The Big Dill Pickleball Tournament

The second annual Big Dill Pickleball Tournament was held on Sunday, July 31, 2022, at the Newport Beach Tennis and Pickleball Center. With more than 150 attendees, the day was filled with pickleball matches, music, game and vendor booths, an opportunity drawing, and a delicious lunch served by the Newport Rib Company. Our Champion Newport Sponsor, the Frome Family had players on the courts as did Club Sponsor Rose Maniscalchi from Compass Real Estate and DAI General Contracting. Taking the Big Dill trophy again this year was Court Sponsor Sullivan Property Management. Congratulations to Marco Vartanian and John Duley for an epic win on center court.

A Big Dill thank you to Tile Elements, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Westport Properties, PGA Superstore, Realtor Martha Haecherl, and our amazing Board of Directors member, Marianne Nahin for the lunch sponsorship. The Big Dill is a success thanks to our wonderful sponsors, volunteers, participants, and community. We look forward to hosting our 3rd annual event in 2023 and hope to see you there!

Grants Funded in 2022

Kure It has been right on target with grants that have been funded year-to-date.

In detail, the following have already been granted:

• $50,000 for the City of Hope, Terry Donahue Memorial Fund
• $100,000 for the Southern California Genitourinary Cancer Research Collaborative
• $100,000 for the UCLA Rivals Grant for Amar Kishan, MD, on analyzing radiographic and transcriptomic features for radiorecurrent prostate cancer
• $100,000 for the USC Rivals Grant for Jinseok Park, PhD, for focusing on pediatric soft tissue sarcoma

Grants already dispersed and approved grants that have yet to be fulfilled makes Kure It right on target for approximately $1,000,000 planned for 2022.

"Thank you!" to Kure It’s donorship for your continued support of underfunded cancer research.
Kure It Cares Initiative Partnership

With funding from Kure It Cancer Research, UCI Health’s Sora Park Tanjasiri, DrPH, MPH, is addressing one of the greatest healthcare challenges facing our communities: reducing cancer health disparities among Latinos and Asian Americans in Orange County, where the underserved populations face significant barriers to preventive cancer screenings.

Latinos and Asian Americans are commonly diagnosed at later stages than their white counterparts, and they experience the highest rates of mortality from screenable cancers. Life-saving cancer screenings have unfortunately declined since the advent of COVID-19. The National Cancer Institute has reported that in the first three months of the pandemic, patients missed nearly half a million breast, cervical and colon exams in the United States. Consequently, approximately 10,000 people will likely die unnecessarily because they missed cancer screenings.

To reverse these alarming trends, Tanjasiri, a professor in the UCI Department of Epidemiology and the associate director of Cancer Health Disparities and Community Engagement, is launching a comprehensive longitudinal study that aims to increase the resumption of cancer screenings among Latinos and Asian Americans in Orange County.

Kure It’s generous support of $50,000, will enable Tanjasiri and her team to accomplish two major objectives:

- Use focus groups and follow-up community health education messages to assess and address the clinical barriers to screening among primary care clinic providers at the three federally qualified health centers with Orange County’s highest proportions of Latino and Asian American patients.
- Through pre- and post-test surveys, assess the relative effectiveness of two different educational messages that encourage individuals to schedule cancer screenings.

The surveys will be administered to 200 adult Latino and Asian American patients who are out of compliance with breast, cervical, and/or colon exams. Findings from this first-of-its-kind study will impact healthcare education and policy and inform the development of a large-scale educational campaign to promote cancer screenings among underserved populations across California and, ultimately, the nation.

It is envisioned that a society in which all members of our community, across racial and ethnic groups, have widespread access to the resources and information they desperately need for cancer screenings—a path toward saving millions of lives. Together with the community, there will be an opportunity to accelerate the type of trailblazing, action-based research that Kure It and UCI Health champion.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Sora Park Tanjasiri, DrPH, MPH, UCI professor of epidemiology and associate director of Cancer Health Disparities and Community Engagement at the UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

As a professor in the UCI Department of Epidemiology and the associate director of Cancer Health Disparities and Community Engagement, Sora Park Tanjasiri is committed to reducing health disparities among diverse populations, particularly Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. She draws on her extensive experience as the principal investigator (PI) or co-principal investigator on more than two dozen extramurally funded cancer-related studies.

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Kure It Women’s Guild

For more inquiries and information on how to join and participate please contact Renalynn Funtanilla at 949-748-5954 or renalynn@kureit.org

Our Mission

The Women’s Guild “Hive” supports the purpose and activities of Kure It through fundraising, education, and community outreach.

Hive members actively go out into the community and work hard to spread knowledge and their passion for supporting cancer research. In addition to creating awareness, members have a great time together and enjoy the company of other women who want to make a difference.

Each of us has a reason we want to “Bee the Kure.”
We want to ask you, “What’s your why?”

“This subject hits close to home. Everyone deserves a chance to fight and to live the best life they can”. - Tina Britton, Honey Bee Member

MEET THE HIVE 2022

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Looking to be more active in our Women’s Guild? Follow them on social media @kureitwomensguild

Women’s Guild Newsletter

Click here to join the guild!
Thank you for your support during these difficult times

In 2022, the Round Up For Research program raised over $505,000 towards cancer research.

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CAESAR WRIGHT | EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN MAKORABCO

Kure It would like to express our profound sadness over the passing of Caesar Wright, the Executive Chairman and former CEO of MakoRabco, this late August. Caesar Wright made an everlasting impact throughout his nearly 30-year career at MakoRabco. His leadership and personality shined in the Self-Storage Industry, leading MakoRabco to become one of the largest and most reputable companies in the Self-Storage Industry.

Ceasar was also a generous spirit who supported many charities including, Kure It Cancer Research. MakoRabco reached out to Kure It to start a “Kure It In Memory of Caesar” fund to help others who might be going through the same thing. To date, over $42,000 has been donated to Kure It in Caesar’s name.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Caesar Wright, click here.

WHAT IS ROUND UP FOR RESEARCH?
This program gives customers a chance to get involved with Kure It by rounding up their self storage rent by only $.50 or making a one time donation of any amount.
Want to get involved?
Email us at renalynn@kureit.org or call 949-748-5954