

Connecting for a CURE

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Diabetes Research Connection Newsletter



Donor-driven, Peer-reviewed, Innovative Diabetes Research

WE NEED YOU TO "JOIN US" IN OUR MISSION!

Don't hear the invitation as solicitation...

Diabetes Research Connection asks you to "join us" in our mission to support innovative scientific inquiry until diabetes is eliminated. The research we fund together is designed to prevent and cure type 1 diabetes (T1D), minimize its complications and improve the quality of life for those living with the disease. We at Diabetes Research Connection see how this impacts the lives of many (see Karen's story on page 2) "Joining us" is more than a donation or attending an event...it is becoming an integral part of a community, making real and lasting

change in the lives of many. How do you "join us"? **Become an Advocate:** Come to our next event and bring your friends! **Become a Donor:** Help fund new research projects or partner with us as a DRC supporter. **Become a Friend:** Join the family and stay connected! Sign up for our monthly newsletter to receive project updates, the latest diabetes research news and more. Read more about Diabetes Research Connection and the impact we are making together...





PROJECTS FUNDED \$600,000 invested in early career scientist's research.



ATTENDEES AT OUR EVENT & LAB TOUR

There was standing room only at the event we hosted with the Jewish Community Foundation! Over 50 people heard Dr. John Glass, Dr. Duc Dong and Dr. CC. King share information on the latest scientific breakthroughs in T1D research. For those that took advantage of the lab tour offered, they felt hopeful after seeing tangible results in the lab!



KAREN'S STORY...

A first-hand look into the life of someone fighting alone...

⁶⁶ Up until a few short months ago, I was a mess. My type 1 diabetes has been out of control most of my life. Worst of all, deep down I expected this diagnosis because others in my family have it too. I was disappointed when I was first diagnosed but now, I feel like it's a blessing in disguise. Recently, I started taking my life back by better managing my nutrition to control the highs and lows. I've been following for months now, and this is the reason I'm writing you. I would like to thank you for all the amazing info you provide, which was pivotal in my transformation. I feel like my eyes opened and it allowed me to change. I owe so much to you! - thanks again for all you do. You're an inspiration.



This event will feature live music and dancing, including a silent dance party, prominent local restaurants serving food, an open bar and silent auction. With your help, we will raise necessary funds to support our mission. Tickets are \$200 and include food, drinks and live entertainment.

We received an exciting update from one of our researchers, Peter Thompson, Ph.D., at UCSF. "I want to thank Diabetes Research Connection for all of your efforts in funding my research project. You'll be happy to know that because of the DRC grant support and the results we've obtained, I was successful in securing another T1D-based grant from the Larry L. Hillblom Foundation. It's a more substantial grant with funds for up to 3 years, allowing me to continue the work started with the DRC grant!" For more information visit, **DiabetesResearchConnection.org/cause/regrowth-beta-cells-small-molecule-therapy**.

A WORD FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR, DAVID WINKLER

All of us at Diabetes Research Connection are committed to having a significant, positive impact on those who are affected by Type 1 diabetes. We support peer-reviewed, innovative, early-career T1D scientists and provide you with the latest, credible, research news in hopes of accomplishing this goal. We invite you to join us in meeting our organization's goals by addressing the growing needs for support, new research funding and results. We at Diabetes Research Connection believe it takes a community to connect for a cure.

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