GASTRIC CANCER
FOUNDATION

# COMMIT TO A CURE

Every connection fuels hope.

Every discovery powers progress.

Together, we will find a cure.



Friends,

Over 15 years ago, we set out to accelerate progress toward a cure and improve patient outcomes for people facing gastric cancer. Since then, we've granted $4.7 million to research. This year, we also welcomed a new executive director and built a strategic plan to shape the next decade of progress.

We provide the early support that helps researchers pursue groundbreaking research that might otherwise go unfunded, enabling new collaborations and accelerating the development of innovative treatments in ways that weren't possible even a few years ago.

Research is only half the work. The Gastric Cancer Foundation also provides trusted online resources for patients and families navigating challenging odds. No one should have to face a stomach cancer diagnosis alone.

Every connection fuels hope and every discovery powers progress. None of this work is possible without your partnership. Our collective passion, hard work, and dollars help power the science that makes progress happen. Join us as we build upon our legacy of hope and move forward together on the path to a cure.

**Please visit gastriccancer.org/committoacure to make your donation today.**

With gratitude,

Susanna Nichols
*Board Chair*

Harriet Patterson, MPH
*Executive Director*

**Stomach cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths worldwide, yet it receives less than half of one percent of U.S. federal cancer research funding.**

**Your generosity fuels research and provides people with stomach cancer the information, support and hope they need to navigate their journey.**

# Together, we create the momentum that moves science forward.

**The Gastric Cancer Registry** combines clinical and genomic data from individuals diagnosed with gastric cancer and those at increased risk. Researchers around the globe now have free access to a wealth of information, including extensive and detailed tumor data, through the Genome Explorer web-based interface.

**"We originally intended for the registry to be a resource for research into new treatments and prevention strategies. We are building an international reputation because of the support of the Gastric Cancer Foundation."**

Hanlee Ji, MD
*Stanford University*

**The Ben Feinstein Memorial Research Scholar Award** addresses the gap in early-stage research funding with three-year grants that empower promising young scientists to develop strong research portfolios, positioning them to earn major grants and advance their work.

**Findings from foundation-funded studies are peer-reviewed and published** in respected medical and scientific journals. The growing library of published papers is available on our website.

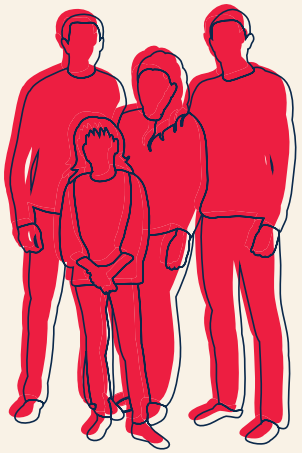
**Early-stage research seed grants** kickstart initiatives at top research centers across the country, providing crucial support during the pivotal early stages. Our funding helps groundbreaking studies gain momentum, often leading to major grants that sustain and expand their important work.

**"You are enabling us to think big and apply exciting new tools that will improve our understanding of gastric cancer, which could ultimately guide more effective therapies. We are taking on questions that are high-risk but have high potential benefit for patients. Your support empowers bold ideas to happen and to redefine what's possible."**

Ignacio Vázquez-García, PhD
*Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School*

## $4.7 million granted to expand research studies across the U.S.

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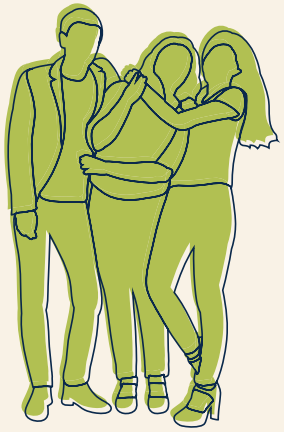


**"The combination of hope, recent medical advances, and the unwavering support of an amazing community has gotten me through to where I am today."**

*Hans Rueffert*
*"Chef without a Stomach"*

**"Our paths may not be identical, but you will never walk alone. We are stronger and smarter together."**

*Online Community Patient*



## Behind every diagnosis is a patient, a caregiver, a family, a community.

## We offer free, reliable resources to everyone touched by gastric cancer.

**Our free clinical trial finder** helps you understand clinical trials and prepare to discuss options with your healthcare team.

**Our private online community** is a safe space for people facing the same diagnosis.

**"The Gesundheit Kitchen"** teams up "Chef Hans" with licensed dietitians and survivors to offer practical tips for healthy eating and adapting to your new lifestyle.

**"Your New Normal"** is a video series that explores the major life challenges faced by people with gastric cancer.

Our **e-newsletter** provides the latest gastric cancer news and updates on educational opportunities.

Our **new online caregiver resource hub** offers practical and emotional support and information.

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