

### **Nicole O'Hay Endowed Fellowship in Hematologic Malignancies Research**

Lloyd Damon and his team received a \$1M donation from Barbara and Philip O'Hay to establish the Nicole O'Hay Endowed Fellowship in Hematologic Malignancies Research in the UCSF Adult Hematology and Blood and Marrow Transplant Program. This gift was made in memory of their daughter Nicole, who passed away from leukemia at age 45. The fellowship will help support the training of future hematologists specializing in hematologic malignancies.

Dr. Tim Ferng, a second-year Hematology/Oncology fellow, has been selected to serve as the first Nicole O'Hay Fellow. Working in the lab of Dr. Cathy Smith, Dr. Ferng focuses on a subset of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) patients that have an activating mutation in the FLT3 gene. His goal is to identify and develop new and better drugs to more effectively target this mutation.



*The O'Hay's with Drs. Ferng, Nicole O'Hay Fellow, Dr. Damon, Clinical Professor of Medicine, Dr. Martin, Clinical Professor of Medicine, and Melanie Ranen, Director of Development.*