

GLOBAL FOCUS ON CANCER

Raising awareness, providing support and creating a network of cancer patients, cancer survivors, caregivers and medical professionals.



Dr. Thuan thanks PT and Allison.

Presentations:

Presentation topics included: early detection, risk factors and risk reduction, lifestyle choices, screening strategies, palliative care and advocacy. Day two was dedicated to building a logic model and an advocacy toolkit with wonderful presentations from WE CAN's Allison Dvaladze and GFC's (and NYU's School of Public Health) *PhuongThao Lee*.

Outcome:

The beginning of a coalition was born at the event, with all attendees eager to continuing building long term relationships throughout the region.



Carolyn Taylor presenting on advocacy.



South East Asian Cancer Management & Support Group Summit - 2015

As many of you know, GFC held it's first *Cancer Support Group Summit* on November 14-15, 2015 in Nha Trang, Vietnam. The Summit was a major success with over 170 attendees representing nine countries in the region. Ten different groups including *GFC*, *BFF*, *BCSH*, the *Max Foundation*, *MAKNA Foundation*, the *Taiwan Breast Cancer Alliance*, the *K Breast Club of Hanoi*, the *KC Breast Club of Hanoi*, the *Nepal Cancer Support Group*, the *Heart to Heart Foundation* from Thailand, the *Sihanouk Hospital for Hope* from Cambodia and the *Golden Rose Cancer Foundation* from Myanmar, each presented on the work they are doing in their home countries. *GFC* along with our partners, the *Breast Cancer Society of Hue* and the *Bright Future Foundation* were thrilled with the event and all of our sponsors pledged to continue and expand on their support for a repeat event to be held in 2016!



Attendees representing Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia



Patient question/answer session.

Enormous Thank You's

To everyone that helped to make this event possible, I can't begin to thank you enough. Without your generous donations of time, talents and financial support, the Summit never would have been possible. There are a few people I would like to extend a special thank you to for their profound efforts: *PhuongThao Lee, Dr. Julie Gralow, Allison Dvaladze, Shilpa Venkatachalam, Peter Molinaro, Mishka Cira, GraceTaylor, O'Mara Taylor, Dr. Ophira Ginsburg, Deb Hopkins, Dorothy Taylor, Hattie Brown and Dorothy Kapica.*

WE CAN/Seattle

GFC can't thank Dr. Julie Gralow and Allison Dvaladze of [WE CAN](#) (Women's Empowerment Cancer Advocacy Network) for their participation in the Summit. Their years of experience with advocacy trainings as well as their generosity in sharing their knowledge were instrumental in making the Summit successful.



Dr. Julie Gralow from WECAN/Seattle.



Breast Cancer Advocacy Training course participants.

The Friday afternoon before the Summit Dr. Gralow and Carolyn presented at a training course for Breast Cancer Support with our partner Dr. Tung from the Breast Cancer Society of Hue. This event provided advocacy training for 30 breast cancer survivors and we were thrilled to participate. We will participate in another advocacy training this coming June at the SE Asian Breast Cancer Symposium in Hue, where GFC will also be a co-organizer and presenter.

We were happy to once again be wig “mules” for our friends at [Soul Ryeder's](#) and their [Wigs Without Borders](#) program. We brought wigs over 100 wigs which we distributed to breast cancer patients in Can Tho, Hue and Hanoi. Since partnering with Soul Ryeders last year, we have placed much needed wigs with cancer patients in India, Vietnam, Taiwan, Guatemala and the Philippines.



A breast cancer patients in Can Tho receives the gift of a wig.