

2026 MID-YEAR UPDATE

Research

- \$1.5 million total in research has been funded already in 2026
- The Recovery Support Grant addresses a critical gap in research funding. While most grants support new proposals, few exist to save projects already deemed promising by peer review but then disrupted. By offering bridge or rescue funding, Project Purple protects continuity for vital research in early detection, therapeutics, and population science. Supports the careers of emerging researchers who are potentially driving the next major breakthroughs in pancreatic cancer detection, treatment, and care. Ensures that donor contributions fund research with both strong scientific foundations and urgent potential for patient impact.
- This is through 4 grants:
 - University of Cincinnati - Andrew M. Waters, PhD
 - Weill Cornell Medicine - Despina Siolas, MD, PhD
 - Georgetown University's Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, Marwa Afifi, BDS, MDS, PhD
 - The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center - Vincent Bernard, MD, PhD



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- \$192,000 paid out through 6 months
- Canada Expansion: Our Patient Financial Aid Program expanded to support Canadian residents seeking treatment at US cancer centers. This program assists with medical and everyday expenses so patients can focus on their fight.



Events

• Community

- Project Purple and Six Flags Great Adventure proudly announced a new partnership! As part of the partnership, the park's highly anticipated 2027 coaster project, currently known publicly as "Project Purple", will serve as more than just a code name. Through June 1, 2027, Six Flags Great Adventure will work alongside Project Purple to help spotlight the organization's mission and create meaningful opportunities for awareness, fundraising, and community engagement. ❤️
- Our golf classic is closing in on \$150,000 raised - a new record! This powerful event is more than just a game: it's a heartfelt celebration of resilience and a powerful statement of support for those affected by pancreatic cancer. We were also proud to induct survivors Cindy Lucenti and Michael Skaggs into our Project Purple Hall of Fame.

Endurance

Unprecedented momentum to start 2026 with 276 runners finishing races and our teams raising over \$2 million, fueled by record-breaking fundraising performances across our NYC Half Marathon, Boston Marathon, OC Marathon,

Grandma's Marathon, and Boilermaker teams, with new additions including the Cooper River Bridge Run and Flying Pig Marathon. Expanded our global reach by adding the Cape Town Marathon, and we're honored to now be one of the select few charities to be an official partner of all eight Abbott World Marathon Majors.

Walk

Our Run/Walk Program has hit the ground running, raising an outstanding \$214,000 with 1,500+ participants making their miles matter. Our community helped establish 5Ks to bring in-person Project Purple Steps For A Cure events to the following cities:

- Dublin, IRL (Our first international 5K!)
- East Islip, NY
- Shepaug, CT
- Cranford, NJ
- Allentown, PA
- Orlando, FL
- Bedminster, NJ
- Norwalk, CT

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