WASHINGTON, June 12, 2011 – The Melanoma Research Alliance was saddened by the passing of Laura Ziskin, a founder of Stand Up to Cancer. Laura's passion and courage have helped countless people in their fight against this disease. She was an inspiration and role model to all who are working to defeat the scourge of cancer. MRA is honored to be a partner with SU2C as we work together to carry on Laura's fight. We send our condolences to all of Laura's family and friends.

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**About the Melanoma Research Alliance**

The Melanoma Research Alliance is a public charity formed under the auspices of the Milken Institute, with the generous founding support of Debra and Leon Black. It supports an international, cross-disciplinary group of biomedical researchers possessing clinical and scientific expertise to explore, identify and pursue innovative solutions to critical research questions, leading to better treatments and a cure for melanoma patients. Since its founding in 2007, MRA has become the largest private funder of melanoma research. For more information about MRA's research programs, visit [www.curemelanoma.org](http://www.curemelanoma.org).