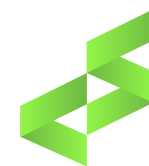




# 2021 Annual Report

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2021



**CURESEARCH**  
FOR CHILDREN'S CANCER

# CURESEARCH MISSION

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


Every dollar raised helps us drive next-generation research with the greatest impact on the children, adolescents, and young adults who are depending on us.

**Cancer is the**

**#1 cause of death**

**by disease in children**

**in this country.**

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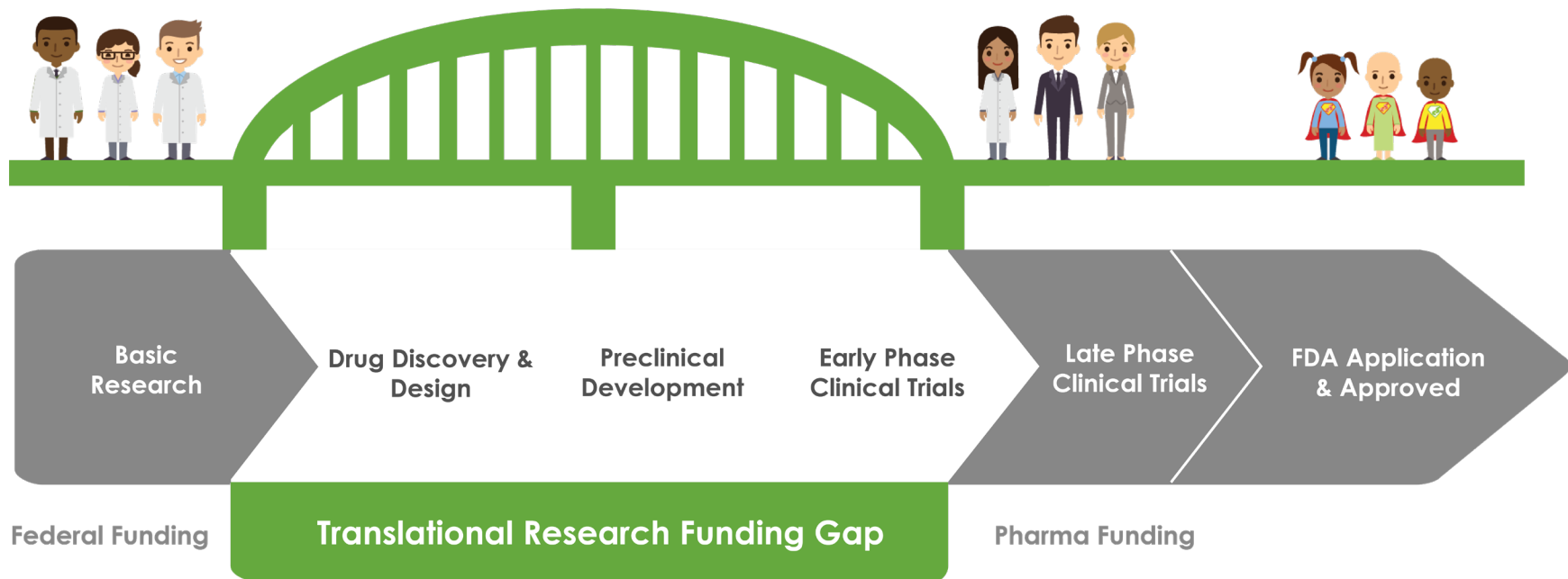
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# CURESEARCH RESEARCH STRATEGY

At CureSearch, we're uniquely positioned to drive critical stakeholder collaborations to accelerate the pace of pediatric drug development. We only fund research projects with the strongest potential to become a new treatment and quickly reach patients.

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 adolescents and young adults.

## CureSearch Research Programs Bridge the Translation Gap



# CURESEARCH RESEARCH STRATEGY UPDATES



## **CAR-T cell therapy shows promise for DIPG/DMG patients**

Dr. Mackall is leading a Phase 1 clinical trial to treat diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) and diffuse midline glioma (DMG), which are universally fatal with no current treatments that extend life beyond a median of nine months. In February of 2022, the team published promising early results, demonstrating an ability to treat the tumors, significantly reduce symptoms and extend patients' lives in a way not seen before in DIPG. Patients have also shown a significant amount of functional recovery. The mother of a five-year-old patient sent Dr. Mackall a video of her daughter, who has been treated for over a year, riding a bike.



## **Pediatric sarcoma trial to begin enrolling patients this year**

Research conducted by Dr. Kung is now supporting a Phase 2 study of the drug Selinexor in the pediatric kidney cancer Wilms tumor and malignant rhabdoid tumor. The trial will begin enrolling patients at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center within the next few months, and Dr. Kung and colleagues are in the process of opening the trial at other national sites.



## **New therapies reach children with brain cancers**

Dr. Gilbertson developed new therapies for medulloblastoma, ependymoma and choroid plexus carcinoma (CPC). This critical research provided a new roadmap to identify therapeutic regimens based on tumor subtypes. A discovery in CPC has resulted in the Gilbertson lab partnering with AstraZeneca to move a new drug into clinical trials. Importantly, preclinical trials with the drug Ribociclib, in combination with the drug Gemcitabine, have supported the development of a Phase I clinical trial that opened at St. Jude in February of 2018.

# CURESEARCH RESEARCH STRATEGY UPDATES



## **Ewing sarcoma treatment moves to Phase 1 clinical trial**

Dr. Beckerle identified a novel targeted treatment for Ewing sarcoma, the most common bone cancer in children. The research demonstrated so much potential for its anti-tumor effects, it was licensed to Salarius Pharmaceuticals who is now conducting a Phase 1 trial in Ewing sarcoma. This trial is recruiting up to 50 patients at clinical sites across the country including Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Johns Hopkins, Moffitt Cancer Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and MD Anderson Cancer Center.



## **Novel drug screening platform leads to high-grade glioma trial**

In 2017, supported by a CureSearch Young Investigator Award, Dr. Bindra created an automated screening process for drugs that target a particular gene fusion that leads to rhabdomyosarcoma, a soft tissue cancer. Dr. Bindra is now testing a novel drug in pediatric patients with a specific subtype of chemotherapy-resistant glioma. Now using his CureSearch Catapult Award, Dr. Bindra has treated his first six patients and, over the next six months, his team will recruit additional patients for the second dose cohort of the trial.

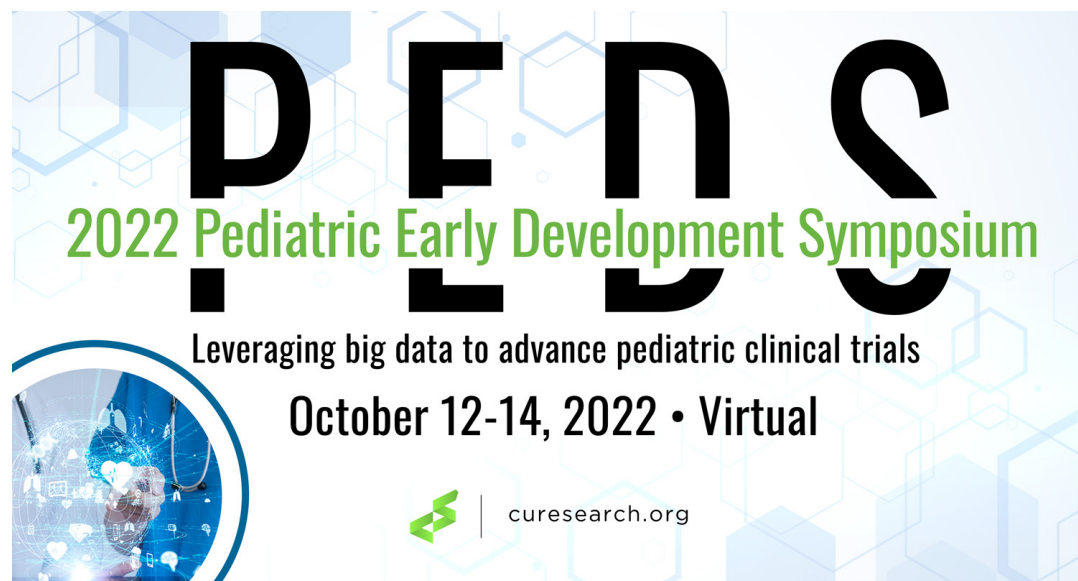


## **Sayour lab reaches a milestone in the development of a breakthrough immunotherapy for pediatric high-grade glioma**

Dr. Sayour and his colleagues developed a novel treatment platform leveraging the use of nanoparticles (NPs) combined with messenger RNA (mRNA). Previously not thought possible, this novel engineering overcomes previous limitations regarding mRNA packaging into nanoparticles- a remarkable milestone for children with glioma- and opens up opportunities across the cancer spectrum globally. In early September 2022, Dr. Sayour validated a starting phase 1 dose level for pediatric patients, and is now seeking to enroll pediatric glioma patients at the University of Florida.

# PEDIATRIC EARLY DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

## PEDS 2021 ADDRESSES CHALLENGES IN CLINICAL TRIAL DESIGN



PEDS 2021 addressed aspects and challenges of pediatric cancer clinical trial design. Recurring themes throughout the symposium were global coordination and cooperation, and innovation in clinical trial design to prioritize pediatric cancer patients in drug development.

Based on robust panel discussions and participant insight, CureSearch has identified three key impact areas for follow-up initiatives, which will be executed over the next two years.

### 2021 PEDS ACTION PLAN

Provide educational resources to promote cooperation and innovation in clinical trial design

Promote collaboration among industry and academia to support the education of the next generation of pediatric oncologists in drug development

Explore mechanisms to improve patient education and experience with pediatric oncology clinical trials



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CureSearch Legacy Funds are established for families who want to honor their child's cancer journey and further their personal commitment to accelerating the development of new, better childhood cancer treatments.



The Eloise Dodge Gould Legacy Fund  
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The Luke McGuire Legacy Fund



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The Joey Keller Legacy Fund

# 2021 TOP CURESEARCH WALK FUNDRAISERS

## TOP 5 TEAM FUNDRAISERS

NAME	CURESEARCH WALK EVENT	AMOUNT
Team Laura	Twin Cities	\$12,535
The A Team	Omaha	11,165
Team Clairebear	Northern Virginia	\$10,205
Team Beau	Northern Virginia	\$7,790
Colton Strong Forever	Charlottesville	\$7,670



## TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS



NAME	CURESEARCH WALK EVENT	AMOUNT
Jamie Johnson	Omaha	\$11,165
Laura Wagner	Twin Cities	\$7,800
Janet Jumper	Northern Virginia	\$4,900
Beau Swallow	Northern Virginia	\$3,685
Jennifer Davis	Colorado	\$3,581

# 2021 ULTIMATE HIKE SUMMIT CLUB

The Ultimate Hike Summit Club includes individuals who raised \$5,000 or more.

NAME	CURESEARCH HIKE EVENT	AMOUNT
Frank Gioscia	Southeast	\$52,950
Amy McKelvey	Foothills	\$20,850
Kathy Wolff	Baxter Trails	\$18,367
PK Klenowski	Shenandoah Valley	\$16,275
Michelle Moshinskie	Shenandoah Valley	\$9,119
Caris Drury	Foothills	\$9,083
Stephanie Dixon	Foothills	\$8,550
Jane Reise	Ozark Highlands	\$8,410
Joseph Campione	Shenandoah Valley	\$7,696
Nikki Zablocki	Shenandoah Valley	\$7,417



# 2021 TOP GOLD FUNDRAISERS



GOLD EVENT	AMOUNT
Team Lilly H	\$19,459
Going Gold for Childhood Cancer	\$11,500
Bike for Bell	\$8,500
Evansville FOP	\$4,500
Bomb Fastpitch Gold Friendly	\$2,361

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**December 31, 2021**

<b>FY2021 Total Support Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,144,555</b>
Contributions	\$2,524,920
Institutional grants and gifts	\$869,785
Special events	\$2,453,688
Investment income	\$254,761

## BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS 2021	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,696,856
Contributions receivable, current portion	\$832,045
Investments, current portion	\$3,976,620
Prepaid expenses	\$56,921
Contributions receivable, long-term	\$0
Investments, long-term	\$1,500,000
Deposits	\$0
Accrued interest	\$13,175
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,075,617</b>

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**December 31, 2021**

<b>FY2021 Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,814,800</b>
Program Services	\$3,533,912
Fundraising	\$740,857
Management	\$540,031
Team Beau	\$7,790
Colton Strong Forever	\$7,670

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable	\$209,900
Deferred revenue	\$231,781
Non-current liabilities	\$0
Net assets with donor restrictions	\$2,887,229
Net Assets without donor restrictions	\$4,746,707
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND NET LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$8,075,617</b>



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