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Dear Friends

Welcome from Founder, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board

It is my pleasure to formally introduce you to Jody Hoyos, our chief executive officer. Jody joined us as senior vice president at the end of 2018 and was made executive vice president within her first year. She was steadfast in her guidance of our staff and activities through the turbulent year of 2020, leading the board of directors and me to recognize her leadership through a promotion to president and chief operating officer in March 2021.

Earlier this year, I made the decision to move into a Founder role, with a goal of ensuring the long-term health and success of the Foundation. With Jody at the helm, along with new Board Chairman Bill Magner, I have no doubt the Foundation will remain as productive, creative, nimble and robust during the next 37 years as it has been for the previous 37.

I remain committed as ever to the Prevent Cancer Foundation® and its mission, and I look forward to working with Jody, Bill and all of you to continue our leadership in saving lives across all populations through cancer prevention and early detection.

Sincerely,

Carolyn R. Aldigé
Founder

It is our honor to have the privilege of leading this amazing Foundation into the future, and we don’t take our role of spreading the prevention message to the public lightly. For 37 years, the Prevent Cancer Foundation has been unwavering in the pursuit of cancer prevention and early detection to save lives. Thanks to your support, our mission has reached people far and wide—making an impact locally and nationally, as well as globally.

But when it comes to cancer, the time is now—for innovation, for engagement, for impact, and so much more.

We’ve spent the last year not only focused on the now but also on what’s next and how our actions will shape the future of cancer prevention and early detection.

As we rise to meet the challenge of reducing cancer deaths by 40% by 2035, time is of the essence, and your contributions have helped support research, community and global grants, education campaigns and more. Together we are paving the way to meet this goal.

We are thankful to have you as our partners in prevention. Because of your support—past, present and future—we can dare to imagine a world where no one dies of cancer.

Sincerely,

Jody Hoyos
Chief Executive Officer

William “Bill” Magner
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Without systems driving us forward to ignite change, existing disparities and the number of cancers found in late stages are likely to remain stagnant or even worsen. At the Prevent Cancer Foundation, we refuse to accept the status quo. To decrease health inequities and reduce cancer mortality, we need innovations that detect more cancers early and are accessible to everyone.

That’s why we’re proud to support new technologies and work with researchers who search for ways to transform the way we think about cancer. Investing in early-career researchers is a key component of the Prevent Cancer Foundation’s vision.

With your help, our impact spans coast to coast and continent to continent. Funding the most promising new innovations and supporting important advances in cancer prevention and early detection will make a lasting impact, one that will foster the next generation of cancer prevention research.
Remembering Dad with a named grant

BY BRIAN SHURE

Lung cancer crept into our lives with my father’s diagnosis. After losing him to his 10-year battle, my family and I knew we wanted to do something with our charitable giving to honor him.

That’s why we decided to celebrate his legacy with a named research grant from the Shure Family Charitable Foundation. We sponsored our first named grant with the Prevent Cancer Foundation in 2020, and that’s where Dr. Artit Jirapatnakul comes in. Knowing that our donation allowed Dr. Jirapatnakul to further his goal of becoming an established researcher in the lung cancer early detection space meant so much because of how it could change outcomes for other families dealing with a lung cancer diagnosis.

Dr. Jirapatnakul’s research advances the use of precision imaging to assist in the early detection and management of screen-detected early lung cancer. The uptake of lung cancer screening has been slow, but now that screening coverage has been approved for an even greater population by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, it is essential to improve the efficiency of the lung cancer screening process. Dr. Jirapatnakul’s research has helped ensure this critical service can be provided at a high quality to the much larger at-risk population now eligible for this effective lung cancer screening test.

Large or small, your contributions can make a difference. The Foundation is so well connected to early-career scientists who are just getting started. Our grant not only enabled important contributions to the field of early lung cancer detection and diagnosis but also had a major impact on Dr. Jirapatnakul’s career and helped establish him as a leader in this space.

One of the most rewarding parts about establishing our named grant was the involvement we had in the process of selecting the researcher to receive funding. My brother Richard and I were grateful to sit in on discussions among the Foundation’s Scientific Research Panel, and seeing it all the way through to the finish was a memorable and gratifying experience. As a donor, you may not always get to see the direct impact of your gift. We did—and that’s what makes the Foundation unique in its approach.

The decision to create a named research grant funded by the Shure Family Charitable Foundation was an easy one. It’s encouraging to know there are many other researchers out there like Dr. Jirapatnakul, who are beginning their careers and eager to play a role in cancer prevention and early detection. By funding their work, we ensure new and innovative approaches to cancer prevention and early detection continue to flourish.
Multi-Cancer Early Detection

Multi-cancer early detection (MCED) tests are a groundbreaking new type of cancer screening with the potential to identify the presence of more than one cancer at a time.

Unfortunately, the important benefits of early cancer detection are not reaching enough people. The routine screening tests currently available and covered by Medicare detect only five cancer types—breast, cervical, colorectal, lung and prostate cancers—which means there are no routine early detection tests for most cancer types. But when cancer is detected early, nearly nine of every 10 cancer patients will live five years or longer.¹

In 2021, Senators Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), along with U.S. Representative Terri Sewell (D-Ala.) Reps. Jodey Arrington (R-Texas), Raul Ruiz (D-Calif.) and Richard Hudson (R-N.C.), introduced the Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act of 2021 (S1873 and H.R.1946), which aims to overcome access barriers for Medicare beneficiaries by creating a pathway for timely coverage once tests demonstrate clinical benefit and are approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

To build on our efforts in 2021, the Prevent Cancer Foundation launched issue messaging in The Washington Post, Politico, The Hill and Roll Call, calling on Congress to pass the Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act. The Prevent Cancer Foundation also increased education and awareness efforts by creating a downloadable infographic detailing the unmet needs in cancer screening, the benefits of detecting cancer early, information about MCED tests and the importance of legislation to improve access for older Americans.

Our efforts have resulted in significant momentum toward passage of the Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act, with more than 400 organizations in communities across the United States joining in support of the bill. In June, H.R. 1946 achieved the support of a bipartisan majority of members in the U.S. House of Representatives. The companion legislation, S. 1873, also has the support of over half of the Senate.

Now, we’re amplifying the voices of those who would be most impacted by MCED tests. The Foundation is telling the stories shared with us from organizations across the U.S. about how MCED will change—and save—the lives of the populations they serve. To hear these stories and learn more about the potential impact of MCEDs, visit preventcancer.org/early.

Research Grants

With your help in 2022, the Prevent Cancer Foundation awarded seven grants and fellowships to promising research projects with different areas of focus: cancers of the breast, cervix, colon-rectum, liver and lung. This funding can propel early-career researchers toward larger grants that will expand their work to positively impact people's lives through improved cancer prevention and early detection.

**FELLOW: SARAH BERNHARDT, PH.D.**
**PROJECT TITLE:** Vitamin D as a Preventive Agent for Young Women's Breast Cancer  
**NAMED AWARD:** Stohlman Family Grant in memory of Richard Stohlman and Margaret Weigand  
**POSITION:** Postdoctoral Fellow  
**INSTITUTION:** Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, Ore.

**GRANTEE: FRANCESCA GANY, M.D.**
**PROJECT TITLE:** FITx3  
**NAMED AWARD:** Awesome Games Done Quick  
**POSITION:** Chief, Immigrant Health and Cancer Disparities Service  
**INSTITUTION:** Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, N.Y.

**GRANTEE: JU YOUN KIM, PH.D.**
**PROJECT TITLE:** To Investigate the Roles of PIDDosome in NASH and HCC Development  
**NAMED AWARD:** Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program  
**POSITION:** Staff Research Associate  
**INSTITUTION:** The University of California, San Diego, Calif.

**GRANTEE: SUZANNE MILLER, PH.D.**
**PROJECT TITLE:** Feasibility of Text Messaging to Reduce Urban Cervical Cancer Disparities  
**NAMED AWARD:** Marcia and Frank Carlucci Charitable Foundation  
**POSITION:** Professor, Cancer Prevention and Control Program  
**INSTITUTION:** The Research Institute of Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

**GRANTEE: GARY SCHWARTZ, PH.D., M.P.H., PH.D.**
**PROJECT TITLE:** Testing Radon Communication Methods: Clinical Trial of a Smartphone App  
**NAMED AWARD:** Richard C. Devereaux Outstanding Young Investigator Award  
**POSITION:** Professor and Founding Chair, Department of Population Health  
**INSTITUTION:** University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N.D.

**FELLOW: TOMOTAKA UGAI, PH.D.**
**PROJECT TITLE:** Immune Characteristics of Early-Onset and Later-Onset Colorectal Cancers  
**NAMED AWARD:** The Shure Family Charitable Foundation  
**POSITION:** Postdoctoral Fellow  
**INSTITUTION:** Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, Mass.

**GRANTEE: LISA YEE, M.D.**
**PROJECT TITLE:** White Button Mushrooms and Breast Cancer Prevention  
**NAMED AWARD:** Awesome Games Done Quick  
**POSITION:** Professor, Vice Chair of Research, Department of Surgery  
**INSTITUTION:** Beckman Research Institute of the City of Hope, Duarte, Calif.
Technical Fellowships

The Prevent Cancer Foundation funds a series of Technical Fellowships focusing on the rapid transfer of knowledge and technology in cancer prevention and early detection. This program was initiated through a partnership with the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), an international nonprofit organization. UICC Technical Fellowships allow health care professionals from around the world to learn new techniques and skills in the early detection and treatment of cancer at top research and cancer institutes, and then return home to share this training with their colleagues. The majority of awarded fellows come from low- and middle-income countries. The UICC fellowships are generously supported by the FitzGerald Family.

We are proud to report that the Foundation supported six UICC fellows to participate in the World Cancer Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, in October. Pictured from left to right: Dejana Braithwaite, Tung Thanh Pham, Carolyn (Bo) Aldigé, Ivana Blazic, Roya Dolatkhah, Rita Isaac, Aroor Bhagyalaxmi, Sreeya Bose and Florence Manjuh. These travel grants were made possible through the generous support of Prevent Cancer Foundation board member Jeremy FitzGerald and her family.

FELLOW: Sreeya Bose, M.S., MBBS, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata, India
HOST INSTITUTION: International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), Lyon, France
PROJECT TITLE: Analysis of time trends in high-risk HPV prevalence and associated risk factors over two decades in the Indian state of West Bengal and study of impact of SARS-COV-2 pandemic on uptake and follow-up of HPV self-sampling

FELLOW: Faruk Mohammed, Ph.D., Ahmadu Bello University, Samaru, Zaria, Nigeria
HOST INSTITUTION: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, Massachusetts, United States
PROJECT TITLE: Improving prostate cancer patient outcomes in Nigeria through epidemiology and advanced techniques in genomics and bioinformatics

FELLOW: Chimwemwe Banda, M.S., Kamuzu Central Hospital, Malawi
HOST INSTITUTION: Ocean Road Cancer Institute, Dar El Salam, Tanzania
PROJECT TITLE: Cervical cancer elimination and treatment; observation and practical experience in efforts to eliminate cervical cancer and cancer radiotherapy with a focus on novel cervical radiotherapy techniques
The Foundation’s support (with a $75,000 global grant) of HOPE: Women helping women fight cervical cancer through self-HPV and VIA testing, a pilot project in Peru, led to $1.5 million follow-on funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

ADDRESSING GLOBAL DISPARITIES IN CERVICAL CANCER

The strategies and outcomes from Project Hope and two other global cervical cancer projects (located in Cameroon and India) were presented in October at the UICC World Cancer Congress in Geneva. The projects are aligned with the World Health Organization (WHO) goal of cervical cancer elimination by 2030 and involve educating community members and health care professionals, utilizing HPV self-testing and expanding access to quality screening and timely follow-up care in low- and middle-income countries.
THE TIME IS NOW TO GET SCREENED

Each year, nearly two million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer, and more than 600,000 will die of these diseases. But research shows that up to 50% of cancer cases and about 50% of cancer deaths are preventable with the knowledge we have today. Now, more than two years since COVID-19 first reached the United States and the ensuing pandemic put many lives on pause, it’s time to hit the play button and prioritize your health care routine by scheduling annual doctors’ appointments and cancer screenings.

Routine cancer screening can detect cancer early (even if you have no signs or symptoms!) and increases the likelihood your treatment will be successful. Whether it’s getting your own appointment Back on the Books or reminding a loved one to do so, putting prevention into action can save lives.

Spotlight

Craig Meddin (right) enjoying ice cream with his kids.
At age 40, I had been chasing gastrointestinal issues for years. I had chalked up my symptoms to stomach troubles, but my physician recommended I get a colonoscopy. I never thought it could be cancer.

At the time of my first scheduled colonoscopy, a hurricane was headed to our home in Raleigh, North Carolina. Things were getting canceled left and right, so I stopped the prep and didn’t reschedule until a couple of years later. My gastroenterologist removed several polyps, including one that was one-third the width of my colon and would require a colon resection surgery. A week later, results confirmed what we had been told to prepare for: a colorectal cancer diagnosis.

My cancer diagnosis affected my entire family. I’ll never forget my surgeon telling me, “You need to call your siblings—your family history has now changed.”

It was clear that had I waited any longer for my colonoscopy, my prognosis could have been much worse. Despite the two-year delay, they found my cancer early—imagine if I had continued to dismiss my symptoms.

After my colon resection surgery, I learned the cancer was Stage IIIIB and had spread to nearby lymph nodes. Once I began chemotherapy, I debated whether to share my diagnosis with others—not for pity, but for first-degree awareness. Within a couple of days of posting about it on social media, at least a dozen people messaged me to say my story had encouraged them to schedule the colonoscopy they had been putting off.

You never want to assume the worst, but you’ve got to take action. Looking back at the issues I had been experiencing for the better part of a decade, I know now that they were colorectal cancer symptoms. Even so, I feel incredibly lucky it was found sooner than later.

Early detection saves lives, so listen to your symptoms, don’t be afraid to talk about them and know that you are your own best advocate when it comes to your personal health.

In July, Craig’s oncologist told him he is in remission. Besides some lingering effects from chemotherapy, he feels nearly 100% once again—with energy levels similar to 10 years ago!
Early detection saves lives, and the earlier the cancer is detected, the more options you may have for treatment and the better chances are for survival. In the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, businesses were forced to close, medical offices canceled procedures and millions of Americans had to stay home. The Prevent Cancer Foundation recognized that screening and vaccination rates would be affected, and we anticipated a future cancer crisis of missed and late-stage diagnoses with poorer prognoses.

To preempt this crisis, in May 2020, we launched “Back on the Books,” our integrated public awareness campaign encouraging people to schedule or reschedule their routine health screenings (e.g., mammograms, Pap tests, colorectal cancer screenings, lung cancer screenings, skin checks and dental appointments) and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations for kids. Since the campaign’s inception, we have conducted seven surveys about routine health appointments and screenings to shape the campaign’s messaging and track our impact.

In 2022, we expanded our reach by offering the convenience and utility of scheduling your cancer screenings through our cause marketing partnership with Zocdoc. The campaign has delivered 431 million in earned media impressions, over 100,000 direct clicks to website and 9 million digital and social media impressions.
The Prevent Cancer Foundation recognizes that colorectal cancer is on the rise in adults under 45, and Black Americans are especially at risk—Black people are more likely to develop colorectal cancer and more likely to die from it than most other racial or ethnic groups.

That’s why we’re investing in colorectal cancer education through the “Too Young for This Sh*t” campaign, which encourages younger adults—especially younger Black adults—to learn about colorectal cancer risk reduction, signs and symptoms, and testing options, including noninvasive testing. The campaign also highlights the importance of talking to your doctor if you experience symptoms.

In October 2021, the Prevent Cancer Foundation conducted four 90-minute focus groups with Black participants ages 30–45 to collect feedback on the topic of colorectal cancer and the campaign creative. We used these focus group findings to develop a comprehensive distribution plan for a modified campaign to reach more young Black Americans. In addition, the new 30- and 60-second video PSAs launched in September 2022, with donated airtime reaching millions on major network stations.

Think you’re Too Young for This Sh*t? Think again. Visit tooyoungforthisto.org to learn more.

Recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show new hepatitis B and hepatitis C infections have more than tripled in the last five years as a result of the ongoing opioid crisis in the United States. People who contract hepatitis B or hepatitis C are at increased risk of liver cancer.

In order to meet communities where they are and address the root cause of liver cancer, the Think About the Link® campaign and the Prevent Cancer Foundation created a microgrant program to help harm reduction sites that focus on syringe service programs and hepatitis C testing. In 2022, through the generous support of AbbVie, the Foundation issued 20 microgrants to newly established syringe service programs.

“Without the funds from the Prevent Cancer Foundation, many of our participants would have been at risk of overdose in Austin.”

—Ana Rosa Granados, service director at the Texas Harm Reduction Alliance
Cancer affects us all, but it does not affect us all equally.

When the Prevent Cancer Foundation was founded in 1985, our focus was clear: addressing all preventable cancers across all populations. Over time, it’s become even more apparent how existing disparities in health care affect access to preventive knowledge and early detection services, especially for medically underserved communities. That’s why we are committed to increasing education and investing in communities that need it most to ensure everyone has the resources and support they need to make informed decisions about their health.

We celebrate our work addressing preventable cancers across all populations while also recognizing there is a long way to go. That’s why we’ll continue to narrow the gaps that exist across the cancer care continuum until everyone can imagine a world where no one dies of cancer.
Navigating without a map: Health care and the transgender community

**BY CHRIS CHAMARS**

From a young age, I rejected anything deemed feminine: I kept my hair short, wore “boy” clothes and pursued more masculine-associated activities. Once puberty began, my gender was anyone’s guess. “What are you?” was a question I often heard from bold strangers. Though I’d been questioning the gender role I was supposed to play since I was 5 years old, it wasn’t until I was 14 that I first heard the word “transgender.” I spent the next six years researching policies, legal paths and what transitioning could look like for me, internally debating if I could accept the risks of transitioning socially, physically and spiritually.

While transitioning is complicated, my research and preparation resulted in a relatively smooth process until I started changing my gender marker (i.e., the F, M or X we have on our forms of identification). Even though Massachusetts, where I lived at the time, had implemented an anti-discrimination policy and required most health insurance companies to cover parts of gender-affirming surgery, it was still legal for some private insurance companies to deny treatment and/or care based on “gender incongruence.” For example, a male-identified subscriber will not need a Pap smear, nor would a female-identified subscriber need a prostate cancer screening. I intentionally chose to not change the gender marker on my health insurance because I was scared they would use it to justify denying me a double mastectomy. Fortunately, I was able to get this gender-affirming surgery almost a year after starting gender-affirming hormone replacement therapy (GAHRT).

Throughout my transition, societal expectations created obstacles to my care. It is possible to separate gender from health care—and we should. The existing emphasis on gender distorts and oversimplifies the person in need of care. Giving individuals the autonomy to make their own health-related decisions, and support once they do, is essential to improved outcomes for all people, not just those who are transgender.

In June, I was invited to share my story at the Prevent Cancer Foundation’s 2022 Advocacy Workshop on cancer screening disparities in the LGBTQ+ community. Though I have experienced many obstacles and pain along the way, I was grateful to help others understand the complexities of gender in our health care system. As providers, patient advocacy organizations and advocates move forward in trying to improve our system and be inclusive, I urge all individuals to seek out and share resources from trusted groups (like the National LGBT Cancer Network), acknowledge any possible biases and find tangible ways to be supportive of the LGBTQ+ community.
Advocacy Workshop

The percentage of U.S. adults who self-identify as LGBTQ+ has doubled to 7.1% since 2012.¹ Despite this uptick, there is a significant lack of data and research on sexual orientation and gender identity when it comes to health care. People who identify as LGBTQ+ may have a higher risk of getting cancer than those who identify as heterosexual and/or cisgender. The Prevent Cancer Foundation recognizes that the LGBTQ+ community faces unique barriers when accessing the health care system, which results in disparities in cancer risk, screening and treatment.

To raise awareness and increase education and action among patient advocacy groups, we brought together LGBTQ+ community leaders and health experts for our 2022 Advocacy Workshop on May 19 to discuss what needs to change. Our speakers, including representatives from the National LGBT Cancer Network, GRYT Health, National Institutes of Health (NIH), the George Washington University and Health Brigade, shared numerous resources for developing standards for cultural competency, promoting inclusivity and practicing patient-centered care as well as information about LGBTQ+ cancer survivor support groups. If you missed this event, access the resources, event recording and white paper at preventcancer.org/workshop.

The Prevent Cancer Foundation remains committed to increasing education and action among patient advocacy groups. Conversations and contributions from the Advocacy Workshop will help the Foundation raise awareness of cancer screening disparities in the LGBTQ+ community.

In conjunction with the Advocacy Workshop, the Foundation’s 2022 community grants cycle awarded applicants focused on providing cancer prevention education, outreach and screening in the LGBTQ+ community. View page 16 of this report to view a full list of our grantees.

“You don’t fix what you don’t measure.”
—Scout, Ph.D., executive director, the National LGBT Cancer Network

The Prevent Cancer Dialogue keeps attendees up to date on advances in research, policy, practice and programs in the field of cancer prevention and early detection. Participants take Dialogue learnings back to their communities and workplaces with concrete ways to enhance or expand their work to promote cancer prevention practices and appropriate screening. The 2022 Prevent Cancer Dialogue reconvened in-person for the first time in two years to provide engaging, information-sharing panels and peer discussions. Throughout the event, held June 9–10, participants focused on the theme Advancing Health Equity Through Innovation.

Attendees came away from the conference with a better understanding of the ways people experience inequities in cancer screening and care and the health care system in general, as well as ideas on how to address these disparities more effectively in their communities. Participants also learned more about cancer detection innovations under development, including multi-cancer early detection (MCED) tests and the integration of artificial intelligence in screening.

One theme continued to ring true throughout the panels and breakout discussions: Processes must be established by health care systems and providers to ensure everyone has access to innovations so current health inequities are not exacerbated. Dialogue participants are dedicated to this work and will apply and share the knowledge and perspectives gained at Prevent Cancer Dialogue.

To learn more, access the 2022 Prevent Cancer Dialogue toolkit that contains slide presentations and resource materials from the event at preventcancerdialogue.org.

What was the most valuable aspect of the Prevent Cancer Dialogue for you?

“Connecting with others [who] have similar struggles to help get people connected to resources and brainstorming on how we can all improve access.”

“Learning about new and upcoming innovations in cancer screening and how we as a whole (meaning providers, public health, programs, payers, etc.) can advocate for systemic change for quality health care for all.”
Organizations across the United States are doing extraordinary work to help at-risk communities get the education, screenings and vaccinations they need to prevent cancer or detect it early. Since 2007, the Foundation has awarded more than $2 million in community grants in 37 states and American Samoa and to the Washoe Tribe.

To advance our bold goal to reduce cancer deaths by 40% by 2035, the Foundation is proud to support 10 2022 community grant projects dedicated to increasing cancer prevention and early detection in LGBTQ+ communities across the U.S. These projects will have a direct impact on members of the LGBTQ+ community, many of whom lack access to cancer prevention and early detection services.

**ALBIE AWARE INC. Sacramento, Calif.**
Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation, the largest nonprofit organization dedicated solely to breast cancer in the greater Sacramento area, will bring mobile mammograms to the LGBTQ+ community and host a live virtual event on breast cancer awareness.

**MARY BIRD PERKINS CANCER CENTER Baton Rouge, La.**
Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center’s project will provide outreach and education, no-cost breast and colorectal cancer screening, patient navigation for those with abnormal findings and provider training in the hopes of encouraging LGBTQ+ community members in Louisiana and Mississippi to receive recommended cancer screenings.

**CHEEKY CHARITY Palm Springs, Calif.**
Cheeky Charity will host “March Your Butt—Palm Springs,” a multi-level series of interventions during National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March to facilitate care for colorectal and anal cancer screenings, HPV vaccinations and associated wrap-around services for the LGBTQ community.

**NORTON HEALTHCARE Louisville, Ky.**
Norton Healthcare’s project will increase HPV vaccination rates among LGBTQ+ adults ages 19–26 and the children of LGBTQ+ parents.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT INC. New York, NY.**
Callen-Lorde’s Cervical Cancer Screening Project will implement tailored provider- and patient-level interventions designed to improve disparities in cervical cancer screening uptake and adherence rates among LGBTQ individuals.

**PANHANDLE BREAST HEALTH Amarillo, Texas**
In partnership with Haven Health Clinics, Panhandle Breast Health will create the Transcending Limits Cancer Screening Initiative, a pilot project that will build on existing successful programs in conducting outreach specific to the LGBTQ community through access to no-cost mammograms and low-cost Pap tests and HPV vaccinations.
Breaking down barriers to improve health disparities in Latina breast and cervical cancer screening

Latinas are disproportionately affected by many types of cancer, including breast and cervical cancers, relative to non-Latina white women. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed significant hardship upon the Latino population in many aspects, including increased unemployment, loss of income and lapses in insurance. Efforts to reduce health disparities that Latinas face in breast and cervical cancer screenings, stage of diagnosis and five-year survival rates have never been more important.

The ¡Celebremos la Vida! program has been active for nearly three decades to address the needs for cancer screening and education for Latinas. It delivers potentially lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings and health education in English and Spanish to program participants, who are primarily Spanish-speaking, low-income, migrant workers and are uninsured or underinsured. As of December 2021, the program has provided more than:

- 19,600 mammograms and diagnostic tests
- 13,000 cervical screenings and Pap tests
- 19,600 women, friends and family members with culturally appropriate breast and cervical cancer education

It’s imperative for health care agencies and hospitals to invest in inclusive guidelines, services and care for the LGBTQ+ community. We have long faced unique barriers when accessing the health care system.”

—Courtney Quinn, Executive Director, Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation
It takes a village to spread the word about cancer prevention and early detection. Over the years, our village has grown into a network of colleagues, supporters and friends who help us share vital information about cancer prevention and early detection. The most rewarding part of this village is learning the personal stories that have emerged. When we use stories to share our messaging, we can connect with more people than ever. It’s our community that drives us forward—without you, our work would not be possible.

This year, we were thankful to meet with you—virtually and in-person—to advocate, educate and celebrate. From gaming to galas, we strive to grow this community so we can share more of your experiences, maximizing the effectiveness and reach of the prevention and early detection programs and message we stand proudly behind.
Tim Kavanagh

My cancer journey—what a sh*t show!

BY TIM KAVANAGH

In May 2016, my wife and I had just returned from a vacation and I was prepping for my first colonoscopy, having just turned 50 while we were away. After the procedure, I was flanked by a surgeon and nurse who told me they had found what they believed to be cancer in my rectum. Still in a groggy state from anesthesia, I asked them to repeat it two more times. Could I really have cancer? From that day forward, my life was forever changed, as I was diagnosed with stage II rectal cancer. With vacation glow gone, I then had the difficult task of telling my wife, Candy.

Fast forward to today, and I am still in the battle, but I remain strong in spirit and faith. Since my initial diagnosis in 2016, I have been re-diagnosed four times with the same disease; have endured countless rounds of chemo, radiation and resection surgeries, including two temporary ileostomies; and now have a full-time colostomy bag. To date, I’ve had more than 30 surgeries (and counting)—from an emergency appendectomy to a life-threatening bowel perforation—but I am still here and continuing the fight every day.

To help myself and others as I navigated my cancer journey, I decided to write and perform a one-man comedy show, aptly named The Shit Show: How One Man Battled Cancer While Life Was Circling the Drain, for anyone that has or knows someone battling cancer. I call it my “self-defecating approach” to dealing with rectal cancer. I perform my show in clubs as well as at cancer-related conferences, with a portion of the proceeds donated to a charity organization in the city I’m performing in. This humorous approach has not only helped me get through the tough days but has also been a meaningful way for me to connect with others while reminding them of the importance of prevention.

I first learned about the Prevent Cancer Foundation through a friend and decided to reach out to see how I could use my experience and passion for the entertainment industry to encourage others to take charge of their health. Over the last three years, my relationship with the Foundation has allowed me to share my story and spread their messaging about how research, education, outreach and advocacy coexist to support individuals and communities far and wide across the cancer care continuum. They have been a beacon of light for me on my journey numerous times, and I am ever so grateful.
In January, all-star gamers from around the world joined together virtually to speedrun—play as fast as possible—their favorite games during Awesome Games Done Quick (AGDQ) 2022 and raise money for the Prevent Cancer Foundation. The event raised a total of $3.4 million, the most that has been raised in AGDQ history.

All games were played live, with speedrunners explaining in detail the many tricks and glitches they use to get the fastest times. Tens of thousands tuned in from around the globe via Twitch to watch the best of the best take on their favorite games and showed their support through donations to the Prevent Cancer Foundation®. Throughout the weeklong event, more than 49,000 donations were made.

In more than a decade of supporting the Prevent Cancer Foundation, AGDQ has raised over $20 million to fund research, technology and community grants in the United States and internationally, as well as cancer prevention and early detection education and outreach. Last year, the AGDQ community funded grants around the globe to support the World Health Organization’s effort to eliminate cervical cancer.

The support, engagement and fundraising dollars from this passionate community enable us to do our work to serve people—especially those in medically underserved communities and low- and middle-income countries—and dare to imagine a world where no one dies of cancer.

“[I’m] keeping up the yearly tradition of donating in memory of my mom. Her cancer was detected late, and she didn’t make it. But thanks to the efforts of organizations like [the] Prevent Cancer [Foundation], others can beat this terrible disease faster.”

—MVH
QUANTITATIVE IMAGING WORKSHOP XIX: Utilizing Quantitative Thoracic Imaging to Optimize Population Health

The Quantitative Imaging Workshop was established in 2004 to convene lung screening experts working to improve outcomes for people at high risk for lung cancer through initiatives aimed at early detection. The goal following that initial workshop was to advance efforts using high-resolution thoracic imaging to enable the routine detection of early disease in current and former smokers before they became symptomatic, allowing for discovery of early-stage cancers and a greater chance of successful treatment.

Since the Workshop’s inception, research trials from the United States and Europe have convincingly validated the benefit of low-dose spiral CT scans in reducing lung cancer mortality. Annual low-dose chest CT is now considered standard of care for those at increased risk of lung cancer and is recommended as part of cancer screening guidelines from organizations such as the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the American Cancer Society.

For 19 years, the Workshop has brought people together to exchange ideas on the exciting new biomedical opportunities that thoracic imaging enables, as well as to share information on the need for quality and consistency of policy and advocacy for screening. The 2022 Workshop framed the early detection of lung cancer as part of the thoracic health imaging process and a cornerstone of effective public health through the capture of information regarding three of the four leading causes of premature death: lung cancer, emphysema/COPD and cardiovascular disease. Such reporting has vast implications for the creation of novel health measures, including the development of a thoracic imaging–based health metric to be used to enhance population health.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
CLAUDIA HENSCHKE, PH.D., M.D., FOR RECEIVING THE ALTON OCHSNER AWARD

The 37th Annual Alton Ochsner Award Relating Smoking and Disease was received by Claudia Henschke, Ph.D., M.D. She is the Director of Early Lung and Cardiac Action Program (ELCAP) and the Professor of Radiology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, N.Y. This prestigious award recognizes scientists who have made major contributions to the relationship between smoking and disease and who have advanced the development of major prevention and treatment modalities.

Dr. Henschke serves on the Prevent Cancer Foundation’s Medical Advisory Board, was the recipient of the 2015 James L. Mulshine, M.D., National Leadership Award and was a pioneer in using low-dose CT screening to detect early lung cancer. Dr. Henschke is also a mentor and colleague of one of the Foundation’s recent Research Grant recipients, Artit Jirapatnakul, Ph.D. Read more about Dr. Jirapatnakul on page 3.
Prevent Cancer Annual Gala: 
Australia-Bounding Ahead

The Prevent Cancer Foundation hosted its 28th Annual Gala on September 15, 2022, at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

RAISED
The Prevent Cancer Annual Gala raised an incredible $2.22 million, the most the event has raised in its 28-year history.

HONORED
The Foundation paid homage to Australia with the Gala theme, Bounding Ahead, and honored His Excellency, Ambassador Arthur Sinodinos AO and Mrs. Elizabeth Sinodinos.

AWARDED
The Foundation presented the annual Cancer Champion Award to Senators Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and Representatives Terri Sewell (D-Ala.), Jodey Arrington (R-Texas), Raul Ruiz (D-Calif.) and Richard Hudson (R-N.C.). This bipartisan group was recognized for their leadership on the Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act (S.1873 and H.R. 1946).
Importantly, I have also found a new purpose as a cancer survivor, putting back into the community that kept me alive. In Australia, that meant advocating for increased support for research and treatment, establishing cancer survivorship programs and mentoring cancer patients.”

—His Excellency, Ambassador Arthur Sinodinos AO

CO-CHAIRDED
Our sincerest thanks to Gala Co-Chairs Nickie Currie, Kathryn Kennedy, Ted Okon, Susanna Quinn and Lori Reilly for their hard work to make this event happen.

DESIGNED
Gala décor was personally designed by weddings and celebrations expert David Tutera, who is a member of the Foundation’s board.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Cancer survivor, Foundation board member and FOX News Channel’s chief national security correspondent Jennifer Griffin was flawless as master of ceremonies.

LIGHTING THE WAY TO PREVENTION
This annual drive featured auctioneers Ted Okon, Gala co-chair and executive director of the Community Oncology Alliance, and Tommy McFLY, NBC4’s SCENE Correspondent and host of “Walk a Mile with Tommy McFLY.”
Since 1993, the Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program’s Action for Cancer Awareness Awards luncheon has honored congressional spouses, journalists, athletes and other advocates for their efforts to raise awareness on cancer prevention and early detection.

A bipartisan, bicameral audience of congressional members and spouses, as well as leaders in the cancer prevention community, gathered on Capitol Hill on September 21 to recognize the 2022 honorees:

**ABBY BLUNT**, spouse of U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), for Congressional Leadership. Mrs. Blunt is a longtime member of the Congressional Families Program Executive Council and uses her voice to share messages of cancer prevention and early detection with her community.

**HODA KOTB**, co-anchor of “TODAY” and co-host of “TODAY” with Hoda & Jenna, for Distinguished Service in Journalism. Ms. Kotb was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 42 following a routine exam. As a trusted fixture millions of Americans invite into their homes every weekday, Ms. Kotb is an inspiration for those with cancer and others, using her platform to keep women up to date on the latest in breast cancer prevention and early detection.
The Congressional Families Program works year-round to equip congressional members and spouses—through educational seminars and webinars, events, op-eds, videos and social media posts—to take the message of cancer prevention and early detection back to their communities and constituents.

CHRIS EVERT, tennis champion, for Excellence in Cancer Awareness. Ms. Evert was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2021, after her sister’s death from the disease prompted genetic testing and a preventive hysterectomy. A symbol of strength for many throughout her tennis career, she now encourages fans to know their family health history and advocate for their health.
Spotlight

Our team comprises a wide-ranging group of experts who are committed to a world where no one dies of cancer. They live our mission every day and ensure our messaging is clear and accurate and reaches our most important audience—you.

With unique backgrounds and representing a diverse set of industries, our board and committee members have allowed us to engage with more of you than ever before.

We are proud to have the advice and guidance of these thought leaders who understand the important role prevention plays in your health. The feedback they provide is instrumental in helping the Foundation achieve its mission of saving lives across all populations through cancer prevention and early detection.

The Honorable Vic Fazio (right) with David Tutera and Carolyn “Bo” Aldigé at the 2016 Prevent Cancer Gala.
The Honorable Vic Fazio

Remembering The Honorable Vic Fazio

This year, the Prevent Cancer Foundation mourned the death of former U.S. Representative Victor “Vic” Fazio, who died on March 16, 2022, of melanoma. Former Rep. Fazio had served on the Foundation’s board of directors since 2015, becoming a sustaining director in 2022. His unwavering support, kindness and belief in a world where no one dies of cancer will be remembered not only by the Foundation but also by all who knew him.

Former Rep. Fazio served for 20 years as a member of Congress, representing districts in the Sacramento, California, area from 1979 to 1999. During his tenure of distinguished public service, he was appointed to the House Appropriations committee, serving as a subcommittee chairman or ranking member for 18 years. He also served as the vice chair of the Democratic Caucus from 1989 until 1994 and was the chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee for four years.

Prior to his retirement in 2020, former Rep. Fazio worked as a senior advisor in the Washington office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. He also served as co-chair of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, a public policy think tank, and sat on the Council on American Politics. The former representative had keen insights into the workings of government and policy making. He brought all those qualities to the Foundation as an active member of the board. In addition to serving on the Foundation’s board, he sat on the board of Northrop Grumman and was chair of the National Parks Conservation Association board of trustees.

The former representative was a steadfast supporter of community, civic and charitable activities. His passion for the Foundation’s cause was driven at a visceral level by the loss of his daughter Anne at the age of 22 from complications related to an earlier diagnosis of leukemia. It remained the backdrop of his appreciation of the Foundation’s mission and his dedication to saving lives through cancer prevention and early detection.

Former Rep. Fazio appreciated the Foundation’s multifaceted approach to its mission. His pernicious illness underscores our important work through research, education, outreach and advocacy. He practiced prevention diligently in his own life—as told by his wife, Kathy Sawyer, “He made quarterly visits to his dermatologist to check for any hints of melanoma. He always wore sunblock and when practical dressed in protective clothing to minimize sun exposure. As he put it, ‘I have to dress like a beekeeper.’”

While fighting his final battle against metastatic melanoma, as indicated by his wife, former Rep. Fazio was grateful that he could call on friends, colleagues and connections made through the Foundation for guidance concerning melanoma specialists and facilities. Although the disease ultimately took his life, the Foundation is grateful to have been in his corner until the end.

Former Rep. Fazio had an uncanny ability to embody the spirit of collegiality and appreciation for all points of view. We are grateful for the service the former representative contributed to our mission and are proud to have had his dedicated support for so many years. To honor his legacy, a $100,000 melanoma research grant or fellowship will be awarded in 2023.

The Prevent Cancer Foundation is committed to continuing the work that former Rep. Fazio supported so that we can dare to imagine a world where no one dies of cancer.
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The preventGEN committee is comprised of volunteers from the gaming community who are invested in helping the next generation stay healthy and cancer free. As consultants and ambassadors to the Foundation, they bring the Foundation’s mission to their fellow gamers through peer-to-peer outreach and advise the Foundation on barriers and opportunities for sharing cancer prevention and early detection messaging to the gaming community.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MONICA BERTAGNOLLI, M.D., FACS, FOR BEING NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

The Biden administration selected distinguished surgical oncologist and Prevent Cancer Foundation board member Monica Bertagnolli, M.D., FACS, as the next director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Dr. Bertagnolli succeeds the agency’s former director, Dr. Ned Sharpless, who stepped down in April after a nearly five-year tenure. Dr. Bertagnolli is the first woman to be selected for this role, in which she is responsible for the largest agency in the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

In order to accept this prestigious position, Dr. Bertagnolli had to resign from all board positions. We are grateful for her service to the Prevent Cancer Foundation and our mission and look forward to what she will achieve for cancer prevention and early detection in her new role.
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My passion for cancer prevention and early detection stems from many places. Diagnosed at stage 4, my sister Robin died of breast cancer at age 35. At that time, mammography did not pick it up—I’m grateful so much has changed with screening technology in the years since her death.

My late husband, Dr. David Ahlquist, spent his life working on early cancer detection, including his co-creation of Cologuard, an at-home option for colorectal cancer screening. My life has been immersed in his vision to reduce cancer incidence and mortality, and I have the privilege and good fortune of watching dedicated, smart people strive to make this a reality.

Philanthropy—in its many forms—gives us a chance to “do something.” Continuing my involvement with the Foundation has allowed me to personally honor David’s memory and work with an organization that responds to issues important to me, such as the unacceptable discrepancies and inequities in health justice that impede access to lifesaving care.

As donors, we have a responsibility to be knowledgeable about the organizations we support—to be able to articulate their missions and priorities and to
advocate on their behalf. The information contained in this report illustrates the Foundation's incredible work and impact. I am passionate about the relationship I’ve built with the Foundation, as it has created opportunities for communication, input and feedback to track outcomes.

There are so many ways to give, whether it be time, talent or treasure. The opportunities to make a difference are everywhere. As you consider pledging your support, make a call and talk to someone at the organization. We always feel more a part of something when we have a connection. The amount of the gift is not the most important thing. Start where you are comfortable and build from there.

David never used the word “I” when referring to his work; rather, he acknowledged the “we” that it takes to accomplish meaningful change. Realizing the vision of a world where no one dies of cancer takes not just one but many, a mindset we fostered within our family and one I hope to encourage from the advocates and philanthropists of the future. I am humbled to be in such good company with those who support the Foundation and its work to advance cancer prevention and early detection efforts.

**THE TIME IS NOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

We dare to imagine a world where no one dies of cancer. Our goal to reduce cancer deaths by 40% by 2035—our 50th anniversary—is no small feat. But we aren’t afraid of rising to meet this challenge because of you. Your support enables us to invest in innovative technologies, expand screening and vaccine access to medically underserved communities and educate the public about what they can do at every age to take charge of their health. Continue to make a difference with us:

- **GIVE MONTHLY:** Make a difference every single day by joining the Innovation Circle, a difference essential to reliable funding for our researchers, community grantees, outreach programs and more.
- **MAKE A DIRECT DONATION:** Every dollar or share of stock you give is an investment in our vision and mission.
- **CELEBRATE A LOVED ONE:** When you dedicate your gift in honor, memory or celebration of someone, their legacy will be toward a world where no one dies of cancer.
- **PLAN A GIFT:** Include the Foundation in your will, trust or estate plans to support our work for generations to come.
- **DOUBLE YOUR DONATION:** Ask your employer if they match charitable contributions to make an even greater impact.
- **SPONSOR AN EVENT:** Turn everyday events and activities into fundraisers—and invite your friends, too!

Our commitment to saving lives through cancer prevention and early detection research is powered by supporters like you.

**Do you dare to imagine with us?**
The mission of the Prevent Cancer Foundation is saving lives across all populations through cancer prevention and early detection.

We dare to imagine a world where no one dies of cancer.