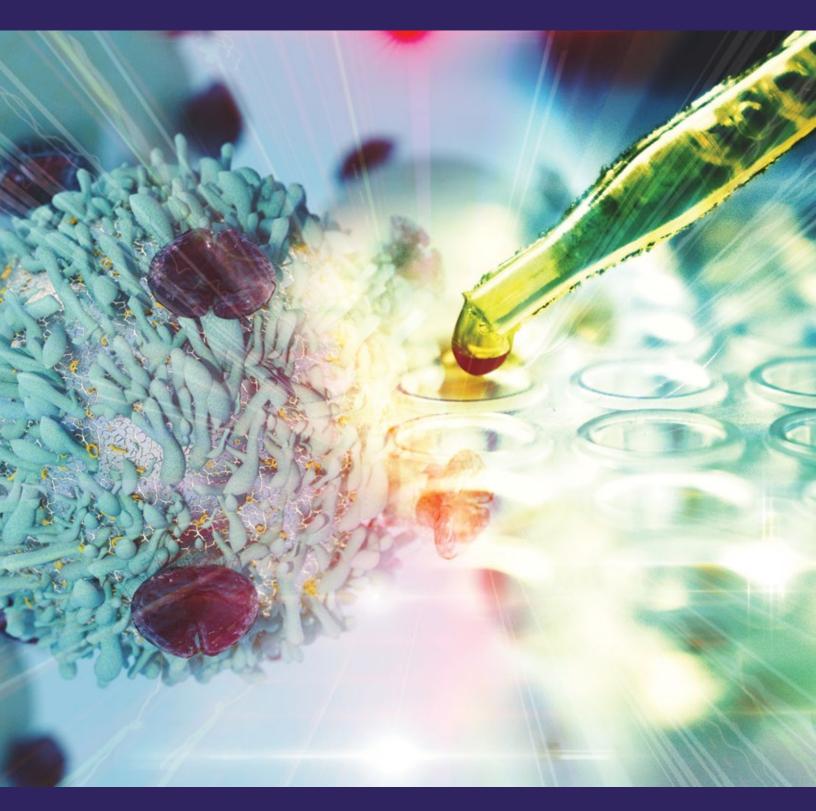
# A YEAR OF ADVANCEMENT



### **ANNUAL REPORT 2021**



SAMUEL WAXMAN CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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The Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation mission is to eradicate cancer by funding collaborative cross-institutional research to identify and correct abnormal gene function that causes cancer. This research is the basis for developing minimally toxic treatments for all patients with cancer.



# **A YEAR OF ADVANCEMENT**

December 2021 marked the 50th anniversary of the "War on Cancer", which was launched with an initial \$100 million federal investment in scientific research and a national commitment to finding a cure. Founded in 1976, the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF) has been a part of this battle for 47 years.

Thanks to decades of research, we now have better prevention methods, improved technologies such as mammograms and colonoscopies that detect cancer at earlier and more treatable stages, and hundreds of new therapies and treatments. In fact, 50 years ago there were only 16 cancer medications approved by the FDA. Today, there are more than 640.

Every day, investments in research continue to develop more effective treatment options, including new immunotherapies and targeted therapies that are proving to be less toxic than chemotherapy and radiation. SWCRF-funded investments in the Institute Without Walls<sup>™</sup> have contributed to moving research that address multiple forms of cancer to clinical trials.

All these advancements are saving lives and improving patient quality of life. Cancer mortality rates are down 27 percent in the last 20 years. However, cancer remains a leading cause of death in the U.S. and around the world. And 50 years after this war was declared, a cure remains elusive.

Additionally, with aging being the leading risk factor for developing cancer, and an increasingly aging population, the incidence of cancer will continue to rise, creating an unprecedented global burden. Yet, research focused on the link between aging and cancer is grossly underfunded, contributing to suboptimal treatment for older patients. Remember, 90% of all cancer occur after age 50!

SWCRF is leading the fight to address the links between aging and cancer.

This past year, the Foundation formed a collaboration with the Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai to fund teams of investigators to study cancer and aging. SWCRF also created partnerships with the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute on Aging in 2018, a program that has been extended until 2024; co-launched the International Center for Aging and Cancer in Hainan, China in 2019; and the following year partnered with Wiley Publishing to publish Aging AND Cancer, a new peer-reviewed journal showcasing research focused on aging and cancer.

We are committed to advancing cancer research for the next 50 years. With your continued support we can find a cure.

Sincerely,

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#### AGING AND CANCER

### A CURE IS IN SIGHT, BUT ...

By Dr. Samuel Waxman

Decades of research have led to significant advancements in fighting cancer. Fifty years ago, a cancer diagnosis was whispered about or kept secret, treatment options were limited and often highly toxic.

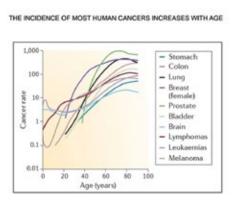
Today, preventions, cancer screenings, vaccines, and medications have improved patient outcomes and prolonged lives. In the past 20 years, cancer mortality rates have decreased by nearly 30 percent.

Yet, because aging is the leading risk factor for developing cancer, and we have an increasingly aging population, the largest impediment to finding a cure lies in the research disparities that neglect to address the important links between aging and cancer.

This specific research focus is unacceptably underfunded, contributing to suboptimal treatment for older patients and the rising incidence of cancer around the world.



Dr. Samuel Waxman

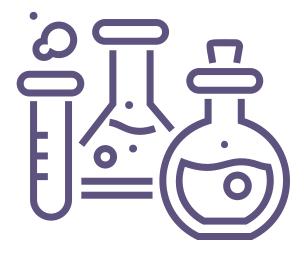


Source: National Cancer Institute

To address this, SWCRF has entered into a new collaboration with the Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai to launch a new \$1 million collaboration to fund teams of investigators studying cancer and aging. Both organizations will contribute equally to this two-year research program and work together to prioritize, evaluate, and award research grants to combat the rising rates of cancer around the world. New grants will begin in 2022.

Additionally, the Partnership on Aging and Cancer Research Program with the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Institute on Aging (NIA) was created in 2018 (this partnership was recently extended to 2024 with new grants to be funded in fall 2022). One such study by SWCRF-researcher, Dr. Carl June from the University of Pennsylvania, collaborating with Nan-Ping Weng, Ph.D. from the NIA, have teamed up to improve the therapeutic effect of new immunotherapies to treat chronic lymphocytic leukemia and multiple myeloma, two blood malignancies associated with aging. Their promising research aims to find new pathways to boost CAR T cells to produce anti-tumor activity.

SWCRF also launched *Aging AND Cancer* in 2020 in partnership with Wiley Publishing, the only peer-reviewed journal to showcase research focused on this complex topic. To date, six issues have published dozens of papers which are improving our understanding of the links between aging and cancer and highlighting studies that could lead to newer treatments.



#### AGING AND CANCER

### AGING AND CANCER JOURNAL IMPROVING PATIENT OUTCOMES

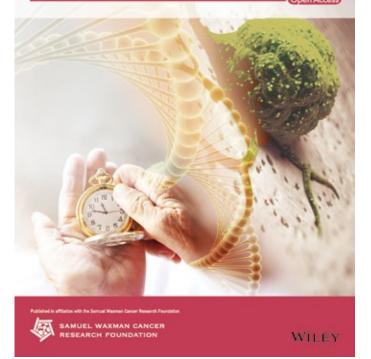
Two years ago, in collaboration with Wiley Publishing, SWCRF launched *Aging AND Cancer*, a new scientific journal advancing research breakthroughs and thought leadership aimed at addressing the rising incidence of cancer in aging populations and to developing better treatments. During these first two years, the new journal has published 6 issues and nearly 30 papers that are expanding our understanding of treating cancer in older patients.

An exciting study in the February issue titled, "A case for improving frail patient outcomes in multiple myeloma with phenotype-driven personalized medicine," demonstrated that using a drug sensitivity test could help individualize medications for older people who often can't tolerate the typical multiple myeloma treatment.

Another paper, "The potential of cord blood to replenish young immune cells against cancer," printed in the October edition examined if umbilical cord blood, which is considered a source of younger immune cells for anti-infectious immunity and cancer immunotherapy, could be effective for replenishing aging immune cells against tumors.

"The Aging AND Cancer journal is proving to be a vital outlet that is combatting the significant deficiency in research focused on the links between aging and cancer, but ultimately it will lead to improvements in health outcomes for older populations," said Dr. Waxman. VOLUME 1 ISSUE 1 MARCH 2020

### Aging and Cancer



The journal's Editor-in-Chief, James DeGregori, Ph.D., Deputy Director at the University of Colorado Cancer Center, is a notable research scientist and an investigator who has received previous funding from the SWCRF research collaboration with the NCI and NIA.



The journal is led by Drs. DeGregori and Shen Baiyong (of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine in China), plus an eight-member editorial board who peer-review articles and determine the journal's content. The board includes distinguished scientists from the United States, China, Germany, Italy, and Japan including Ruibao Ren, Ph.D. of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine, Director of the International Center on Aging and Cancer, and an SWCRF-funded investigator.

For more information visit https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/26438909.

Dr. James DeGregori was appointed editor-in-chief of the first-ever Wiley journal on "Aging AND Cancer."

### **2021 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC REVIEW**

For the second year in a row, the annual SWCRF Scientific Review was conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly 60 SWCRF-funded investigators from as far as Israel and China, logged in to share their research progress and present proposals for future study.

Each presentation, plus the submitted reports, are not only shared with all SWCRF investigators - enhancing collaborations and brainstorming - but are also evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Board to determine continued investment.

"Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, the 2021 Scientific Review proved once again that SWCRF-funded researchers are among some of the brightest minds in cancer research," said Dr. Waxman. "By working together to explore new scientific directions and publish high-impact papers, they are leading the way towards a future with better, less toxic treatments for cancer."



#### **Epithelial Ovarian Carcinoma**

- Leading cause of death from gynecologic disease in the U.S.
- 75% of women are diagnosed at stage III/IV after metastasis has occurred
- Poor survival: stage III 39%, stage IV – 17%
- Late diagnosis due to subtle symptoms and anatomical location of ovaries
- · Prevalent ascites



This year's virtual meeting included presentations from members of the SWCRF Institute Without Walls<sup>™</sup>, Innovation Grant recipients; researchers from the Partnership for Aging and Cancer Research in collaboration with the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute on Aging, the pair of scientists under the Gladstein Family Bladder Cancer Research Program, and investigators funded by the collaboration with The Alan B. Slifka Foundaiton and the Israel Cancer Research Fund which was established to study Ewings Sarcoma, a form of cancer in children and young adults. There was also a special keynote address by Aldofo Ferrando, M.D., Ph.D. on the role and mechanisms of Phf6 in hematopoietic stem cell aging.

The 2021 Scientific Review was made possible by the generous support from Leidos Biomedical Research with an education grant from the Tsai-Fan Yu Foundation.

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### **SIX COMMON RESEARCH THEMES**

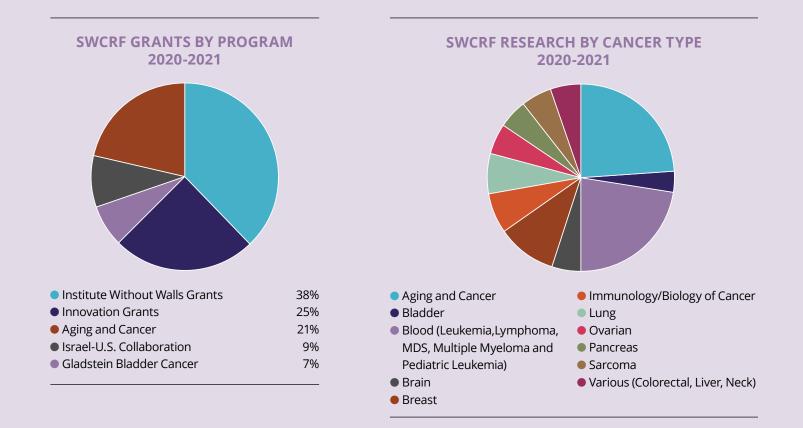
Last year, SWCRF continued funding the largest group of investigators in its nearly 50-year history. More than \$2 million was invested in 53 scientists working collaboratively to speed up the pace of cancer research.

In analyzing our funded research programs, we found six common themes that are central to advancing our mission – 1) addressing abnormal gene function, 2) studying cancer progression, 3) discovering new cancer treatment targets including immunotherapies, 4) understanding responses to cancer/treatment, 5) fighting cancer cell dormancy and metastasis, and 6) moving research to clinical trials.

These themes are vital in addressing all forms of cancer and as demonstrated in the chart below, SWCRF has allocated donorgenerated funds in support of science studying 14 of the most common types of cancer.

"Without the contributions from our generous donors, SWCRF would not be able to continue to fund top researchers around the world, each working together to find better ways to treat cancer," said Dr. Waxman. "We are humbled by their ongoing support."

Grantees included members of the Institute Without Walls<sup>™</sup>, scientists within the Partnership for Aging and Cancer Research Program with NCI and NIA; the Gary Gladstein Family Bladder Cancer Research Program, the U.S. and Israel Research Program in collaboration with The Alan B. Slifka Foundaiton and the Israel Cancer Research Fund, and the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation.



#### YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

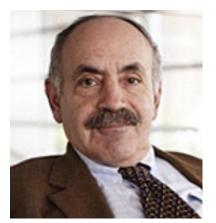
### **DEFEATING BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER**

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer to impact women (skin cancer is first), leading to an estimated 282,000 new cases and 43,600 deaths last year. And while less prevalent, there are nearly 22,000 ovarian cancer cases and an estimated 14,000 deaths. However, ovarian cancer has about half the 5-year survival rate of breast cancer.

SWCRF is committed to funding research towards better patient outcomes for those diagnosed with breast and ovarian cancer.

Promising recent research funded in part by SWCRF with grants from the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation and the National Institute of Health led to two recently published peer-reviewed studies.

The first study, published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (*PNAS*) demonstrates how a new inhibitor discovered by The Waxman Lab at Mount Sinai can block metastasis as it differentiates Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) to a less malignant state.



**Dr. Robert Weinberg** 

The second paper, published in *Cells* describes treating TNBC with the Waxman inhibitor and a retinoid markedly prolonged life in a mouse model. This study could lead to clinical trials in the near future.

TNBC accounts for about 10-15 percent of all breast cancers which are more invasive, with fewer treatment options, and often have a worse prognosis. It is also more common in women younger than age 40, who are Black or who have a BRCA1 mutation.



Dr. Robert Weinberg, another SWCRF investigator from Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is working on new immunotherapies to combat ovarian cancer. He and his team have discovered that the development of antibodies which specifically neutralize immunosuppressive proteins found in treatment-resistant ovarian tumors shows promise in blocking relapses, which is often associated with higher mortality rates.

The SWCRF Women's Cancer Research Program is supported, in part by the Revi Joseph Fund, the Gerald L. Lennard Foundation, and the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation. For more information or to donate visit <u>www.waxmancancer.org/womens-cancer</u>.

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### SAMUEL WAXMAN CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION RECEIVES COVETED 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

SWCRF has earned the 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. Charity Navigator guides responsible giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities across the country. Since 2002, Charity Navigator has only awarded the 4-star rating to organizations that operate in



accordance with industry best practices and those that are among the most fiscally responsible.

"It's important that our donors trust that we're using their generous donations wisely to accomplish our mission to eradicate cancer once and for all," said William Sullivan. "Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates our commitment to good governance and financial accountability. We hope that our supporters will feel proud and secure with their continued investment in SWCRF's research programs."

Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased decisions, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data.

"The Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation's exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public," according to Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. "Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our 4-star rating. This adds SWCRF to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world's most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity."

#### YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

### **SCIENCE FUNDED BY YOUR DONATIONS**

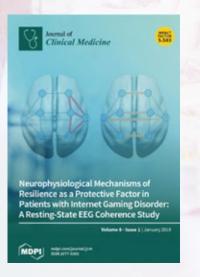
Dozens of SWCRF-supported, high-impact studies were published in important peer-reviewed journals this past year. We do not have the space to list all, so here are just a few highlights. This scientific progress is only made possible by your generous support.



"Leukemic progenitor cells enable immunosuppression and post-chemotherapy relapse" – *Science* 



"Age alters the oncogenic trajectory toward luminal mammary tumors that activate unfolded proteins responses" – Aging Cell



"Prostate Cancer Dormancy and Reactivation in Bone Marrow" – *Journal of Clinical Medicine* 



"Brain-specific inhibition of mTORC1 eliminates side

effects resulting from mTORC1

blockade in the periphery and

reduces alcohol intake in mice" – Nature Communicationsa

"Stromal changes in the aged lung induce an emergence from melanoma dormancy" – Nature

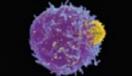
"NASH limits antitumour surveillance in immunotherapytreated HCC" - Nature



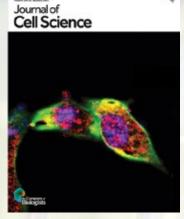


"Evaluating the impact of age on immune checkpoint therapy biomarkers" – *Cell Reports* 

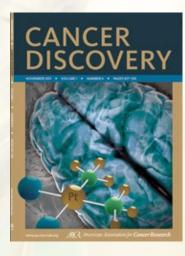




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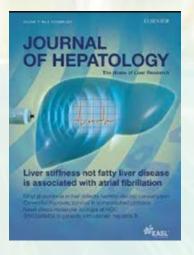


"The pleiotropic functions of autophagy in metastasis" – Journal of Cell Science



"Chemotherapy induces senescence-like resilient cells capable of initiating AML recurrence" – *Cancer Discovery* 

"Genetically Defined Syngeneic Mouse Models of Ovarian Cancer as Tools for the Discovery of Combination Immunotherapy" – Cancer Discovery



"Molecular characterization of hepatocellular carcinoma in patients with non-alcoholic steatohepatitis" – Journal of Hepatology

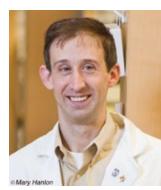
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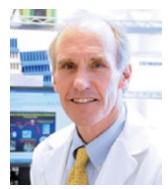
"Triptolide targets super-enhancer networks in pancreatic cancer cells and cancer-associated fibroblasts" – Oncogenesis

### **AND THE AWARD GOES TO**

SWCRF continues to invest in the best of the best in cancer research. Once funded, our investigators become a part of the SWCRF Institute Without Walls™ and work together to develop novel treatments and advance our understanding of cancer. We are proud to announce that many of our scientists were recognized for their outstanding contributions this past year.



Dr. John D. Crispino



Dr. Carl June



Dr. Kevan Shokat

John D. Crispino, MBA, Ph.D., member, St. Jude Faculty, Director, Division of Experimental Hematology was a recipient of the National Cancer Institute's Outstanding Investigator Award.

The AACR Clowes Award for Outstanding Basic Cancer Research was awarded to Ronald M. Evans, Ph.D., Professor and Director, Gene Expression Laboratory, the Salk Institute for Biological Studies.

**Carl June, M.D.**, the Richard W. Vague Professor in Immunotherapy in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and Director of the Center for Cellular Immunotherapies at Penn's Abramson Cancer Center, was named the 2021 Dan David Prize Laureate.

The American Chemical Society (ACS) presented Alexander D. MacKerell Jr., Ph.D., Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Maryland with the ACS Award for Computers in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Research.

Kevan Shokat, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) was awarded The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Award for Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry in Cancer Research.





Dr. Ronald M. Evans



**Dr. Alexander D MacKerell** 



Two of our investigators were also recognized for their mentoring and training new scientists in the fight against cancer.

Congratulations to Shai Izraeli, M.D., Professor and Director at Tel Aviv University Medical School and Director of the Hematology-Oncology at Schneider Children's Hospital, received the Mentorship Award of the European Hematology Association and the Israel Cancer Research Foundation's Professorship Award.

And Jonathan Licht, M.D.,

SWCRF Chief Science Advisor and Director, University of Florida Health Cancer Center Director, received the American Society of Hematology Mentor Award.



Dr. Shai Izraeli



Dr. Ionathan Licht



### \$10 MILLION INITIATIVE TO FUND 5 YEARS OF SWCRF RESEARCH LAUNCHED

Following a very successful five-year capital campaign that raised \$10 million in support of game-changing cancer research programs, such as the Gladstein Family Bladder Cancer Research Program and the U.S. and Israel Research Program in Collaboration with The Alan B. Slifka Foundation and the Israel Cancer Research Fund, SWCRF is embarking on a new vital, short-term, initiative to raise an additional \$10 million in just six months.

This ambitious objective is celebrating four significant SWCRF milestones: The 25th Anniversary of the Collaborating for a Cure Gala (November 17, 2022), the half century of Dr. Waxman's transformative work in cancer research and treatment as well as decades of mentoring SWCRF investigators, the transition of the Foundation's chairman of the board, Michael Nierenberg, after 25 years of dedicated service, and the expansion of the Aging and Cancer programs resulting in groundbreaking discoveries.

One hundred percent of contributions to this campaign will be specifically earmarked for cancer research and will sustain and help grow SWCRF's network of scientists for the next five years. As of the date of this report, we are thrilled to announce that nearly \$2 million has already been raised, including a very generous \$1 million gift from The Guston Fund.

The SWCRF Campaign and Development Committee, with board members Michael Nierenberg (Co-Chair), Ari Zagdanski (Co-Chair), James Frankel, Lewis Rubin, Howard Kurz, and Spencer Waxman, along with Dr. Waxman, Executive Director William Sullivan, and Jayme Koszyn of Koszyn & Company, continues to do its work while focusing on meeting the goals of this new \$10 Million Campaign.

We are optimistic that you will pledge your support and help SWCRF celebrate an exciting year to come. Please contact William Sullivan at **wsullivan@waxmancancer.org** to learn more.

### SUCCESSFUL FIVE-YEAR COLLABORATING FOR A CURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENDS

We are thrilled to announce that the five-year, Collaborating for A Cure Capital Campaign raised more than \$10 million for cancer research. These funds proved to be extremely timely by allowing SWCRF to continue funding our scientists at the same level despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you to the generous supporters who contributed and made this campaign a huge success!

#### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS**

The following donors share the Foundation's vision and belief in collaboration by generously funding the SWCRF Institute Without Walls™.

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In addition to the donors listed here, numerous supporters generously made their donations to science at the 2018, 2019, and 2021 *Collaborating for a Cure* Galas.

#### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM GAINS MOMENTUM

We are pleased to announce that after receiving our first legacy pledge from SWCRF board member Gerry Joyce in 2020, our Planned Giving Program has gained momentum. The Foundation now has six pledged planned gifts, including a leadership bequest from none other than Marion and Dr. Samuel Waxman.

We hope you will consider remembering SWCRF in your wills and trusts. Including SWCRF in your estate planning provides you and your family additional tax benefits for bequests, charitable trusts or annuities, retirement accounts or donor-advised funds.

For more information contact William Sullivan at wsullivan@waxmancancer.org

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### **DONOR SPOTLIGHTS**

Support from SWCRF donors brings us closer to a cure every day. Through funding research programs, we are discovering better treatment options and improving technologies that detect cancer at earlier, more treatable stages.

We are honored to have the support of generous contributors and highlight a few below who are helping spearhead novel research towards a cure.

#### **GARY GLADSTEIN**

Gary Gladstein currently serves on the SWCRF Chairman's Council and previously on the board of directors, established the Gladstein Family Bladder Cancer Research program with a \$1 million donation.

The program is currently funding a pair of investigators: Dr. Philip Beachy's lab at Stanford University School of Medicine is exploring methods to reactivate differentiation signals to prevent invasive bladder cancer from occurring. And Dr. Jonathan Rosenberg and his colleagues at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center are investigating how bladder cancer forms by using animal models that replicate epigenetic changes in human bladder cancer.

The Gladstein grant will allow SWCRF to fund additional bladder cancer research collaborations next year as well.

#### THE GERALD L. LENNARD FAMILY FOUNDATION

Donna Lennard, Stacey Lennard, Jennifer Meyerhardt, and Wendy Rubin, four sisters who have invested \$100,000 toward the SWCRF Women's Cancer Research Program, with a specific goal to fund innovative breast cancer research. Dr. Doris Germain, Professor of Medicine, Hematology and Medical Oncology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai was selected in the extensive search to be the recipient of this grant which will help further her important research for two years.

SWCRF has funded more than \$100 million in research since 1976. Scientific breakthroughs have led to new and less-toxic treatments and improved patient quality of life.

If you or your family are interested in naming a research grant, please contact William Sullivan – <u>wsullivan@waxmancancer.org</u>

## LIVE, IN-PERSON EVENTS RETURNED

#### **HUGO BOSS LAUNCH PARTY**

As the official sponsor of the first Global Walk to Flatten the Cancer Curve and Fashion Cares Awardee at the Hamptons Happening, HUGO BOSS, Inc. hosted a special in-store launch party at their SoHo store, donating 15 percent from store sales to SWCRF. More than 100 people attended the event, including Stephan Born, CEO and President Americas of HUGO BOSS Fashions Inc.



#### **GLOBAL WALK TO FLATTEN THE CANCER CURVE**

Nearly 200 people participated in the first-ever Global Walk to Flatten the Cancer Curve, raising more than \$100,000 for cancer research. The virtual, 11-day fundraiser took place between June 30 and July 10 and inspired people to get healthier through movement by tracking daily activities such as walking, running, cycling, swimming, or even cleaning the house. Top fundraising teams and individuals were recognized at the 17th Annual Hamptons Happening.



#### **17TH ANNUAL HAMPTONS HAPPENING**

The 2021 Hamptons Happening, one of the most anticipated charity events on the Hamptons' summer calendar, returned to the lovely estate of Kenneth and Maria Fishel and raised more than \$360,000. As is the tradition, more than 300 attendees enjoyed a smorgasbord of delicious foods and beverages donated by some of the best restaurants, chefs, and beverage companies in NY. Honorees included HUGO BOSS Fashion, Inc.; Dr. Kenneth Mark; Natalie Cohen Gould, Co-founder of Come Back Cycle, Dir. of Wholesale, FP Movement; and Chef and Restaurateur David Burke.



#### **8TH ANNUAL LADIES LUNCHEON**

More than 150 guests attended the 8th Annual Collaborating for a Cure Ladies Luncheon honoring philanthropist Jean Shafiroff and featured a live fashion show by designer Kobi Halperin. Wearing their best summer fashions, the attendees enjoyed a lovely meal on the garden patio of T-Bar Restaurant in Southampton. Thanks to the amazing efforts of event chair Marion Waxman and co-chairs Erica Fineberg, Nancy Litman, Pamela Morgan, Lauren Silvers, and Helen Vaysman, the Ladies Luncheon raised \$100,000 for the SWCRF Women's Cancer Research Program.





#### **39TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The scenic Fresh Meadow Country Club in Lake Success, NY was the site of the 39th Annual Golf Tournament. The 75 golfers were not only treated to a fantastic autumn day, but also a delicious brunch and dinner reception. The event raised \$186,000 supporting collaborative, cross-institutional cancer research programs. Please join us in thanking a few of the major event sponsors: M&T Bank, Capital One, Glenwood Management, The Ann Liguori Foundation, Royal Abstract, and The Max B. Cohn Foundation as well as the event chairs, Dennis Herman, Chairman & CEO Beekman International Center, LTD. and Gary Jacob, EVP Glenwood Management.





#### MARATHON

SWCRF was an official Charity Partner for the TCS New York City Marathon. On November 6, two participants supporting SWCRF ran 26.2 miles and collected more than \$7,500 for cancer research. Congratulations to Robert Vaughn and Wildy Sirko for their amazing accomplishment and dedication to eradicating cancer.

#### 24TH ANNUAL COLLABORATING FOR A CURE GALA

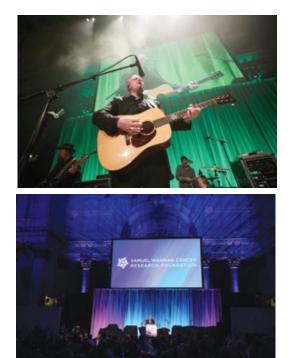
The 24th Annual Collaborating for a Cure Gala, aptly themed, Together Again, returned to Cipriani Wall Street on November 18th and raised more than \$4 million. More than 700 guests attended the elegant affair, which was once again hosted by CBS's Chris Wragge.

The gala celebrated groundbreaking research in the fight against cancer. The Foundation presented its first Breakthrough Science Award to Dr. Kevan Shokat, whose funded research paved the way for a new medication that shrinks lung cancer tumors by up to 50 percent with remarkably low toxicity.

Continuing its tradition of recognizing the fashion industry's longtime partnership to funding cancer research, SWCRF presented the Fashion Cares Award to Debra S. Waller, Chairman and CEO of Jockey International, Inc.

During the Invest in Science Appeal, Marc J. Leder, Co-CEO of Sun Capital Partners, announced a \$1 million match challenge to fund cancer research. Thanks to his inspiration, SWCRF donors met the match challenge and doubled this remarkable gift.

Attendees were also treated to a live concert by Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit with a very special guest, Warren Haynes.



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Total Revenue	\$ 2,564,000	\$ 5,428,000	\$ 4,077,000	\$ 3,655,000	\$ 2,707,000
EXPENSE	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Program Services Fundraising Management and General	\$ 2,711,000 535,000 302,000	\$ 2,637,000 689,000 282,000	\$ 2,161,000 498,000 276,000	\$ 1,971,000 536,000 273,000	\$ 1,601,000 599,000 196,000
Total Expense	3,548,000	3,608,000	2,935,000	2,780,000	2,396,000
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