STOMACH CANCER FACTS

- Stomach cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death worldwide.
- Each year more than 950,000 people worldwide are diagnosed with stomach cancer, and approximately 725,000 die.
- More than 26,000 Americans are diagnosed with stomach cancer annually, and more than 11,000 die.
- Stomach cancer has a five-year relative survival rate of 33%, making it the fifth most deadly cancer in the United States.*
- Most stomach cancer patients are diagnosed when they are stage IV. At stage IV, the five-year survival rate for stomach cancer is 4%.
- The likelihood of being diagnosed with stomach cancer between ages 25–59 has increased by almost 70% since 1977.
- The primary risk factors for stomach cancer include infection with bacteria known as Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) which is also associated with gastric and duodenal ulcers; chronic dyspepsia (indigestion); being of Asian, African, or Hispanic descent; consuming a diet heavy in salt, smoked, or preserved foods or low in fruits and vegetables; smoking and tobacco use; advanced age; and male gender.

* According to the Deadliest Cancers Coalition, the deadliest cancers are realistic cancers defined as those that have five-year relative survival rates below 50 percent.

DDF MILESTONES

- DDF held the first ever Stomach Cancer Patient Education Symposium in 2011. DDF has since held annual symposia across the country featuring informative lectures by world-renowned healthcare providers on various cutting-edge issues relating to stomach cancer. These lectures are available on DDF’s website along with numerous resources, related links and other helpful information.
- DDF offers the only Patient Resource Education Program (PREP) providing education, resources, and support internationally for stomach cancer patients, families and caregivers. Inquirers are matched with a PREP Mentor for one-on-one support and to share knowledge and learn from each other’s experiences.
- DDF directly funds stomach cancer research and encourages young scholars to pursue stomach cancer research opportunities.
- DDF held the first ever stomach cancer Capitol Hill Briefing in Washington, D.C. and has held the Annual Stomach Cancer Capitol Hill Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. since 2013. These advocacy efforts have resulted in millions of dollars in increased federal stomach cancer research funding.

DDF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Educate stomach cancer patients, families, caregivers, and healthcare professionals through free informational materials and symposia.
- Raise awareness through educational programs and events about the reality of a stomach cancer diagnosis and the toll it takes on patients and their families.
- Provide no-cost support and objective, reliable information about treatment options, ongoing research and clinical trials.
- Fund research directly and through focused advocacy efforts to increase federal funding.
- Serve as the primary resource for healthcare professionals to refer their stomach cancer patients.
- Encourage collaboration and information sharing among medical professionals, researchers, scientists, pharmaceutical companies, public agencies and patients.
- Provide gifts to the children of stomach cancer patients because we recognize that a cancer diagnosis impacts the whole family.
TOGETHER WE ARE DREAMING BIG!

DDF depends on the generosity of people like you. Your tax-deductible contribution supports our programs and enables us to fund research. Help us make the dream of finding a cure for stomach cancer a reality!

Visit www.DebbiesDream.org to donate, learn more about this devastating disease, find out how you can become involved, ask questions, volunteer, host an event, attend an event, join or start a chapter, and/or purchase merchandise. Please give today and support our cause!

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