

Connect for a Cure

June 2020 Newsletter

During These Times

"I am afraid to leave my house as I have so many complications because of T1D that I am not only at-risk but the most vulnerable of the population," a donor shared in tears over the phone.

Diabetes Research Connection (DRC) is still finding ways to remain connected to those we serve. What does that look like today? Personal phone calls, virtual gatherings, providing access to resources you need most and funding research aimed to prevent, cure, and better care for those with type 1 diabetes (T1D).

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has negatively impacted our nonprofit. Revenue loss, delays in grant processing, and an increase in demand for services and information from DRC are some of the issues we currently face.

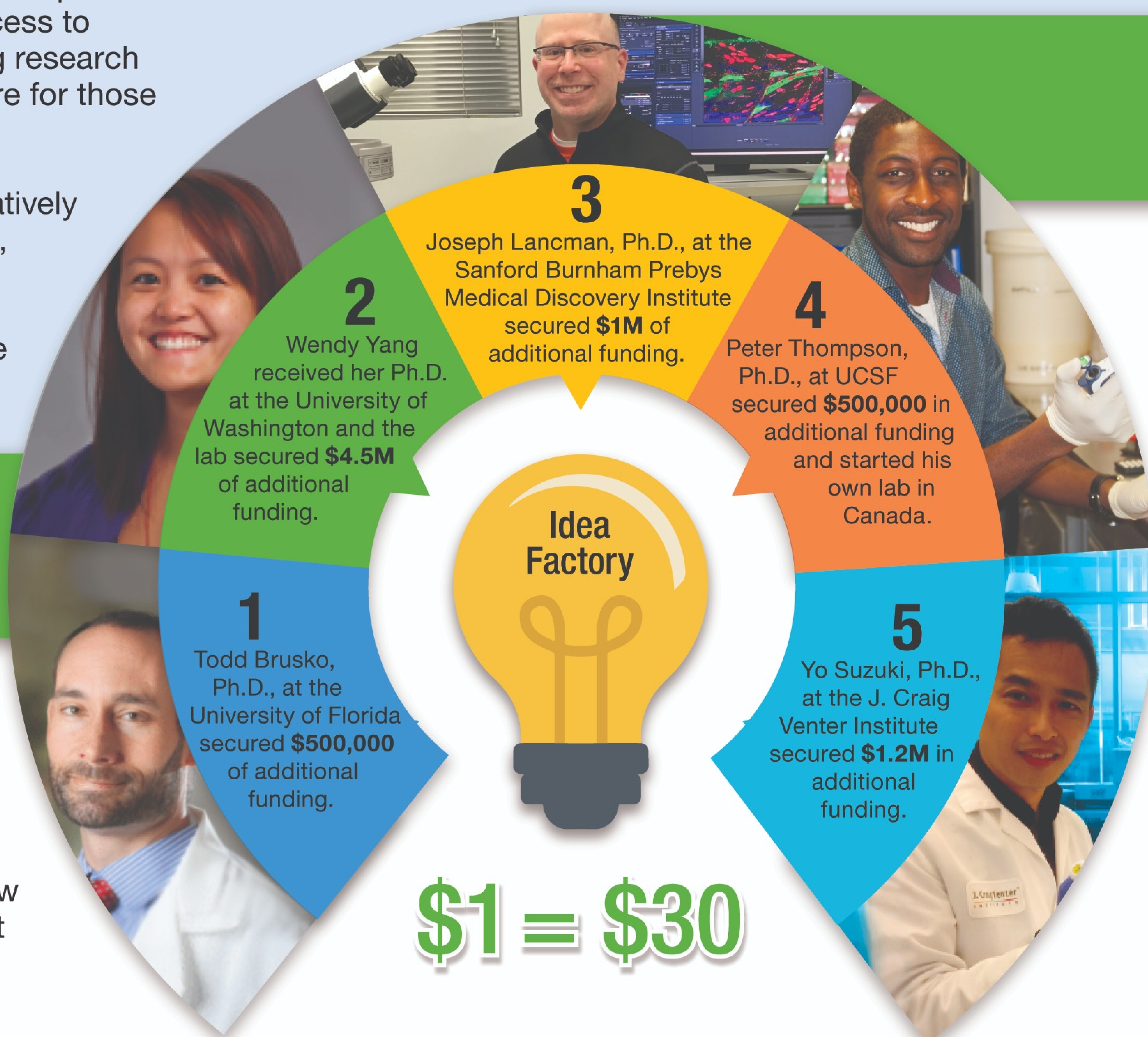
"I am shocked that DRC is still funding research at a time where others are cutting back. Thank you for sharing the best news I've heard in weeks," said a researcher funded by DRC.

We work hard to continue to fulfill our mission despite these challenging times. It takes a community to connect for a cure and we could not do this without your support.

Research Milestones

For every \$1 invested in these 5 early career-scientists, \$30 was secured in additional funding to continue their innovative T1D research.

Since November, DRC approved 8 new research projects. See below and visit our website for more details (DiabetesResearchConnection.org).



Dr. Balikcioglu
Duke Univ.
Skeletal Muscle Health and Blood Sugar Control In T1D

Dr. Chen
Indiana Univ.
Bionic Insulin Pump

Dr. Ahmed
Johns Hopkins Univ.
A New Approach to Disrupting the Onset of T1D

Dr. Vinberg
Univ. of Utah
Retinal Transplantation for the Blind Type 1 Diabetic

Dr. Kharbikar
UCSF

Dr. Meier
Univ. of Maryland

Dr. Vendrame & Dr. Bayer
Univ. of Miami

Dr. Arora
UCSF

Leave a Legacy

Leave a gift with lasting impact by assisting DRC in finding a cure for T1D. To request a brochure with more information, call Casey Davis, Director of Development at (760) 704-7785, and learn more about making a gift in your will or living trust that will save lives for years to come.

Virtual Gatherings

Over 100 people registered for our new virtual gatherings in May. Our first one featured Board Member Felise Levine, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist who has T1D and used her expertise to lead a relaxation activity designed to help relieve stress. Our second virtual gathering highlighted Vincenzo Cirulli, M.D., Ph.D. of University of Washington. Dr. Cirulli is a dedicated member of our Scientific Review Committee and is a leading researcher in his field of Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine.

If you are interested in joining us in upcoming events, please email:

cdavis@diabetesresearchconnection.org.

3rd Annual Dance for Diabetes

Under THE Sea

BENEFITTING
DIABETES RESEARCH CONNECTION

We're Going Virtual!

The 3rd annual Dance for Diabetes "Under the Sea" will be a virtual event.

Please Save-the-Date:
Friday, September 11,
5:30 PM PST

For more information go to
[diabetesresearchconnection.org/
dancefordiabetes/](https://diabetesresearchconnection.org/dancefordiabetes/)

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

If you give **\$100** + **MATCHING GIFT** = **\$200**

If you give **\$250** + **MATCHING GIFT** = **\$500**

This is a time when even the smallest gift helps DRC in BIG WAYS!

A generous family will be matching all donations made in the month of June (up to \$100,000)! It's an exciting opportunity to double your impact.

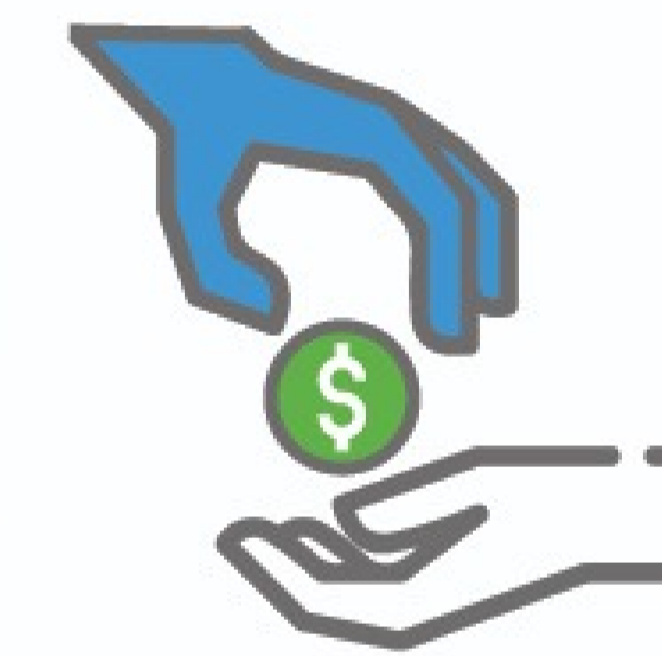
The importance of research has been highlighted during this pandemic and our early-career scientists need support to continue their ground-breaking research. 100% of funds designated to research go directly to the researcher's labs. Thanks for considering a donation to DRC today!

Financial Snapshot



26
projects funded

\$1.25 Million
disbursed to researchers



\$1 = \$7
For every \$1 DRC invests in research, an additional \$7 is secured in funding to continue innovative T1D research



43%
Donor Retention

125 new donors
that's 10 new donors per month!



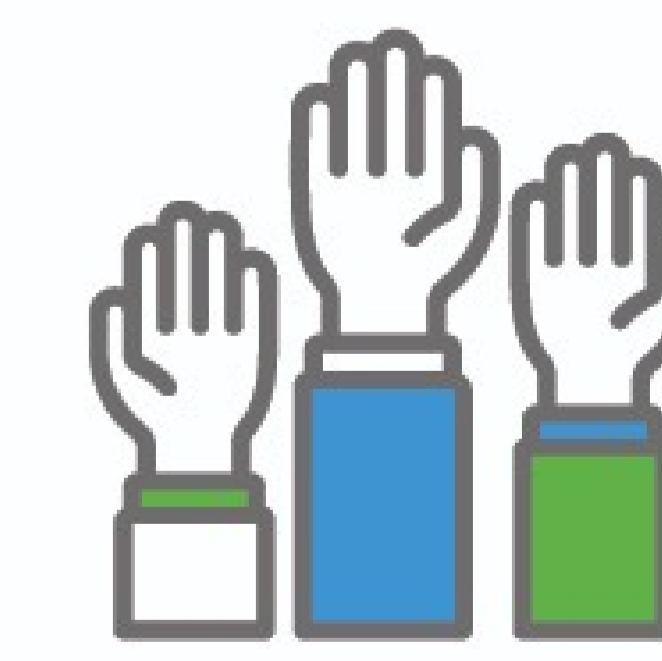
300+

attendees at Del Mar Dance for Diabetes
and we raised over **\$375,000+**



100%
of donations designated to
research goes to research

50
of Volunteers



Thank you!

Giving Tuesday Now was a global day of generosity and unity that took place on May 5, 2020 as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. Our community rallied together and raised funds for DRC's T1D research. Thank you for your incredible support!