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Photo Caption: Shown in photo (left to right): Gene Libby presents a check for \$185,000 raised from the March 14 Mary's Walk to Maine Cancer Foundation Executive Director Susan Rowan and Board President Douglas Carr.

Mary's Walk Provides A Boost to Maine Cancer Research

Portland, Maine (May 21, 2010) – The 2010 Mary's Walk and Kerry-men Pub 5K held a wrap-up meeting on Sunday, May 16 with a celebration for sponsors and supporters. The 12th annual Mary's Walk was held in conjunction with the long-standing Kerry-men Pub Road Race on March 14 in Saco.

Kevin Mills, PH.D. from Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, was the meeting's guest speaker. Mills reviewed his research project seeking to understand the molecular origins of chromosomal abnormalities and how they may function to drive cancer development. Mills received initial funding for the project from Maine Cancer Foundation in 2008. His research has been so promising that it has received additional, multi-year funding from the National Institute of Health.

"Without the initial funding from Maine Cancer Foundation, this research would not have proceeded," stated Mills. "We are so grateful to Maine Cancer Foundation and Mary's Walk supporters."

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mary's Walk event founder Gene Libby presented a check for \$185,000 to Maine Cancer Foundation Executive Director



Susan Rowan and Board President Douglas Carr. Over the course of 12 years, Mary's Walk has generated more than \$1.4 million dollars for Maine Cancer Foundation. Mary's Walk is named for Mary Kerry Libby who lost her battle with cancer in 1998 at the age of 44. More information about Mary's Walk and the Kerrymen Pub Road Race is available at www.maryswalk.com.

Since 1976, the Maine Cancer Foundation has supported cancer research, education and patient support programs throughout Maine. Dedicated to advancing the path to a cancer free future, all funds raised remain in Maine. For more information, visit www.mainecancer.org or call 773-2533, or toll free in Maine 1-866-627-2411.

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