

## **Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund Pledges \$5.5 Million Endowment to Stony Brook Medicine**

The Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund has established a \$5.5 million endowment for Stony Brook Medicine, leaving Stony Brook staff thrilled at the potential for new research.

The endowment will generate income for grants that will serve as a security blanket for future projects, according to Alison Stopeck, who does clinical breast cancer research at Stony Brook Medicine. And the \$5.5 million does not stop there. Between the State Endowment Match Challenge and the Simons Infinity Investment Challenge, both of which pledge to match endowments to Stony Brook, that amount will triple, according to a release from Stony Brook University.

The cancer research fund, founded in 1996 by Carol Baldwin, her family and friends, has a stated mission of “battling breast cancer by supporting both new and established researchers,” according to its website.

Also in 1996, the Stony Brook Cancer Center dedicated the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Care Center in her name, honoring her efforts to combat the disease through research.

The fund and Stony Brook University Hospital are very close, according to Anne Line, the fund's director, who has been with it since its inception. The fund gives multiple grants to Stony Brook every year.

At Stony Brook Medicine, which integrates all of Stony Brook University’s health initiatives, breast cancer is just one of 12 specialties, which include lung cancer, thyroid cancer and gastrointestinal cancer, but this money will go specifically to breast cancer research.

Baldwin died at age 92 on May 26, 2022, and Line, her colleague, said the goal of this endowment is to keep her legacy alive.

“We’re hoping that it funds a cure, but I know that any bit of research is going to help us,” Line said.