

Connect for a Cure

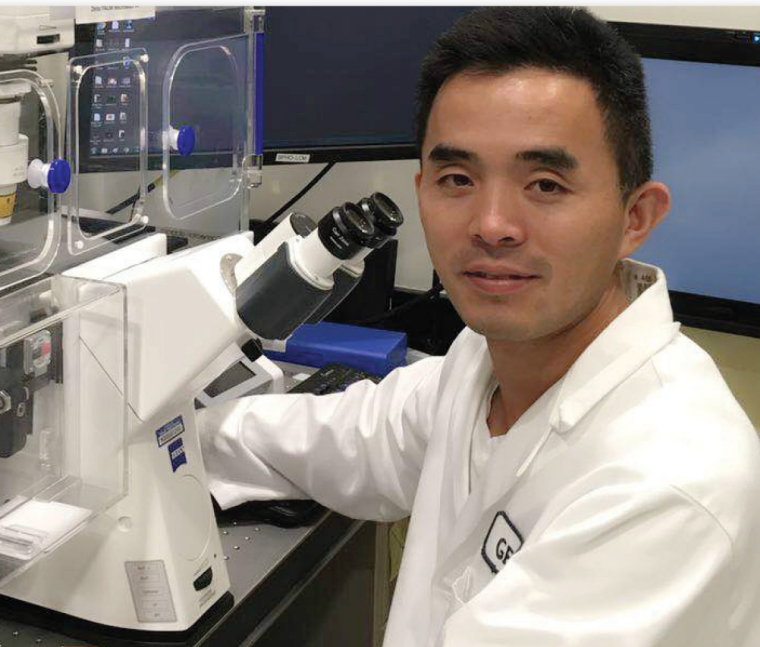
May 2019 Newsletter

Community Partners

We have been so overwhelmed by the support of our community this year. Many DRC partners have hosted fundraisers to benefit our organization. One example is the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser in Chicago at an Irish pub, 'Harrigan's Hooligans against Diabetes'. We also had a fundraiser at our favorite local Italian restaurant in the Del Mar Plaza, Il Fornaio. So many people showed up and ate amazing Italian cuisine while helping to raise funds to support our mission. These events have reminded us it takes a **community to connect for a cure!**



"This is a photo of Il Fornaio presenting DRC with a donation from their fundraiser."



← Meet Dr. Liu

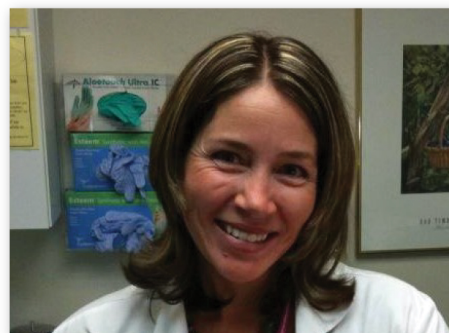
He's researching a safe and cost-effective stem cell approach for treating T1D. Stem cell-derived pancreatic beta cells are close to being used in the clinic to treat patients but before we can, we have to reduce the cost, overcome the safety issue of tumors and decrease the 7-step process that takes nearly a month to complete.



Researcher Spotlight

Please visit our website to view new projects seeking funding this summer!

DRC Focuses on Connection



We are funding Dr. Tamara Oser's project at Penn State that will create new resources for the community. Traditional T1D education lacks social and

psychological support. The goal of this project is to consolidate educational resources and create an online discussion forum that anyone can access anytime, free of charge.

DRC Events

DRC hosted its first ever Ladies Night where women gathered for good food and drinks to share their stories of life with or caring for someone with type 1 diabetes (T1D). We'd like to thank our beautiful host, Sherry Ahern, and our newest Board Member, Paige McCready, for so eloquently describing her journey of living with T1D. One attendee later shared,

"I left that night with fresh hope in finding a cure and new energy to work together to achieve this!"

If you'd be interested in hosting a small in-home event, please let us know.



2ND ANNUAL
**DEL MAR
DANCE FOR DIABETES**

FEATURING
SUSAN FOSTER AND ENCORE EVENT ENTERTAINMENT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019
DEL MAR PLAZA

BENEFITTING

Diabetes Research Connection

Invitations coming in the mail
JUNE!

Registration goes live
JULY!

diabetesresearchconnection.org/dancefordiabetes

Financial Snapshot

17
projects funded

\$700,000
disbursed to researchers

\$1 = \$5

For every \$1 DRC invests in research, an additional \$5 is secured in funding to continue innovative T1D research

27%
Donor Retention

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

250 attendees at Del Mar Dance for Diabetes
and we raised over **\$350,000**

100%
of donations designated to research goes to research

40 # of Volunteers



Sara Won our Community Survey Contest

"There is a major lack of emotional support for those with T1D."

We want to thank everyone who participated and provided invaluable input. Your feedback will help us better meet the needs of our community.

BLUE CIRCLE LEADERS

As DRC continues to grow, we are planning for the future. We want a future with sustainable funding and our Blue Circle Members are helping us with that by pledging to support our mission and vision for 3 years. These donations enable DRC to continue to represent to our contributors that 100% of their donations for research go directly to the scientists' labs. You can become a Blue Circle Member for as little as \$100 a month! If you'd like to hear more about the exclusive opportunities for Blue Circle Members, as well as the different giving levels, please contact Casey Davis, Director of Development, at cdavis@diabetesresearchconnection.org.