



## Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer

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2022



**Moritz Eissmann, PhD**  
\$200,000 Career Development Award



\$50,000 Gastric Cancer Research Grant

2021

**\$200,000 Commitment to Gastric Cancer Research**

2019



**Youn-Sang Jung, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant



**Ankur Nagaraja, MD, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant



**Katsumi Yamaguchi, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant

2018



**Richard Hodge, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant



**Valerie O'Brien, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant



**Ashleigh Poh, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant



**Spencer Willet, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant

2017



**Eunyoung Choi, PhD**  
\$50,000 Career Development Award



**Karolina Kaczor-Urbanowicz, PhD, DMD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant



**Haisheng Zhang, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant

2016



**Elise S. Demitrack, PhD**  
\$50,000 Career Development Award



**Holly A. Martinson, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant

2015



**Eirini Pectasides, MD, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant



**Andrea Zamperone, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant

2014



**David Allison, PhD**  
\$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant

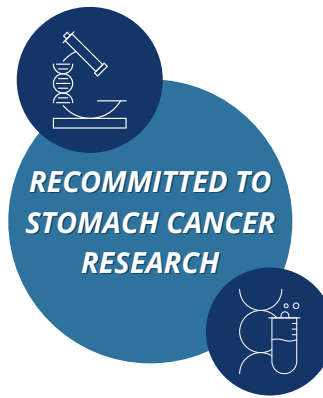
# RECOMMITTED TO STOMACH CANCER RESEARCH

Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer has awarded \$1,450,000 in stomach cancer research grants since 2014.



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Dear DDF Supporter,

Research is the linchpin for developing effective methods for preventing, diagnosing, and treating deadly diseases like stomach cancer. When our late founder Debbie Zelman was diagnosed with stage IV stomach cancer in 2009, there had not been any new research in the gastric cancer field in over 30 years. It, therefore, became a focal part of our mission to directly fund research grants for the next generation of scientists to address these critical issues for gastric cancer patients, and our \$1,450,000 grant funding history is as follows:

- 2014** – \$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant
- 2015** – \$100,000: Two \$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grants
- 2016** – \$200,000: One \$150,000 Career Development Award and one \$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grant
- 2017** – \$300,000: One \$200,000 Career Development Award and two \$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grants
- 2018** – \$200,000: Four \$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grants
- 2019** – \$150,000: Three \$50,000 Young Research Fellowship Grants
- 2021** – \$200,000: One Commitment to Gastric Cancer Research Grant
- 2022** – \$250,000: One \$200,000 Career Development Award and one \$50,000 Gastric Cancer Research Grant

In the past decade, the development of immunotherapy treatments through scientific research has benefitted patients like 61-year-old DDF Board member Amy Jacobs. Amy was diagnosed with stage IV stomach cancer in June 2018 and was given only six months to live. At the time, secondary pathology testing was done at the same time as the second-line treatment in case that treatment failed. Amy's pathology report revealed the MSI-H biomarker, which has no prerequisite for immunotherapy. In March 2019, she began immunotherapy as a third-line treatment following two unsuccessful lines of chemotherapy. Her tri-weekly immunotherapy treatments produced "No Evidence of Disease" results in her CT scans in November of 2019, and her status remains the same today. Thanks to these developments through modern scientific research, patients like Amy may have the chance to live years beyond their initial cancer prognosis.

In addition to these directly funded research grants, DDF also has a longstanding history of advocating for federal research funding through our annual Stomach Cancer Capitol Hill Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. Our advocacy efforts have continuously helped increase the federal budget for gastric cancer research since 2014. We have also recognized the need for critical research in minority communities, as stomach cancer disproportionately affects these populations. As a result, we have increased our efforts in raising awareness for clinical trials and other healthcare disparities experienced by these communities.

While we are proud of our research funding and advocacy efforts thus far, much more is needed. **Our goal is to raise \$500,000 that will directly fund additional stomach cancer research, and you can help be part of this process!** Please join us in reaching our goal to fund this critical research and further provide resources and support to patients and their families in the ways that matter most. You can submit your donation by completing and returning the enclosed envelope or donating directly on our secure website at [www.DebbiesDream.org](http://www.DebbiesDream.org).

***We look forward to achieving new milestones with your support, and we appreciate you continuing to DREAM BIG with us!***

Sincerely,

Andrea P. Eidelman, Esq.  
Chief Executive Officer