

## **ABOUT LCRF**



### **Our Mission**

The mission of the Lung Cancer Research Foundation (LCRF) is to improve lung cancer outcomes by funding research for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure of lung cancer.

### **Our Vision**

Our vision is a world free of lung cancer.

### **LCRF History**

The Lung Cancer Research Foundation has evolved over the years, but one thing remains the same: we are determined to create a world without lung cancer. **Together, we can accomplish more than any one of us can alone.** 

Steps for Breath, the first run-walk for lung cancer research and awareness in the country, is launched by Laurie Carson, a tireless advocate for increased funding for lung cancer

**2000** 



Laurie Carson expands her efforts across the country and creates the **Lung** 

**Cancer Research Foundation** (LCRF). Steps for Breath evolves into Strides for Life, one of LCRF's cornerstone events.

WALC becomes the National Lung Cancer Partnership (NLCP) and hosts its first 5K Run/Walk, named Free to Breathe.

2005-06

Joan's Legacy officially becomes **Uniting Against Lung Cancer** (UALC) after joining forces with a number of like-minded partners across the country.

NLCP reaches the milestone of contributing \$1 million in research grants.

2009-12



LCRF and UALC join forces to make an even greater impact on lung cancer research by increasing the breadth and depth of their grant programs

2015-16



LCRF announces its goal of tripling its annual research investment by funding \$45 million in direct lung cancer research through 444 grants by 2024.

2021

2001-04



**Joan's Legacy** is founded in honor of Joan Scarangello McNeive.



2007-08

NLCP begins offering free patient resources.

The first **Lung Cancer Action Summit** is held in Chicago.



2013-14

NLCP becomes **Free to Breathe**.

Free to Breathe partners with the **Lung Cancer Mutation Consortium** (LCMC), the largest national initiative testing lung cancer tumors and matching patients to therapies.



LCRF and Free to Breathe merge to make an even greater impact on closing the funding gap for lung cancer research.



LCRF's nationwide walk and yoga events continue under the Free to Breathe name.

## **Research Programs**

To date, LCRF has funded 409 research grants, totaling over \$42 million. By 2024, LCRF intends to fund a total of at least \$45 million in direct lung cancer research through 444 grants. Priorities for funding include early detection, drug resistance, and innovation.

### **LCRF Pilot Grant Program**

Funds innovative projects across the full spectrum of basic, translational, clinical, epidemiological, health services, early detection, disparities, and social determinants of health research, with a focus on early investigators.

# LCRF Research Grants on Oncogenic Drivers in Lung Cancer

With EGFR Resisters, KRAS Kickers, and MET Crusaders Supports research projects to characterize, identify, treat or overcome/preven resistance to therapies in tumors harboring alterations in oncogenic drivers in NSCLC cells, tissues, mouse models, or patients.

#### **LCRF - ALK Positive Research Grant**

With ALK Positive

Supports ALK-positive NSCLC research that will impact the outcomes of patients with advanced ALK-positive lung cancer, to ultimately transform care and improve outcomes for these patients.

# LCRF Research Grant on Early Detection and Pre-Neoplasia in Lung Cancer

Funds research projects that facilitate or advance the understanding and characterization of pre-neoplasia or approaches for early detection of lung cancer.

# LCRF Minority Career Development Award (CDA) in Lung Cancer

For minority postdoctoral/clinical fellows and assistant professors within 10 years of completing their MD and/or PhD degrees working on lung cancer research.

## **Community Outreach Programs**

#### **Patient Resources & Support Line**

LCRF offers free patient materials as well as a toll-free support line: **(844) 835-4325** 

#### Free to Breathe

LCRF's Free to Breathe events program brings participants from all over the nation together to honor loved ones, share community, and fund future research. LCRF.org/freetobreathe

#### **Evening of Innovation**

This gala event highlights the progress that has been made in lung cancer research over the previous year. The 2023 gala will be held Tuesday, September 26 at The Metropolitan Club in New York City. LCRF.org/gala

### **#TogetherSeparately livestreams**

LCRF hosts regular livestreams with guest experts to address common questions from patients and caregivers, as well as an online community on Facebook Groups. Webinars are generally scheduled monthly.

LCRF.org/togetherseparately

### **Breathe Easy Outreach to Black Americans**

LCRF and the African Methodist Episcopal Church International Health Commission (AMEC IHC) worked together to raise awareness among Black Americans of the prevalence, risk factors, importance of screening, and prevention of lung cancer. LCRF.org/knowyourrisk

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