

Dear Supporters,

Young Texans Against Cancer (YTAC-Austin) is grateful to have your support in our inaugural year in Central Texas. We have surpassed our initial goals with the help and generosity of the young professionals in Austin.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on YTAC-Austin's success in 2007. First of all, with your assistance we raised \$20,000 from grass root efforts. This is double the fundraising goal we set for our first year! We also enlisted over 160 members, including several lifetime memberships of over \$350 each. We credit the founders for spreading the word about our organization, recruiting friends to come to events and donating your time and money to an important cause.

In addition, our philanthropy and social events were all very well attended! We have chosen several events to do on an annual basis and we hope you will take advantage of the volunteerism and networking aspects of YTAC-Austin. Some of the upcoming events are: the MD Anderson Blood Drive at the Capitol, the Second Annual YTAC Golf Tournament sponsored by Allergan, Inc. and another UT tailgate party. We are also working on a few corporate partnership events and additional volunteer opportunities around the community for interested members.

We are happy to report that the YTAC-Austin board recently selected two local organizations to receive our donations. Planet Cancer, a young adult cancer network for patients, will receive \$9,000 for a new program, *The Austin Young Adult Network*. This program will develop a network of peer support and a psychosocial safety net for young adults in our own backyard using monthly social networking opportunities in conjunction with an online listserv group. It will serve as a strong local network with both formal and informal avenues of support for young adults with cancer, so they will be able to access the support they need, when they need it, in a way that is most comfortable for them.

In addition, we are donating \$1,000 to an Austin-based organization, Move Through Cancer. This is a volunteer non-profit group that provides support for cancer survivors and their families through exercise programming and wellness education before, during and after treatment.

It has been a truly amazing year for our chapter of YTAC. The board, founders and members will continually strive to fulfill our mission statement while working to expand YTAC's membership base to future generations of Texans. In fact, since the Austin chapter was so well-received in a new community, we have now expanded to Dallas in 2008!

Thank you so much for your continued support of YTAC-Austin. Look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Holly Jeffcoat
President