward, we must set aggressive goals in our programs

and in our fundraising. The tragedy of meso, and the hope that we can stop this tragedy, demand it.

Managing this rapid growth for maximum effectiveness requires thoughtful planning. For this purpose, MARF's Board of Directors just completed a two-day planning retreat. The first emphasis was on MARF internally, how we as an organization can mature and grow even stronger. As a result, over the next year you will see exciting developments in the Board of Directors, the Science Advisory Board, and the staff.

The Board also focused outward, examining our strategies and priorities for accomplishing our mission. The Board evaluated the research grant program as highly successful so far, with over \$3 million in grants awarded, and excellent research results. This program provides MARF a very strong foundation. While we continue to grow this foundation, we must also leverage off it in three important ways. First, we will strengthen our patient/family education program. Patients and families struggling against the disease need comprehensive, up-to-date information on the treatments and clinical trials available, and emotional support. Over the next year we will grow this program, including allocating more staff time, providing more resources to the meso community directly and through our website, and redesigning our website for more effectiveness.

Second, we will use our credibility as the nation's only independent, private funder of meso research to continue to urge the federal government to join in attacking the problem. We will continue to call for adequate federal meso research funding as a key nonpartisan solution to the asbestos health crisis.

Third, it is now time to invest in broadening our development and marketing abilities, so that we can multiply our impact on the disease. From 2002 to 2005 both our fundraising and our grant funding more than tripled. To maintain this growth rate and meet the urgent need, we will work to reach a broader base of concerned individuals and companies, and to explain better the importance of our mission, the importance of supporting it, and all the opportunities to do so.

We are proud to have supported \$3 million in critically needed meso research in our first six years. In the next six years we hope to multiply this number many times. Like a wildfire, we are hotter and hungrier than ever to eradicate meso by supporting the necessary research. We hope that you will continue to be a part of our growth.

## Focus On Research, continued from cover.

sensitize meso cells to the effects of chemotherapy. Such studies were virtually impossible ten years ago and represent the leading edge of scientific research today.

A Nevada Cancer Institute team under the direction of Dr. Sunil Sharma will pursue suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid (SAHA), a histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor. SAHA and other HDAC inhibitors are a whole new approach to therapy demonstrating effectiveness against a broad range of cancer activity. In order to increase response to treatment, Dr. Sharma will use molecular analysis to compare meso cell lines that are resistant to SAHA to non-resistant cell lines. The differences will hopefully serve as markers of resistance which can then become targets for therapy.

Normally, meso cells take decades to develop. They involve hundreds of mutations. Some of these mutations inhibit normal cell death or cause rapid cell division. But many of them are not necessarily related to tumor development. Consequently, identifying which of these many mutations is responsible for the development of meso, and therefore could serve as a therapeutic target, is extremely difficult. Dr. Tan Ince of the Robert A. Weinberg laboratory at MIT is a pioneer in creating human cancer cells in vitro by introducing a limited number of defined genetic changes to originally healthy cell cultures. Using this approach, he has created a cell model of meso. He hopes to use this model to isolate and identify specific genes and mutations responsible for meso tumor development, making it possible to test specific chemotherapies against these targets.

Under his grant, Dr. Pasi A. Jänne of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston will study a genetic mutation which has already been identified as a likely target. Genes express themselves through signaling pathways - locations on the surface of the gene where critical cellular processes are carried out. PI3K/Akt is a pathway associated with cell survival, growth and proliferation, and is one of the most frequently mutated pathways in human cancers. Dr. Jänne hopes to reveal the mechanisms by which the PI3K pathway is regulated, in order to develop PI3K antagonists that can block this pathway. This will cause down-regulation (suppression) of the gene and lead to decreased growth of mesothelioma tumor cells.

Like Dr. Lambrecht, Dr. Delia Nelson of the Curtin University School of Biomedical Sciences in Perth Australia is studying how to empower the body's immune system to destroy meso tumors. Dr. Nelson has new evidence that certain agents enhance anti-tumor

response and alter tumor-associated blood vessels to cause a powerful, intra-tumoral inflammatory response sufficient to destroy the tumor. Dr. Nelson's agents tested in mice with large mesothelioma tumors led to cures in 80%. With her MARF grant, Dr. Nelson will further study agents which alter the tumor microenvironment such that tumors will regress. Using combinations of therapies incorporating anti-vascular agents with immune stimulating agents, she will measure changes in tumor blood vessels, in tumor infiltrating cells, and in the growth rates of treated tumors. This data will hopefully provide the basis for subsequent clinical trials.

Dr. Anil Vachani of the University of Pennsylvania was awarded a grant to pursue another aspect of the promising biomarker field. Dr. Vachani's team will take advantage of exciting new proteomics technologies that they and their collaborators have developed, which make systematic searches for new, more reliable biomarkers of diseases feasible for the first time. Applying these technologies in meso, Dr. Vachani and his team hope to develop better tools for early diagnosis, for predicting clinical outcome or response to a particular treatment, and for monitoring for recurrence post-treatment.

In Italy, Piedmonte University's Dr. Giovanni Guadino will investigate novel pharmacological meso therapy targets. On its own, asbestos exposure induces cell death (apoptosis) not malignancy in healthy mesothelial cells. But Receptor Tyrosine Kinases (RTKs) rescue mesothelial cells from asbestos damage, causing them to survive. The progressive resistance of cells to apoptosis over time may represent part of a multi-step process leading to malignant transformation of mesothelial cells and the formation of meso. Dr. Guadino believes that RTK's similarly contribute to meso cells' resistance to chemotherapy. He and his team hope to identify new agents able to interfere with RTKs and their downstream signaling in order to induce cytotoxicity and restore tumor cell chemo sensitivity.

9 new grants  
bring the amount  
of critically  
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since 2000  
to over  
\$3 million!

## Patient Profile - Dr. Bret Williams

"DON'T LOSE HOPE! I WOULD DO EVERYTHING AGAIN, DESPITE THE COMPLICATIONS. GO FOR IT! IF YOU CAN, BY ALL MEANS FIND A HOSPITAL AND A MEDICAL STAFF THAT TREAT A LOT OF MESOTHELIOMA CASES. DON'T TRUST YOUR FUTURE TO SOMEONE WHO HAS TREATED ONLY A FEW CASES OF THIS DISEASE."

"I wanted to be the new Albert Schweitzer" Dr. Bret Williams said after his departure from medical school. He was a graduate of Kansas Medical School and the UNC School of Public Health, where he studied maternal and child health with a preventative care focus. Dr. Williams had visions of saving the world and of reaching out to those that were underserved by the medical profession. His aspirations took him to exotic locales far from home where, accompanied by his wife Julie, he saw and treated many unusual diseases in a varied and colorful career.

He took his skills to Africa where he worked in Tanzania and Kenya. Rather than investing in expensive and elaborately equipped western-style hospitals, he soon discovered that the most valuable investment Africa could make was the provision of clean water, basic nutrition and day-to-day preventative health care. Millions of lives could be saved that were slipping away.

His experience in caring for the poor and underprivileged brought him back to America with a mission to apply what he had learned to American needs. He set about to solve one of the weaknesses of the American medical system, the concentration of medical resources in the cities and the lack of services in rural America.



Dr. Bret Williams and his family

"America has more than enough doctors to provide good access but no matter how many doctors leave medical school they all tend to want to practice in the cities. This leaves small town and rural America in dire need of good doctors. Nobody wants to be a small town doctor for long," Bret said.

To address this, Bret and a partner started a corporation that contracted with rural hospitals and clinics to provide access to doctors on a rotational basis. The business grew, especially in

the area of providing specialists like radiologists and anesthesiologists. Bret was soon managing a business rather than practicing medicine and after publishing a few books and writing some articles for medical journals he left the business. Bret and his wife Julie decided to spend six months in Bolivia to show their children, Chris,

Brian and Katie, "that people who have very little can also be happy." Concerns about their security brought him back to the states where he resumed practicing medicine in the way he loves best, hands-on.

While practicing as a general internist in Yanceyville North Carolina, Bret suddenly fell ill in the fall of 2002. He had shortness of breath, chest wall pain, and a cough, which led him to think he had viral pleurisy. After more than 3 months of futile treatments, he underwent a biopsy only to discover that he had right pleural epithelial meso. After a career of helping underserved communities Bret now found himself on the other side of the fence. Meso was a rare cancer that was little known, poorly understood and considered incurable. It left him wishing ardently that he could fulfill the biblical phrase "Physician heal thyself" (Luke 4:23).

Although practicing as a small town physician, Bret was living near Chapel Hill and Duke Medical center, where meso expertise could be found. His deteriorating health forced him to put his practice on hold in March of 2003 and brought him to Sloan-Kettering where he underwent an extrapleural pneumonectomy. This was followed by a course of radiation. After some initial and quite serious complications, including atrial fibrillation (heart instability) and cardiac tamponade (bleeding into the heart sac) he found himself clinging to life on a respirator. His doctors initially felt that he might not survive, and then felt that his reliance on the respirator would leave him crippled and immobile. Bret showed his resilience and determination, however, when he pulled out his own breathing tube and made a vigorous recovery.

Dr. Williams is now 54 and still works three days a week. He remains cancer free as of this date but approaches each check-up with trepidation, as do most long term meso survivors. He monitors all of his symptoms carefully, including residual chest wall pain, something that most pleural meso patients accept as the price of survival. He takes several prophylactic drugs with anti-angiogenesis properties like Lovastatin and Celebrex to hopefully keep meso at bay.

Recent progress in the treatment of meso has made him optimistic that, even in the event of a recurrence, he will still have good options to pursue. He is chemo naïve, never having taken any of the current tier-one chemotherapies like Alimta, Cisplatin or Gemzar. He also stays in touch with MARF to remain on top of the latest meso clinical trials and experimental treatments that are coming along almost every month. Still dedicated to the

## Dr. Bret Williams, continued.

cause of the underdog, Bret has become an activist for the cause of meso research funding and a vigorous supporter of MARF.

His advice to new patients is bold. As he says, "Don't lose hope! I would do everything again, despite the complications. Go for it! If you can, by all means find a hospital and a medical staff that treat a lot of mesothelioma cases. Don't trust your future to someone who has treated only a few cases of this disease."

## VNN

(Volunteer Network News)

### Enduring Commitment In Duluth!

Jodi Helmer, leader of the Duluth, MN Volunteer Chapter, hosted Monster Bowl, the second successful fundraiser hosted by this chapter. Participants enjoyed bowling, food, and prizes. To date Jodi and her chapter have raised nearly \$18,000 for meso research. Jodi's father Floyd Paaso was diagnosed with meso in 2002. Since that date Jodi and her entire family have been dedicated to learning as much as they could about meso, educating anyone who would listen, and raising money for critical meso research. On February 6, 2006 our dear friend Floyd lost his fight with meso. Jodi and the family are committed more than ever to eradicating meso and continuing their work in Floyd's memory.

### Anne Arnold Hits a Hole In One For Research!

Twelve teams took to the links for the Fourth Annual Mac Daddy Gold Tournament last November in Sunset Beach, North Carolina, raising over \$10,000. Anne

By being proactive in finding the right hospital, the best medical staff and a cutting edge treatment protocol Bret is actually one physician with a big heart who found ways to heal himself! Bret Williams' dedication to others who are less fortunate still drives him and his battle with meso makes him an inspiring example for all of us.

Arnold holds this event in memory of her late husband, Edgar "Mac" Arrowood (who was taken by meso in 2002), and was thrilled to have 41 sponsors for the event. Highlights of the day included a hole-in-one by Terry Tompkins, and the presentation of the "Mac Daddy Award," to Mac's dear friend, Larry Moubry. When asked why Anne holds the event to benefit MARF, she replied, "Through MARF, every dollar contributed has a destination in this fight and I truly believe MARF has the best plan for disbursement of funds for research. Mac would have thought it to be a great cause." Anne believes so strongly in the work that is being done by MARF-funded researchers that she generously contributed a matching gift of \$10,000, to raise a total of \$20,322!



Mac Daddy golfers enjoying the day.

## Volunteer Event Calendar

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT
First Annual 5K "Walk for Hope"	April 23, '06	Eisenhower Park, NY	Janice Malkotsis - jmalkotsis@aol.com
Reception in Memory of Francis Dagle	April '06	Dorchester, MA	Stephanie Cameron - sac7180@yahoo.com
Rockin For A Cure	May 20, '06	St. Louis, MO	Meaghan Pagano - megalina81@yahoo.com Teresa Schaberg - teresa@genovesejewelers.com
Walk-A-Thon	May 20-21, '06	Chatsworth, CA	T C McNamara - tahoetc@earthlink.net
Bio Care Golf Tournament	September '06	Parker, CO	Sherry Fox - info@biocaresystems.com
Dance for Meso	September '06	Pittsburgh, PA	Nancy Buszinski - nbusz@comcast.net Alice Steigerwald - amsteigerwald@cs.com
Strike Out Meso Bowling Tour.	September 9 '06	Sinking Spring, PA	Tina Hogue - calltina2travel@comcast.net
Fred Mirante & Rudy Barber Memorial Golf Tournament	September '06	Tukwila, WA	Charles Barber - barbercv@hotmail.com
The "Inspiration Concert"	September '06	Philadelphia, PA	June Breit - mizzippo@aol.com

# MARF ANNUAL REPORT - 2005

MARF takes great pride and care in its financial management to ensure that support of innovative and cutting edge meso research continues. MARF has positioned itself in the center of the meso community so that it can effectively bring together doctors, researchers, patients and their families to achieve the goal of one day finding a cure. We are happy to report that 92% of MARF's budget for 2005 was spent on research awards and other related programs. As a supporter of MARF it is important you know how your dollars are being used. We are grateful for your support and hope you will continue to join us in our mission.



## PROGRAMS

MARF pursues its mission through three programs:

Research - MARF directly funds the most promising, innovative research aimed at developing effective treatments and ultimately a cure for meso. MARF's International Symposium on Mesothelioma also advances the research, by promoting scientific understanding, idea-sharing and collaboration among the experts.

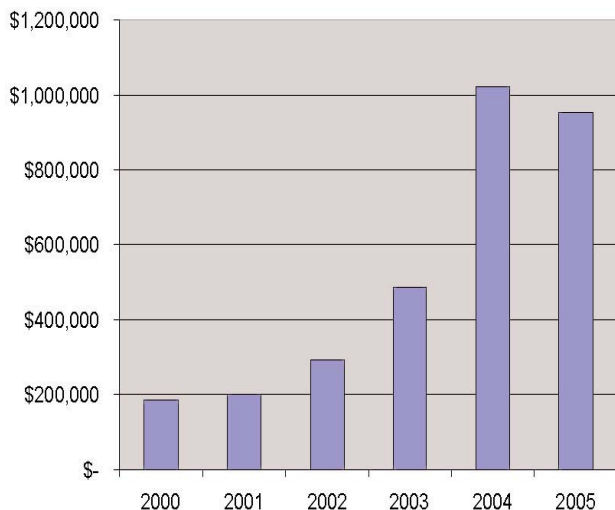
Education, Support and Awareness - Through its website, educational materials, Symposium, staff, and volunteer network, MARF offers support to meso patients and families, and helps educate them and their local doctors that there are centers specializing in meso, there are treatments which are beneficial, and there is hope. MARF also works to raise the general public's awareness of the disease and the urgent need for a cure.

Advocacy - MARF is active in Washington, D.C., advocating that the federal government address its responsibility and begin funding meso research at least proportionate to other cancers.

**In 2005 MARF reviewed 28 research proposals and awarded grants to 9 of these cutting edge and innovative projects!**

**Total Grant Awards for 2005:  
\$954,069**

RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED BY YEAR



## 2005 Grant Recipients

Dr. Xiaobo Cao - Scott & White Memorial Hospital, Texas A&M University  
Inhibiting bcl-xl in Mesothelioma by Small-molecule Bcl-2/Bcl-XL Antagonist

Dr. Giovanni Guadino - University of Piedmonte  
Novel Pharmacological Targets for Therapy of Malignant Mesothelioma

Dr. Tan Ince - Brigham & Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School  
Genetically Engineered Human Mesothelioma Cells

Dr. Pasi Jänne - Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Identifying Critical Activators of PI3K/akt Signaling Pathway in Mesothelioma

Dr. B.N.M. Lambrecht - Erasmus Medical Center  
Dendritic Cell-based Immunotherapy of Human Mesothelioma

Dr. Ite Laird-Offringa - University of Southern California  
Rapid Screening of DNA Methylation Markers for Accurate Molecular Diagnosis

Dr. Delia Nelson - Curtin University  
Angio-immuno Agents and Their Effect on Infiltrating Immune Cells and Tumor-associated Blood Vessels in Malignant Mesothelioma

Dr. Sunil Sharma - Nevada Cancer Institute  
Histone Deacetylase (HDAC) Inhibitors in Malignant Mesothelioma: In Vitro Combination Therapy Studies Leading to Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor Combination Therapy Clinical Trials

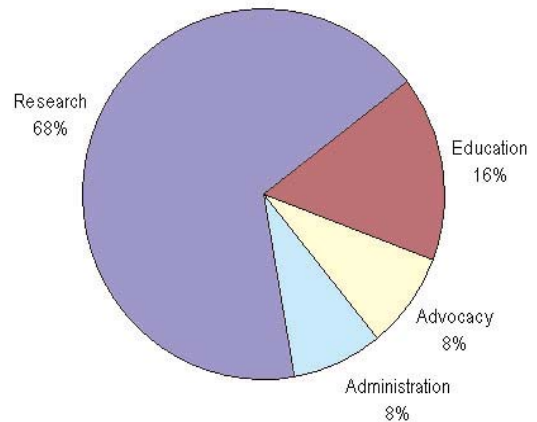
Dr. Anil Vachani - University of Pennsylvania  
Discovery and Validation of Novel Serological Biomarkers of Mesothelioma

## EXPENSES

<b>RESEARCH</b>		<b>\$1,218,348.60</b>
Grant Funding	\$1,012,025.96	
Symposium*	\$206,322.64	
<b>EDUCATION, SUPPORT, AND AWARENESS</b>		<b>\$289,907.99</b>
Activities and Materials	\$188,724.39	
Symposium*	\$101,183.60	
<b>ADVOCACY</b>		<b>\$151,272.87</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		<b>\$145,810.57</b>
Fundraising	\$88,822.58	
Management	\$56,987.99	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,805,340.03</b>

\*Two-thirds of Symposium expenses are allocated to advancing meso research, and one-third to educating patients/family and community physicians.

EXPENSES BY PERCENT OF TOTAL



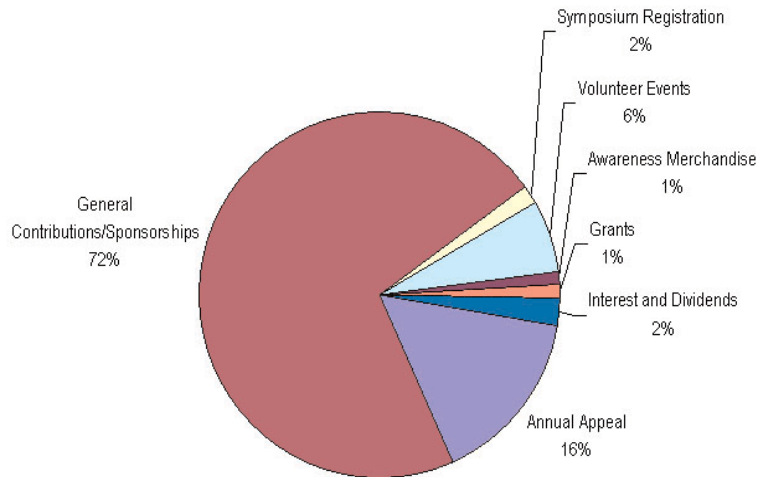
## FUNDRAISING

MARF raises funds to support its work through: Direct mail solicitations including the annual appeal, special gifts from patients and families, direct appeals to attorneys and companies involved in asbestos litigation, special events (both MARF-organized and volunteer-organized), private grants, awareness merchandise, planned giving and estate planning, and memorial and honorary contributions. MARF is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and gifts to MARF are deductible as charitable donations.

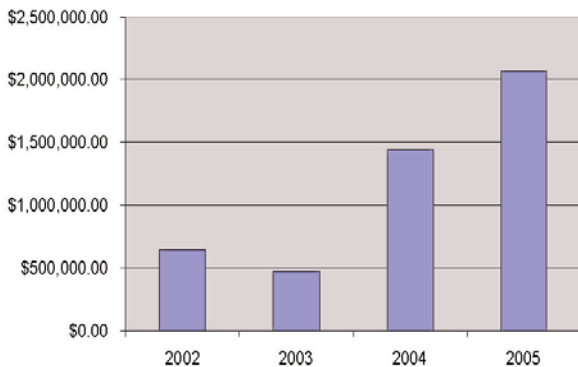
### INCOME SOURCES

Annual Appeal	\$328,201.00
Gen. Contributions/Sponsorship	\$1,517,708.75
Symposium Registration	\$38,725.00
Volunteer Events	\$133,606.78
Awareness Merchandise	\$22,115.22
Grants	\$26,000.00
Interest and Dividends	\$50,722.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,066,356.75</b>

INCOME SOURCES BY PERCENT OF TOTAL



FUNDRAISING BY YEAR



# SUPPORTING RESEARCH 2005 DONORS

The following donors  
generously supported  
meso research in 2005.

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## \$50,000 - \$99,000

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## \$500 - \$999

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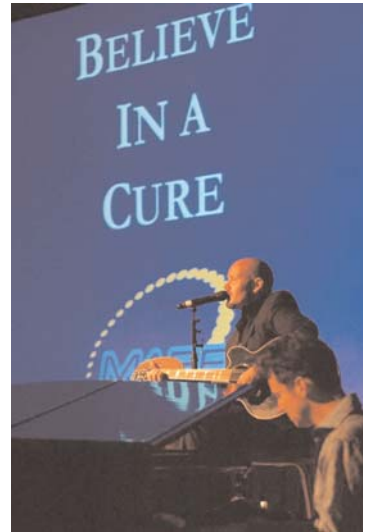
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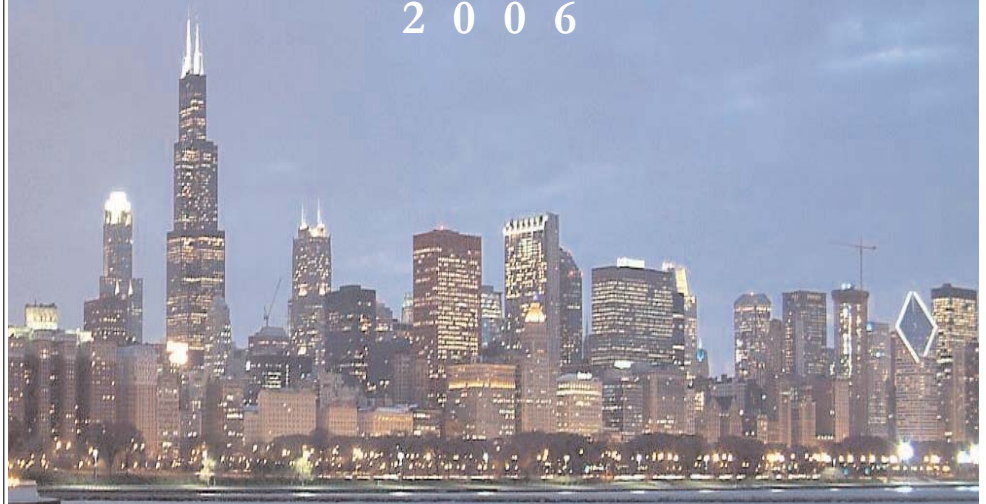
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