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 **Rick Carone Fellowship Grant for Pancreatic Cancer Research funded at the University of Chicago**

*Project Purple and Team Carone fund a new grant to fund one year of research for a designated fellow in the field of pancreatic cancer.*

BEACON FALLS, CT –Pancreatic cancer is the third most common cause of cancer related deaths in the United States and has a five year survival rate of less than six percent. Helping patients and their families, Project Purple is a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness and funds toward a cure for pancreatic cancer.

Project Purple announces the funding of the Project Purple Rick Carone Fellowship Grant. The grant will support pancreatic cancer research at The University of Chicago under the guidance of Dr. Hady Kindler. It will pay for one year’s salary for a designated research fellow to conduct research towards a cure for the disease. The grant is named in memory of longtime friend of Project Purple Rick Carone, who lost his battle with pancreatic cancer in 2017. This grant is also made possible by funding equally from Project Purple and the Team Carone Foundation.

Team Carone Foundation president Tim Carone had to this to say: “The Team Carone Foundation is extremely excited to be partnering with Project Purple to be able to combine our efforts towards the Rick Carone Grant.  This will continue to keep Team Carone Foundation and Rick Carone’s passion moving forward to #shutdowncancer”.

Project Purple Founder and CEO Dino Verrelli had this to say: “This grant is in memory of Rick, he was part of the Project Purple family and we will never forget his impact on our organization. Rick’s desire to win his fight against pancreatic cancer inspired so many and we hope this grant will provide a researcher with that same inspiration. We feel this is the right thing to do to provide more opportunities for research in helping to find a cure of pancreatic cancer in Rick’s memory.”

For more information on Project Purple, please visit [www.projectpurple.org](http://www.projectpurple.org/)

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**About Project Purple**

Project Purple is a 501c(3) not for profit organization with a mission of raising awareness and funds toward a cure of Pancreatic Cancer. Pancreatic cancer is the 3rd largest killer of all cancer killers and one of the least funded by the NCI. It is the only cancer in the top 10 killers of cancer with a single digit survival rate after 5 years. To learn more about Project Purple visit – [www.projectpurple.org](http://www.projectpurple.org/)