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Simoni Foundation invests in next generation

Many of today's remarkable advances in cancer research—from unlocking the immune system to fight cancer, to the development of potent targeted therapies—have been driven by alumni of the Dana-Farber/Partners CancerCare (DF/PCC) Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program.

This intensive training program immerses some of the country's brightest young physicians in clinical practice and research under the mentorship of recognized leaders in the field, many of whom were fellows themselves.

Building on earlier support, the Frank R. and Elizabeth Simoni Foundation recently made a grant of \$200,000 to support one of these promising fellows. The Simoni Foundation was created in 1991 by Frank Simoni, a prominent New England real estate developer and founder of The Simoni Companies.

"The Simoni Foundation has been proud to support organizations like Dana-Farber that are committed to innovation in healthcare," said Matthew MacDonald, the Simoni Foundation's chairman. "We are thrilled to honor Frank's legacy by providing a talented doctor with the training and experience needed to one day lead the way in cancer treatment."

"We are incredibly grateful to the Simoni Foundation for giving a fellow the financial freedom they need to cultivate their curiosity and pursue their scientific interests in a way that catalyzes extraordinary discoveries," said Ann LaCasce, MD, MMSc, fellowship program director. ■



From left: Ann MacDonald of the Simoni Foundation; Ann LaCasce, MD, MMSc; 2019-2020 Simoni Fellow Praful Ravi, MD, PhD; and Matthew, Megan, and Robert MacDonald of the Simoni Foundation.