Our Mission

At CRC, we are searching every day for a healthier tomorrow. Our extensive cancer research is funded in large part by the citizens and businesses of central Missouri who desire a solution to this devastating disease. Because of the extensive cancer research that is being performed all over the world, including right here in Columbia, we are going way beyond poisoning, radiating, and cutting out cancer cells. We are developing procedures to stop cancer before it ever starts and researching innovative treatments to avoid destroying healthy cells.

We can DO this with your help!
Message from the Director

Change is good; it keeps us fresh. The year of 2018 brought change for the Cancer Research Center. We moved our administrative offices and our laboratory. We welcomed new Board members. We lost a dear member of our family. We pulled together and made progress with our CRC2631 cancer therapy.

The relocation of our laboratory to the MU Life Science Business Incubator at Monsanto Place was a positive change. Our new space is efficient and well suited to our needs. The CRC scientists are immersed in an environment of innovation and entrepreneurship. This is beneficial as we work toward approaching the F.D.A. (Food and Drug Administration) for Investigational New Drug (I.N.D.) approval. Read more about our research progress on pages 8-12.

At their November meeting, the CRC Board of Trustees welcomed two new Board members, David Anderson and Kevin Staveley-O’Carroll. Dr. Anderson is Chief Scientific Officer of Ivogen and Dr. Staveley-O’Carroll is the Director of Ellis Fischel Cancer Center. We are fortunate to have dedicated individuals who support our mission with their diverse talents and resources. They are committed to doing what is best for CRC.

Securing financial support is vital to the livelihood of any organization. The Cancer Research Center is funded by Foundations, Trusts, civic groups and individuals who seek to defeat cancer. One source of funding is the Jim Kidwell Memorial Gala. The 2018 event honored Betty Lakin. Read more about this devoted and compassionate lady, and see photos from the event on pages 16-25. We are indebted to our Gala volunteer committee for their work in planning and executing this event.

The CRC staff embraced the changes throughout the year and supported each other through loss. In August, Dr. Abraham Eisenstark left our family when he passed away just a few days prior to his 99th birthday. I first met him in 1994, and he was a great mentor to so many of us. Read tributes to Dr. Abe on page 15.

There are so many to thank for CRC’s progress in 2018: donors; volunteers; Board members and dedicated staff. Whatever role you may have with the Cancer Research Center, please know this. You are making a difference in the fight against cancer and the lives of cancer patients. You are vital to CRC’s success. Thank you for your generosity and dedication to the CRC.

Wishing you good health and prosperity,

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Meet the CRC Staff

**Marnie Clark**  
is the Director of the CRC and has been with the organization for more than 18 years. She served as Development Director from 1994 to 1999, and was a member of CRC’s Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2001 while working at William Woods University. She has extensive experience in public relations and association management. Marnie is a member of Columbia Metro Rotary, Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, Columbia Elks Lodge and Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club. She is an active member of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce where she has Chaired the Chamber Ambassadors, as well as various committees. She was a 2003 recipient of the 40 under 40 in Columbia Award and is a graduate of Leadership Columbia. She earned a BFA degree from William Woods College. Marnie lives in Fulton with her husband, Michael. They have four children.

**Jack Bozarth**  
is the Director of Development at the CRC. He is responsible for fundraising and public affairs. He is a retired Air Force Officer who was the Public Affairs Officer for the Commissioner of Military Affairs of the state of Alaska. He graduated from the Defense Department’s Defense Information School with honors. He is married to the former Ann Freese of Columbia and has three children and four grandchildren. Jack was born in Kansas City and raised in Raytown, Missouri. He is a graduate of Central Missouri State University and was awarded a MS degree by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is a member of the Columbia Elks Lodge and Twilight Lodge No. 114 AF&AM.

**Aycia McGee**  
is the Executive Assistant and joined the CRC team in July of 2008. She is dedicated to managing the database, photographing special events and lab research projects along with designing the Annual Report and advertisements throughout the year. She graduated from Centralia High School and earned her Bachelor’s degree at Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri. Through the years, she found her passion for photography after the loss of her mother to breast cancer. Since then, she has worn the hats of an artist, a photographer and an office manager and is proud to combine all of her talents at the Cancer Research Center.
Alison Dino

is the Senior Technician and Laboratory Manager of the CRC. A New Jersey native, she attended Stephens College in Columbia prior to joining the CRC in 2002. During her time as an undergraduate, she served as the Chemistry Laboratory Assistant for the college’s Natural Science Department and served as an officer in several honor societies. The summer of her junior year she was elected to Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, for her HIV-1 research work when she was an infectious disease intern in Galveston, TX. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Stephens in 2002, with a BS in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. She is the eldest of three; her family now resides in Lawrence, KS.

Dr. Robert A. Kazmierczak
came to CRC as the Raymond W. Freese Fellow. He now serves as Senior Investigator. He received his BS in Bacteriology at the University of Wisconsin, studying regulation of Vitamin B12 production by Salmonella enterica (serovar Typhimurium) and interning at Upjohn Pharmaceuticals. He earned a MA and PhD in Microbiology from the University of Illinois, during which time he held an NIH Cell and Molecular Biology Training Grant Fellowship to research chronic viral infections. He later studied at Washington University in St. Louis. At the CRC he is conducting research to characterize and develop therapeutic Salmonella enterica as a treatment for cancer.

Dr. Chiswili Yves Chabu

is the Scientific Director of the Cancer Research Center and an Assistant Professor in the Division of Biological Sciences at MU where his laboratory works on mechanisms promoting tumor progression. Dr. Chabu is also affiliated with the Department of Surgery at the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center/MU School of Medicine. Dr. Chabu received his PhD from the University of Oregon and his post-doctoral training and fellowship at Yale University School of Medicine.

Dr. Bakul Dhagat Mehta

joined CRC as the Raymond W. Freese Fellow in October, 2012. Bakul earned her PhD degree in Biochemistry from Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI. She graduated with a Masters of Science in Chemistry from India. Currently, here at the CRC, Bakul is studying protein interactions that occur between therapeutic Salmonella and their target proteins in human cancer cells in order to understand the underlying mechanisms responsible for Salmonella’s targeting towards cancer cells. Bakul lives in Columbia with her husband Ravish and two children, Gauri and Meera.
Reaching Out to the Community

Following a presentation of CRC’s research to the Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club, President Aric Jarvis awarded a donation to CRC’s Director, Marnie Clark. Thank You, Cosmo Club!

Diane Watson from the Fraternal Order of Eagles presented CRC’s Marnie Clark with a surprise. We thank you for your continued generosity.

CRC participated in “Caring is Magical” Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign kick-off. Alison Dino, Kayla Dock, Chelsey Wall and Marnie Clark.

Kim Caldwell from Missouri Employers Mutual (MEM) stopped by with a generous donation. Thank you, Kim and to everyone at MEM for your support.
Thank you to the Fraternal Order of Eagles for stopping by CRC for a visit and touring our laboratory.

Janet & Kenny Wilding, Kristi Brink, Kathy Madden, Alison Dino and Marnie Clark.

Kristi and her husband, John recently returned for a tour of our new laboratory and to learn more about our research from Dr. Bakul Dhagat-Mehta, Dr. Robert Kazmierczak, Jack Bozarth and Marnie Clark.

Congratulations on 56 years of research!

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Message from the Research Director

CRC Horizon 2019
Greetings!

Cancer remains one of the most significant challenges of our times. The Cancer Research Center (CRC) is determined to confront this challenge through bold and innovative therapy approaches. The CRC is developing bacteria based cancer targeting technologies.

Several cancer targeting bacteria strains have been developed to date. However, the lack of strains that safely and potently destroy cancer cells via defined mechanisms have hampered enthusiasm over the clinical potential of these biologics. Thanks to your continued support to the CRC, our team of dedicated scientists has developed a strain (CRC2631) that safely and effectively suppresses tumors in a mouse model of prostate cancer. In addition, we now have mechanistic insights into how CRC2631 kills cancer cells.

More importantly, we developed CRC2631 combination therapy strategies to further augment CRC2631 potency at sub-toxic dosage levels. We are excited to report that this approach has already led to the identification of several potential combination therapies showing synergetic killing of isolated cancer cells in vitro. In 2019, the CRC will focus on testing the safety and efficacy our CRC2631 combination therapies in animals, including clinical trials in large animals.

In a related but independent approach, we are now exploiting the host immune system response to CRC2631 treatment to achieve durable therapy response. We found that animals treated with CRC2631 mono-therapy show an increase of cancer-killing immune cells inside cancer tissues. However, our data show that these treated cancers likely fight off immune cells by exploiting molecular mechanisms that are normally in place to ensure that the immune system doesn’t unnecessarily destroy healthy cells. This is normally referred to as checkpoint mechanisms. Luckily agents that specifically target these checkpoint mechanisms already exist. In fact, targeting these checkpoint mechanisms (cancer immunotherapy) represents one of the most significant advances in cancer care to date. The CRC is evaluating the clinical benefits of CRC2631/checkpoint inhibitors combination therapy in animals.

All of these exciting developments wouldn’t have been possible without your unyielding commitment to confronting cancer! Thank you for your continued support as we focus on translating our CRC2631 mono and combination therapy indications into clinical applications. We look forward to an exciting year ahead.
Current Research

Targeting End-Stage Prostate Cancer (Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer) Using Rationally Selected CRC2631 Combination Therapies.

At the Cancer Research Center (CRC), we are focused on developing and bringing new targeted cancer therapies to the clinic. Our current therapy is a non-toxic Salmonella named CRC2631 that specifically targets, infiltrates, and destroys mouse and human cancer cells.

In 2018, we proposed to determine a safe and effective dosage regimen for CRC2631 to inform dosing decisions in human patients. We have accomplished both of these tasks and are excited to share these related indications below. In addition to this work, we established an analysis pipeline that enables us to rationally select FDA-approved small molecule inhibitors that, when used in combination with CRC2631, will specifically and synergistically destroy tumors. This approach has led to the identification of several promising combination therapy candidates, including a combination therapy approach that specifically and potently destroys end-stage aggressive human (neuroendocrine) prostate cancer cells (Figure 1). There is no effective therapy against neuroendocrine prostate cancers. Thus, the CRC2631 based therapy approach represents a potential breakthrough therapy for the clinical management of cancer patients with advanced cancers. In addition to prostate cancer cells, we found that CRC2631 selectively targets an aggressive type of breast cancer cells (Figure 2), suggesting that CRC2631 has the capabilities to target diverse types of cancer cells.

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Salmonella CRC2631 Specifically and Stably Colonize Prostate Cancer Tissues in Animals.

CRC2631 selectively kills mouse and human neuroendocrine prostate cancer cells in vitro. However, this needed to be tested in animals (in vivo) to ensure that CRC2631 can also target cancers in the body, which is far more complex than test tubes and flasks. It is also important to understand how CRC2631 behaves in the body to inform safety decisions. Animal models are particularly useful for addressing these questions before moving to humans.

We treated healthy mice or mice with neuroendocrine prostate tumors (TRAMP) with a version of CRC2631 that was genetically modified to produce a red fluorescence signal. This allows us to track CRC2631 in live animals, determine its tumor targeting efficiency, and establish its distribution over time, or pharmacokinetic properties. We found that 24 hours after treatment, CRC2631 (red color) is not detectable in mice lacking tumors (Figure 3a) but it is selectively enriched in the prostate area of mice with prostate tumors (Figure 3b). CRC2631 was cleared from the tumor below detection levels 96 hours after injection but the remaining CRC2631 cells were able to grow and specifically colonize prostate tumor tissue 190 hours after initial injection (Figure 3b-d). A competitive strain that has been safely administered to human patients in a phase I clinical trial (VNP20009) show a more generalized distribution. In addition to these qualitative studies, we are performing quantitative studies to look at the number of cells that target prostate tumors versus non-specific tissues (lungs, kidney, liver, heart). So far, the above findings suggest that CRC2631 is a cancer targeting strain. We will complete these quantitative studies in 2019, as well as determining how efficiently CRC2631 can target and persist in metastatic prostate tumors that have spread to different organs in the TRAMP mice.

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Figure 2. Effects of CRC2631 on human cancer cell metabolism and survival. Prostate normal (blue), prostate cancer (red, green and purple), breast normal (blue), breast cancer (red) cells were treated with $10^4$ CFU /ml of therapeutic Salmonella CRC2631 over a period of 8 hours. At the respective time point(s), treatment with CRC2631 was stopped and cells were then treated with media containing antibiotic to kill extracellular Salmonella. After washes, number of viable (living) cells was measured by MTT assay. Number of living cells conversely gives us the number of cells that were destroyed as a result of CRC2631 treatment. Results represent the mean ± standard deviation of three trials performed in triplicate.
Safety and Therapy Indications of CRC2631 Against Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancers

In addition to its ability to target prostate tumor tissue in animals, CRC2631 is well-tolerated in animals. We performed a hybrid safety and efficacy studies in TRAMP animals. TRAMP prostate cancers contain genetic mutations common in human prostate cancers. In addition, TRAMP prostate cancers develop from low-grade neoplasia to end stage neuroendocrine prostate cancers, mimicking the clinical course of human prostate cancers.

For safety studies we treated TRAMP animals with increasing doses of CRC2631 and monitored the effects of these treatments on weight loss and lethality as a measure for toxicity. We found that CRC2631 is well-tolerated. In fact, it showed far less toxicity than VNP20009, which is widely considered as safety benchmark in the field. Our safety-efficacy hybrid study also allowed us to determine the least toxic dose at which CRC2631 suppresses tumors (the therapeutic dose). This is important for informing dosing decision in human patients.

We determined that 25 million cells of CRC2631 is safe and sufficient to significantly reduce prostate tumor burden and extend life in the TRAMP animals (Figure 4). As CRC2631 doses increased from 10 million to 50 million cells, tumors shrunk correspondingly, further demonstrating the effectiveness of CRC2631 therapy and highlighting the clinical potential of CRC2631 therapy against aggressive cancers. To complement these findings, we are in the process of examining how genetically stable CRC2631 is to ensure that it will retain its safety and efficacy characteristics after it is administered to patients. Also, we are closely examining the effects of CRC2631 on normal (non-cancer) organs closely.

Figure 3. CRC2631 specifically targets tumor regions. Mice without tumors [TRAMP(-), box a] or prostate tumor bearing mice [TRAMP(+), boxes b-d)] injected with one million CRC2631 therapeutic Salmonella or control VNP20009 Salmonella expressing red fluorescent proteins to assess bacterial localization using the IVIS Spectrum imaging system. CRC2631 and VNP20009 signal is shown as red, background tissue signal (no Salmonella) is shown as green. CRC2631 signal (red) shows specific localization to prostate tumor region 24 hours post injection (left arrow, box b) but not in mice lacking tumors (box a). CRC2631 signal falls below detectable levels at 96 hours post injection (box c) but specifically repopulates tumors by 190 hours post injection (arrows, box d) demonstrating that it is targeted and persistent at tumor sites. Control strain VNP20009 did not show these targeting and persistence characteristics (boxes a-d).
As with any therapeutic agent, it is important to understand how exactly CRC2631 is killing cancer cells. Our studies show that CRC2631 targets cancer cells’ mitochondria, the cell’s power plant. Cancer cells’ mitochondria progressively deteriorate after treatment with CRC2631. Mitochondria dysfunction kills the cells by activating a specific signaling cascade. Consistent with this, we found that mitochondria-dependent cell death promoting signals are particularly increased in cancer cells treated with CRC2631.

Immune cells have the ability to destroy cancer cells, however cancers often deactivate these anti-cancer cells. Thus, we asked whether CRC2631 can recruit more of these immune cells to tumors and whether we can protect these immune cells from cancers’ defense mechanisms using combination immunotherapy approaches. We found that treating TRAMP animals with CRC2631 recruits more cancer-destroying immune cells to the tumor. We are now evaluating the safety and efficacy of combining CRC2631 with immunotherapy in animals.

We are looking forward to what promises to be an exciting year ahead for the CRC.

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**Figure 4. CRC2631 suppresses the growth of neuroendocrine prostate tumors in the TRAMP model.**

(a) Primary prostate tumor volume (µm³) of TRAMP mice after injection of 1x10⁷ to 5x10⁷ colony forming units (CFU) of CRC2631 injected every three days over a 42-day period. The aggressively growing, poorly differentiated TRAMP tumors in each group were significantly inhibited in a dose-dependent manner 42-52 days after treatment (*=p<0.05, Student's t statistical test). TRAMP mouse groups were controlled for age and initial tumor burden. (b) MRI images of TRAMP tumors in mice before starting CRC2631 treatment (Day 0) and after treatment (Day 40). Without therapy, the primary prostate tumor at Day 0 in (1) becomes a large primary tumor on day 40 in (2). With CRC2631 therapy, the primary tumor at Day 0 in (3) is successfully controlled at Day 40 in (4). Successful suppression of prostate tumors allowed the mice to survive longer (life extension) after therapy concludes (c).
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Dr. (Robert) Kazmierczak presenting the Cancer Research Center's research at the 2018 American Society of Cell Biology annual meeting in San Diego, California. This meeting brings together thousands of researchers studying all aspects of cellular function including cellular diseases and cutting edge treatments for cancer. By attending these meetings our researchers learn many of the latest discoveries in cell biology as well as new and updated technologies to study cancer cell biology more efficiently.

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Dr. Robert Kazmierczak and Dr. Bakul Dhagat
Abe Eisenstark
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Dr. Abe is truly a great mentor, in many ways. I learned scientific spirit and attitude from him, and those are the most valuable things I've ever learned in my life. Dr. Abe will always be remembered!

~Chengzhi Wang

I have been in awe of Dr. Abe Eisenstark since I first met him when I was a Master's student in genetics working in Tucker Hall at the University of MO in the mid-1980s. He was a great scientist, a great mentor, a great colleague and a great friend. His many seminal contributions to the scientific field will long be remembered but perhaps greatest of all was his lifelong dedication to mentoring the next generation of young scientists and how much they cherished and respected him. He was a true pioneer on so many levels. I so enjoyed our many delightful scientific discussions and reading his wonderful Christmas letters. He never failed to check on me to see how I was doing and to get updates on my lab's research. He made you feel like family. I will dearly miss him.

~ Cheryl A. Nickerson, Ph.D.

Dr. Abe was a terrific scientist and a wonderful human being. He was a man of very diverse interests. His dedication and energy were extraordinary.

~Barry Bochner

I was one of his first hires after he became the Director of the Division of Biological Sciences at Missouri and I came there because of him. He understood me when I told him that I was trying to integrate two areas of research and I owe the success of my career to his vision. With his leadership, we won an NIH Training Grant and trained some wonderful students, some now most successful. I had the honor of becoming Director of the Division in the late 1980s and I tried to channel Abe's spirit as best that I could. John David, who came at the same time as I, did the same for the next quarter century, until the young people that we had hired could take over. Abe's spirit still lives in the Division!

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Jolene Schulz drawing the winner of the 50/50 Raffle with CRC’s VP, Garry Banks

Marnie Clark & Alycia McGee
Betty Lakin loved life...

She loved her family, her friends, and her lifelong calling to always give back. Not a week passed that Betty didn’t have a project to work on, food to deliver, calls to make, hearts to warm. She was her happiest when serving others and fighting for causes close to her heart, like cancer research.

Betty Jane Boyer was born in the front bedroom of the Boyer family farm house near Gorin, Missouri. She was the daughter of Wallace and Lucille Boyer. Along with her two older brothers, she attended grade school through high school in Gorin (a “suburb” of Memphis, Missouri), where her mother was a long-time teacher. Growing up in a farming family shaped much of Betty’s can-do attitude toward life. Never one to sit around, Betty was always fast to find a solution, figure out a way to jump in, and more often than not, recruit a crew to help out.

As a student at the University of Missouri in 1958, Betty fell in love with Columbia. Working at MFA Oil Company after college, Betty fell in love with Dean Lakin. They married in 1962 and together they called Columbia home for the next fifty-three years. Their family grew to include daughter Kimberly Lakin Mize and son Philip Lakin. In the early 1970s, Betty’s career as a book keeper gave way to her career as a mom with a mission. She was a weekly fixture at Fairview Elementary School – staffing the nurse’s office, lunch room, ice cream social, book fair. If money needed to be raised, Betty could make a mean batch of chili for 300 and stir up some McDonald’s orange drink in no time flat. She was a strong advocate for children with Juvenile Diabetes, and took pride in her ability to provide empathy and support to parents of children diagnosed with T1.

Growing up, Betty was an active member of her church and 4-H. She raised her children in the same manner. An active and devoted congregant at Broadway Christian Church since its earliest days, Betty served many roles and wore many hats. Over the years, hundreds of meals were cooked, thousands of tiny glass communion cups were bleached, gaggles of children were taught at VBS and the best friendships of her life were cultivated. And row upon row of grass was mowed because Betty volunteered Dean almost as often as she volunteered herself. Boone Country Fair Parade floats were constructed in the Lakin driveway, 4-H welding projects were stored in the garage, Missouri State Fair cookies were baked on Garden Drive, and laughter rolled out of Betty’s Buick as she drove packs of kids to meetings, lessons, and sports.

As Kimberly and Phil grew older, Betty started a second career at Stephens College. Originally hired to manage the summer storage program just a couple of weeks each semester, her job grew, eventually landing her as a buyer at the on-campus Bookshelf, where she stayed for twenty-five years. At Stephens, she was known for her well-stocked candy dish and an ample supply of advice for decades of homesick students. She treasured her friendships with both colleagues and students – keeping in touch with many for years after her retirement.
Betty never lost touch with her Scotland County roots and remained close friends with her childhood friends and extended cousins. A devoted aunt to 8 nieces and nephews, many of whom attended Mizzou and Stephens, she was always good for a load of laundry, a home-cooked meal and maybe a little gas money (although Dean normally handled all car-related emergencies). She also served as the local welcome-wagon for anyone from North East Missouri who found themselves in Columbia – at the VA, Ellis Fischel, Rusk Rehabilitation or the University Hospital. Betty would pack up some snacks, hop in her car and head out – many a day was spent comforting those in need.

Betty had a long relationship with cancer. Her father died of colon cancer in 1981. Her daughter battled ovarian cancer in 1985. Over the years, she advocated for and supported many friends through tough bouts with various forms of cancer – spending many weeks driving those in need to chemo and radiation appointments. When she herself was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2014, she knew the road ahead of her was going to be tough. She faced it head on, and fought with all her gusto for five months. But her cancer was too aggressive, her body too weak. With clear mind, soul and heart, Betty alone made the decision to stop further treatment and head home under the care of Hospice. She was a woman of great faith, compassion, and Missouri-born common sense. Betty had lived by and through and with cancer for many years – she knew her time was short and she wanted to enjoy her final days at home, with her beloved husband, children and Oliver, her grandson and lead cheerleader.

If she were here today, Betty would probably be mortified to know that she was being recognized at a gathering this large. She would have much preferred that the spotlight be shone on someone else more deserving. But she would also be thrilled to know that money is being raised to support the important work of the Cancer Research Center. Thank you for giving Betty Lakin one last platform to spread her care for others, especially those touched by cancer, and thank you for your generosity of time, money and spirit.
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**Grants, Foundations, Trusts & Organizations**

- Jim Kidwell Memorial Gala
- The Stafford Family Charitable Trust
- Mr. Edward Petersheim
- Boone Electric Community Trust
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 2730
- The Griffin Foundation
- Orschlen Industries Foundation
- Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club
- MFA Oil Company
- Jack & Ann Bozarth
- Missouri State Employee Charitable Campaign
- Rita Doten's Cancer Fun Day
- Gibson & Company
Freese Memorial Fellowship

Raymond Freese, a local builder, developer, and president of Boone County Lumber Company, was a member of the CRC Board of Trustees for 21 years, beginning in 1973. He worked tirelessly to secure funding and support for various CRC projects and was especially devoted to the CRC Gala. Ray lost his sister and several close friends to cancer and decided to do what he could to fight this lethal disease. Unfortunately, he lost his own battle with cancer in 1994. After his death, the CRC Board of trustees set up the Raymond W. Freese Memorial Fellowship. This fellowship is awarded to promising postdoctoral scientists for an initial one year appointment, with reappointment for additional years based on performance. The stipend is comparable to those awarded by the Health Sciences Center at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The major research project is anti-tumor therapy with genetically altered Salmonella. Applicants are expected to have (1) expertise in molecular genetics of bacteria, (2) willingness to develop a mouse testing model, (3) skills in writing grant proposals and manuscripts, (4) skills in presenting research results at national meetings, and (5) skills to develop projects independently and creatively.

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