Exploratory Cancer Research Gets $547K Gift
Funding innovative ideas to fuel great discoveries

HONOLULU - The University of Hawaii Cancer Center, a research enterprise affiliated with the University of Hawaii at Manoa, has received a $547,500 anonymous planned gift to provide ongoing funding for early-stage projects in novel and promising areas of study.

“Private funding for early-stage projects helps ensure innovative ideas are given the support they need to be tested through research. This funding is essential as too often preliminary research is not eligible for federal grant funding,” said Dr. Michele Carbone, director of the University of Hawaii Cancer Center.

By providing resources to support pilot study exploration, the donor is creating a vital source of funding for the most promising researchers at the University of Hawaii Cancer Center whose innovative ideas may lead to research breakthroughs in the prevention and treatment of cancer.

“This gift will help the Cancer Center achieve several important objectives; it will reward the innovative work of our researchers who will compete for an award; it will provide the Cancer Center with the resources to support pilot study exploration; and as an endowed fund, it will do so in perpetuity,” said Dr. Carbone. “We are most grateful for this very generous gift that will fund the research taking place within our state-of-the-art facility currently under construction.”