



# 2019 Annual Report

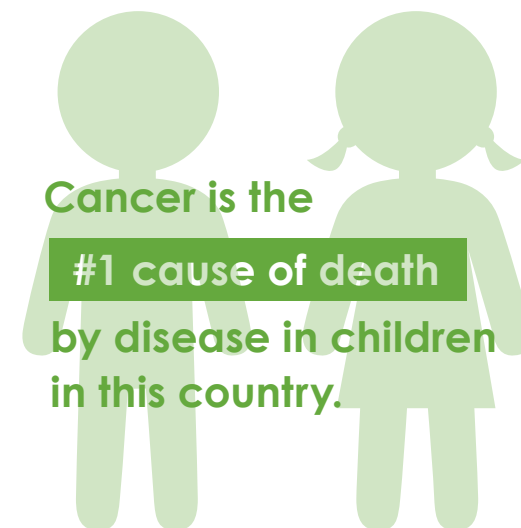


**CURESEARCH**  
FOR CHILDREN'S CANCER

# CURESEARCH MISSION

Our mission is to end children's cancer by driving targeted and innovative research with measurable results in an accelerated time frame.

At CureSearch, we're uniquely positioned to drive critical stakeholders collaborations to accelerate the pace of pediatric drug development.



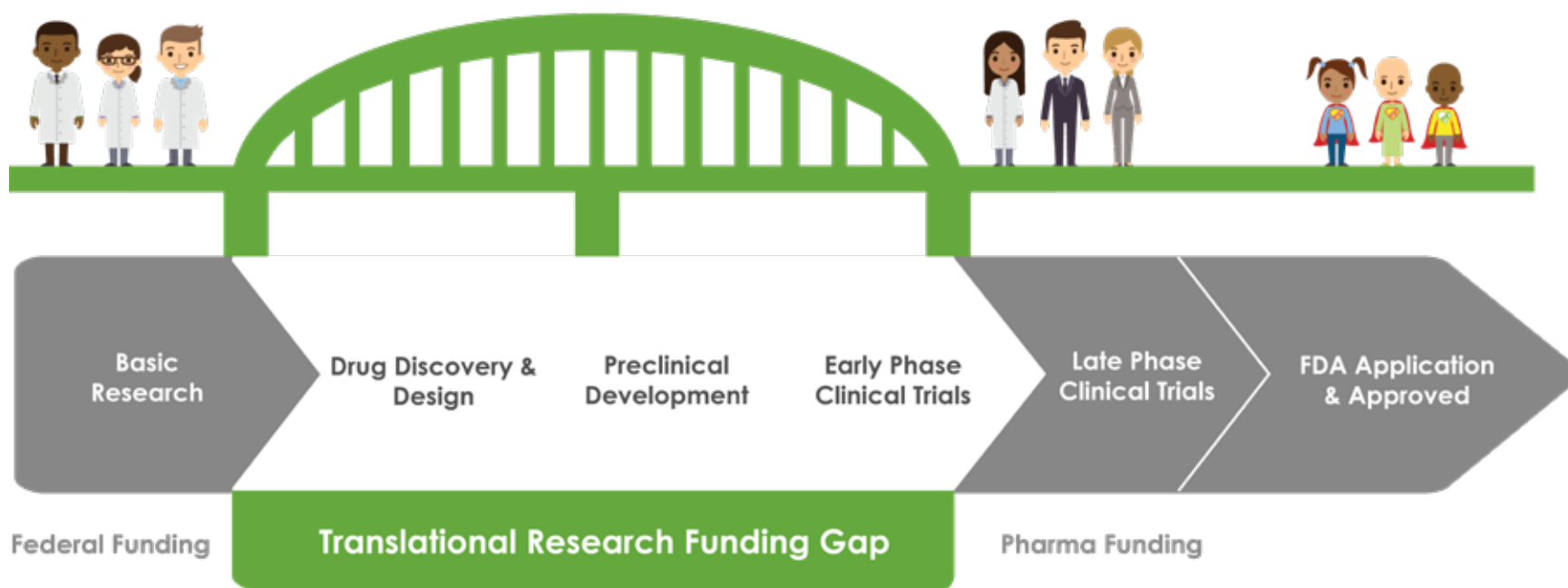
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# CURESEARCH RESEARCH STRATEGY

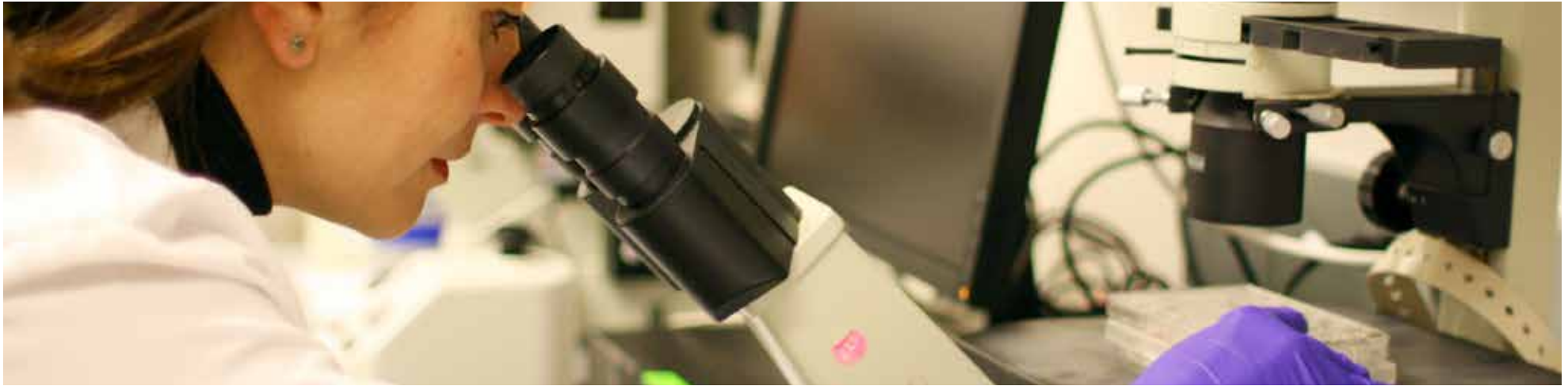
We're laser-focused on driving new treatments to patients in an accelerated time frame. We only fund projects with commercial potential, anticipated to reach patients in the clinic or marketplace within three to five years. Our translational, pre-clinical and clinical stage awards give preference to areas of high unmet need – the cancers with the lowest survival rates, fewest, or most damaging treatment options, and populations that are under-served, including adolescent and young adults.

## CureSearch Research Programs Bridge the Translation Gap



# CURESEARCH RESEARCH STRATEGY UPDATES

Our research programs sparked international interest from academic institutions and biotech companies



In March of 2019, we invited researchers to apply for funding by submitting a Letter of Intent (LOI) for one of our research programs.



## Young Investigator

**20 LOIs** received from  
**17 institutions** in  
**2 countries**



## Acceleration Initiative

**23 LOIs** received from  
**20 institutions**  
across the U.S.



## Catapult Awards

**11 LOIs** received from  
**10 institutions or small  
pharma/biotech** from  
**3 different countries**

**Total:** **54** LOIs received from

**35** academic institutions or small  
pharma/biotech companies in

**3** different countries  
(U.S., Canada, Australia)



## CATAPULT AWARD PROJECT UPDATES

In September, we announced our 2019 Catapult Award to support an innovative new treatment for DIPG

### **Crystal Mackall, MD**

Stanford University

#### **Project: Phase I CAR T-cell immunotherapy trial in DIPG**

This \$1.2 million award, co-funded by the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy, will support a clinical trial testing a CAR T-cell therapy in diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), a highly aggressive pediatric brain tumor with a 5-year survival rate of less than 1%.



Dr. Mackall photo credit: Elena Zhukova — Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health

First patients enrolled in promising pediatric glioma trial

### **Ranjit Bindra, MD, PhD**

Yale University

#### **Project: Exploiting mutant IDH1/2-induced DNA repair defects in pediatric glioma**

Dr. Bindra enrolled his first patient at the Pacific Pediatric Neuro-Oncology (PNOC) site at the University of California, San Francisco in early May 2019. The second site opened in August for patient recruitment at the Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center. Additional sites are expected to open throughout the coming months.



## YOUNG INVESTIGATOR PROJECT UPDATES

ALL project receives commercial support

### **Loretta Li, MD**

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

#### **Project: JAK2 inhibition and degradation in B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia**

The 5-year survival rate for children with JAK2-dependent B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL) can be as low as 35%. Dr. Li is developing a new family of JAK2 inhibitors that will likely prove more effective in treating this subtype, and the promise of these inhibitors has now been recognized by a start-up that has licensed the therapeutics developed in Dr. Li's lab. Once the optimal structure for these inhibitors has been identified, they will be assessed for effectiveness and safety and, ultimately, should quickly move into clinical trials.



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### **Avery Posey, PhD**

University of Pennsylvania

#### **Project: Polysialic acid-specific CAR T-cells for the treatment of neuroblastoma**

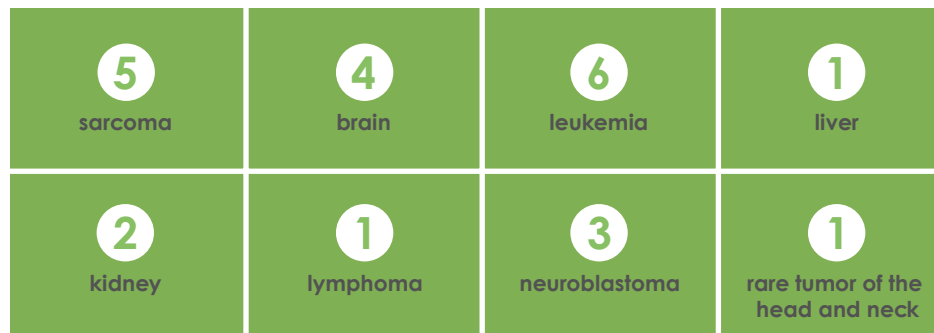
Nearly 700 patients are diagnosed with neuroblastoma each year in the U.S. and, while the current standard treatment has increased two-year event-free survival by 20%, dosing is limited by adverse side effects such as neuropathic pain. Dr. Posey's goal is to identify a more specific immunotherapy target that could result in better outcomes and fewer side-effects. The optimization and implementation of PolySia immunotherapy has great promise in this arena. To date, Dr. Posey's work has opened up the potential for CAR T-cell therapy in neuroblastoma, demonstrating initial success in cultured cells.



## ACCELERATION INITIATIVE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS



Tumor types that our investigators have studied:



## DRIVING CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS IN CHILDHOOD CANCER

The fourth annual CureSearch Catapult Summit took place in May. The Summit serves as a unique platform for fostering collaborations across sectors that traditionally do not occur, with one end goal in mind: creating a world where children diagnosed with cancer go on to lead long, healthy lives. Drawing on key Summit discussions, ideas and feedback, we have identified three key areas of opportunity to drive collaborative impact. In partnership with stakeholders and volunteer leadership, we will execute on the following strategies:

### Strategy



Accelerate the pace of drug development via critical stakeholder conversations

### Strategy



Encourage a cohesive co-funding environment to better support innovative projects

### Strategy



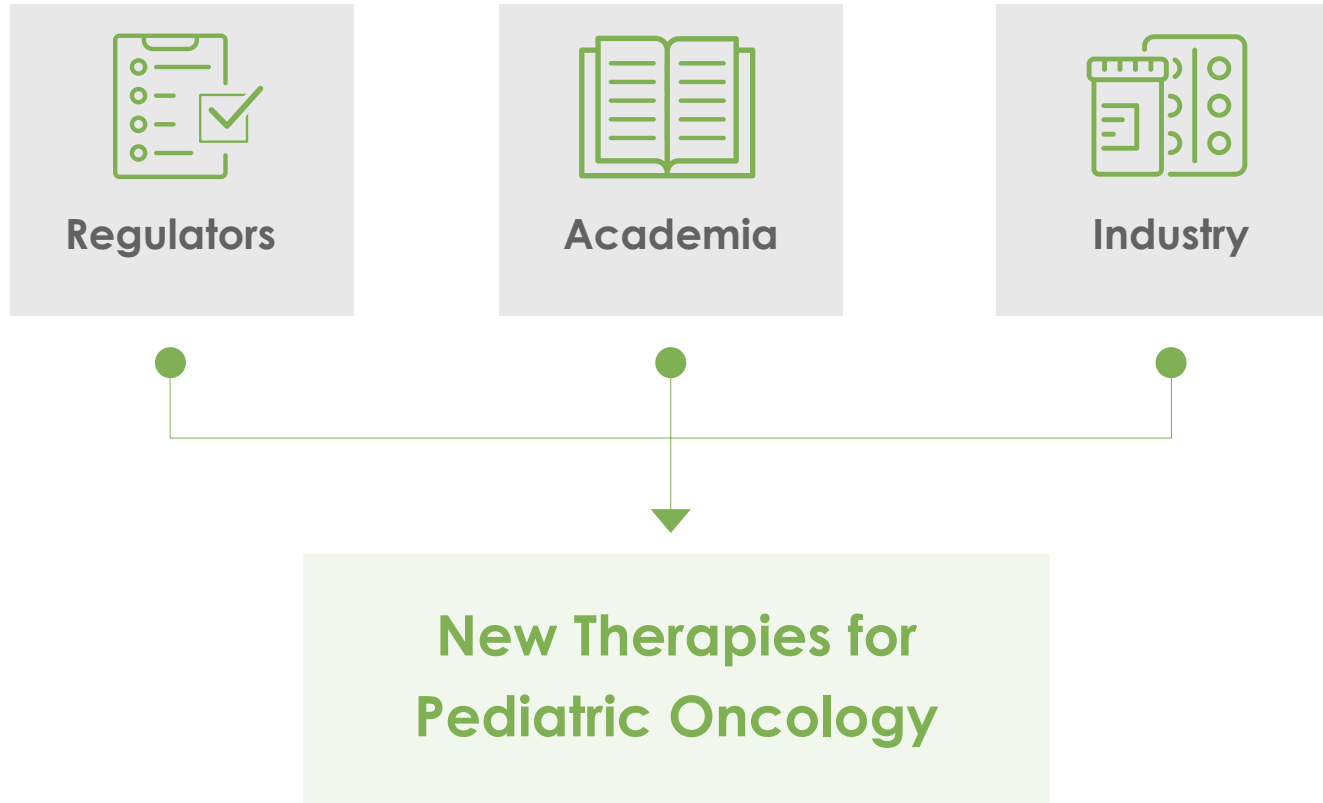
Expand CureSearch relationships with international investigators



## A NEW DIRECTIVE FOR PEDIATRIC DRUG DEVELOPMENT

### IMPACT SERIES

Earlier this year, we launched the CureSearch IMPACT Series, a first-of-its-kind approach to accelerating the pace of pediatric drug development by driving earlier collaboration between global academics and pharma.



# 2019 DONOR HONOR ROLL

CureSearch for Children's Cancer is grateful for every gift received and would like to especially acknowledge these donors.

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A sincere thank you to donors who have given a cumulative \$1 million dollars or more to support our mission.

- Amgen, Inc.
- Michael and Paula Carter
- Genentech Foundation
- The Resonance Foundation for Children's Health
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- WWW Foundation, Inc.

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## 2019 LEGACY AND CHAMPION FUNDS

CureSearch offers Legacy Funds, a special way for families to honor their child's memory and continue the fight against pediatric cancer. Champion Funds recognize children currently in treatment or who are now in remission.

- Amy Miller Champion Fund
- Eloise Dodge Gould Legacy Fund
- Jacob Koenigs Memorial Fund
- Joey Keller Legacy Fund
- Kristy Griffith Legacy Fund
- Luke McGuire Legacy Fund
- Nick Currey Ewing Sarcoma Fund



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## TEAM NAME

**\$15,000 and above**

Hope for Sydney

## TEAM NAME

**\$10,000 - \$14,999**

Team Clairebear

Going Gold

Relentless

Team Beau

The A Team

## CURESEARCH WALK EVENT

Pittsburgh CureSearch Walk

## CURESEARCH WALK EVENT

Northern Virginia CureSearch Walk

Charlottesville CureSearch Walk

Northern Virginia CureSearch Walk

Northern Virginia CureSearch Walk

Omaha CureSearch Walk

## AMOUNT

\$30,190

## AMOUNT

\$13,720

\$13,227

\$12,660

\$10,601

\$10,000

# CURESEARCH WALK TEAMS 2019

## **\$2,500 - \$9,999**

G.I. Jake	Omaha CureSearch Walk	\$9,365
Quinnstrong	Omaha CureSearch Walk	\$9,150
Anna's Army	Twin Cities CureSearch Walk	\$8,100
Mahalo	Pittsburgh CureSearch Walk	\$7,700
Team Super Sam	Omaha CureSearch Walk	\$7,500
Team Z/Mighty Max	Northern Virginia CureSearch Walk	\$6,995
Caleb's Crew	Charlottesville CureSearch Walk	\$6,834
For the Love of Lexi	Charlottesville CureSearch Walk	\$5,536
Team Laura	Twin Cities CureSearch Walk	\$6,525
Brady Strong	Charlottesville CureSearch Walk	\$6,345
Team NCM	Colorado CureSearch Walk	\$5,765
Colton Strong	Charlottesville CureSearch Walk	\$4,885
Team Taylor	Twin Cities CureSearch Walk	\$4,840
Team Jude	Twin Cities CureSearch Walk	\$3,940
#DoltForOwen	Charlottesville CureSearch Walk	\$3,940
Kaitlyn's Krewe	Tampa Bay CureSearch Walk	\$3,827
Ray of Hope, Queens for a Cause	Charlottesville CureSearch Walk	\$3,407
Team Tyler	Charlottesville CureSearch Walk	\$3,216
Nolan Yost	Omaha CureSearch Walk	\$3,100
#IamBRAVE	Charlottesville CureSearch Walk	\$2,874
Team Ava	Charlottesville CureSearch Walk	\$2,720
Team Wes	Charlottesville CureSearch Walk	\$2,700
Benjamin's Brigade	Pittsburgh CureSearch Walk	\$2,697
AnnaStrong	Charlottesville CureSearch Walk	\$2,679

# CURESEARCH ULTIMATE HIKE SUMMIT CLUB 2019



## TEAM NAME

## CURESEARCH HIKE EVENT

## AMOUNT

Frank Gioscia	Tecumseh Trail	\$23,775
Amy McKelvey	Foothills Trails	\$16,980
Larry Lascody	Southeast	\$8,210
Caris Drury	Foothills Trails	\$8,000
Nikki Zablocki	Canaan Valley	\$7,505
Frank Breitman	Canaan Valley	\$7,405
Michelle Moshinskie	Foothills Trail	\$7,102
Jane Reise	Tecumseh Trail	\$7,033
Tammy Kaitz	Pacific Crest Trail	\$7,000
Angie Voloch	Foothills Trail	\$6,952
Jerrold Meissner	Superior Hiking Trail	\$6,910
Scott Hvamstad	Superior Hiking Trail	\$6,815
Sheri Speckan	Superior Hiking Trail	\$6,570
Paul Klenowski	Canaan Valley	\$6,551
Toni Petrillo	Foothills Trail	\$5,845
Zoe Zablocki	Canaan Valley	\$5,780
Lor Lapin	Foothills Trail	\$5,675
Susan Pregon	Tecumseh Trail	\$5,256
Caitlin Moss	Canaan Valley	\$5,125
Gretchen Riess	Canaan Valley	\$5,102
Katie Gochenour	Canaan Valley	\$5,095
Pam Swierczewski	Canaan Valley	\$5,094
Meaghan Welch	Canaan Valley	\$5,050
Brian Oates	Foothills Trail	\$5,043
Barbara Loechi	Tecumseh Trail	\$5,000



# TOP GOLD TEAMS 2019



## **Congratulations to the 2019 top Gold event teams that raised \$5,000 or more**

BronyCon	\$97,102
Advantage Hair Salon - BBQ & Auction	\$21,293
Team Lilly H	\$15,410
GeorgeSaysCancerSucks Bowling for a Cure	\$7,740
Woods Cross High School vs. Box Elder Softball - Gold Game	\$5,678

# OUR GENEROUS 2019 PARTNERS

Our work would not be possible without the extraordinary support of the following partners, including their generous employees and customers.

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Rising Tide Foundation for Clinical Cancer Research

## Corporate Partners





# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2019

<b>FY2019 Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,270,048</b>
Program Services	\$2,901,086
Fundraising	\$788,386
Management	\$580,576

## BALANCE SHEET

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2019</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$223,318
Contributions receivable, current portion	\$1,056,031
Investments, current portion	\$3,176,104
Prepaid expenses	\$25,296
Replace with Contributions receivable, long-term	\$333,333
Investments, long-term	\$1,500,000
Deposits	\$8,886
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,671,158</b>

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION CON'T.

December 31, 2019

<b>FY2019 Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,257,954</b>
Contributions	\$2,549,767
Institutional grants & gifts	\$200,000
Special Events	\$1,989,919
Investment Income	\$512,161
Other	\$6,107

<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2019</b>
Accounts Payable	\$182,605
Deferred revenue	\$602,906
Net Assets without donor restrictions	\$1,480,380
Property, net	\$4,071,934
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,337,825</b>

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