IUP DEPARTMENT BREAKS RECORD AGAIN FOR OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS FUNDRAISING EVENT

TOTAL OF $9,060 RAISED OVER SEVEN YEARS

INDIANA, Pa. – Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Communications Disorders, Special Education and Disability Services Department broke fundraising records again this year during its seventh annual "Confections for a Cause" bake sale.
The sale raised $1,560 for ovarian cancer education and research. September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness month. This bring the total amount raised to $9,600 in seven years of the event.

"Confections for a Cause" features hundreds of baked goods and sweets of all types, from pies to chocolates, all made by members of the university community.

Funds raised go to the Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation Inc. based in Havertown. This year, funds were also raised to support departmental colleague Dr. Annah Hill in her personal fight against breast cancer.

The event got its start because members of the department, including Dr. Shari Robertson and Celia Barber, wanted to honor Vickie Johnson, administrative assistant in the department, who had lost family members to ovarian cancer.

"This is not just a bake sale," Robertson said. "This is about community, a community that comes out each year not only to support Vickie, but to support this cause. It continues to be successful because people not only care about Vickie and her loss, but about others who will also lose loved ones to this terrible disease.

"Ovarian cancer is under-studied and there are very few events such as this to raise funds," Robertson said. "We continue to be so grateful that the IUP community cares enough to come together to help support this cause."

In addition to individual students and faculty, a number of student groups help with the project every year: National Student Speech, Language & Hearing Association (NSSLHA), Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Audiology Student Association (ASA), Sign Language Club and Best Buddies. A local business, Insomnia Cookies, also donated items for sale for the event.

