What is a FRIEND of the FUTURE?

A FRIEND of the FUTURE is any organization that wishes to make a significant impact in the future of cancer research by supporting the work of a young scientific investigator at UAB. A scientist who receives funding at the beginning of his or her career is more likely to generate data that can be used to secure larger grants—and may be the key to the cure.

2012 FRIENDS of the FUTURE

What is Fiesta Ball?

Fiesta Ball is the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Young Supporters Board's (YSB) signature event. A Cinco de Mayo celebration first held in 2007, the event has grown to bring in nearly $60,000 annually with more than 400 attendees from Birmingham's young professional community. The event supports the CCC's Young Investigator Grant, awarded each year after a competitive application and review process.

What is the Young Supporters Board?

The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Young Supporters Board is a group of 40

professionals and community leaders under 35 years of age who are passionate about seeing the promise of a cure fulfilled. Nearly all of the board members have been personally affected by cancer and many are cancer survivors themselves. Now in its 6th year, the board is working to spread awareness of the ground-breaking research of Cancer Center scientists and enhance the patient experience.

Will I have the opportunity to pay tribute to someone with my gift?

Yes. This year, your sponsorship may be made in memory or in honor of someone special to you—a loved one, board member, colleague and/or client. We will contact you for the names of your honorees after we receive your FRIENDS of the FUTURE reply form. All honorees will be recognized at Fiesta Ball. In addition, we will send a letter to the honoree or family notifying them of your gift.

How are honorees recognized?

Your gift may be made in memory or in honor of loved ones, your doctor, your nurse or caregiver, colleagues and/or clients. We will send a letter to your honoree notifying them of your gift. The timing of the letter is up to you – to commemorate a special occasion, at year's end or anytime that you prefer.

How can we get UAB tax documentation and/or an invoice?

UAB's 501 (c) 3 tax documentation and federal tax ID number are available upon request. We can also provide you with an invoice to process payment if needed. Please contact Chris Thomason using the information below.

Who do we contact for more information?

Please contact Chris Thomason at cthomason@uab.edu or (205) 934-0930 for more information.