



Cholangiocarcinoma  
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**Annual Report**



Founded in 2006, the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation is a global 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and our mission is to find a cure and improve the quality of life for patients with cholangiocarcinoma.

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Dear Friends,

Reflecting on another remarkable year at the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation, I am immensely grateful for our community. Your support and dedication have been the bedrock of our progress and have continued to drive us to new heights in our mission to find a cure and improve the quality of life for those affected by cholangiocarcinoma.

The theme, “Strength in Community, Hope in Research,” encapsulates the spirit of our collective efforts. The strength of our community—patients, caregivers, researchers, and advocates—has been the catalyst for significant advancements in research. This community has fostered an environment where hope thrives, and groundbreaking discoveries are made possible.

Our International Cholangiocarcinoma Research Network (ICRN) has grown into a global community of experts, comprising 359 experts from 161 esteemed institutions across 29 countries. Projects include studying genetic factors associated with cholangiocarcinoma and evaluating multi-institution clinical trials with federal agency support. This network is a testament to our commitment to rapidly translating scientific breakthroughs into solutions for patients with cholangiocarcinoma worldwide.

One of the most exciting developments on our horizon is the 12th Annual Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation Conference, focusing on International Consensus on Research Priorities. This event will allow patients and caregivers to sit side-by-side with international researchers, patient advocates, healthcare providers, surgeons, and regulators to prioritize research initiatives. Bringing together diverse perspectives enables us to define research focus areas and ensure proper funding to support important scientific efforts, making critical resources available for all involved in this effort.

Thank you for standing with us, believing in our cause, and contributing to the strength and hope that define the Foundation. Together, we will continue to progress towards a future free from cholangiocarcinoma.

With deepest gratitude,

*Stacie Lindsey*

Stacie Lindsey  
Founder & CEO

Dear Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation Community,

As Chair of the Board of Directors, I am honored to share the incredible achievements of the past year. The Foundation's journey is a testament to the power of community and the relentless pursuit of hope through research.

"Strength in Community, Hope in Research" is not just a slogan—it is the essence of the Foundation. We have witnessed firsthand the remarkable influence a united community can have on advancing research and supporting those in need. Every effort, every contribution, and every moment of solidarity has fueled our progress and brought us closer to our ultimate goal.

When I first became involved with CCF, my motivation was deeply personal. My husband's diagnosis and battle left an indelible mark on my life, driving me to strive for a future where no family has to endure the same heartbreak. Today, I am proud to say that we are witnessing significant progress in research that is making a tangible difference here and now.

This year, more researchers have worked tirelessly to bring innovative solutions to the forefront. Their dedication yields results that offer new hope to patients and their families. At the 2024 Annual Conference, CCF awarded 11 Research Fellowships totaling \$550,000. These Fellowships are funded primarily by community members who know that our collective efforts will bring change and understand that together, we can get young investigators the funding they need to continue their important work and leverage these fellowships to secure federal research grants from the National Institutes of Health and Department of Defense and also from private institutions and grants.

Through your generosity and commitment, we continue to push the boundaries of what is possible. Your faith in our mission inspires us daily, and we remain more hopeful than ever.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Foundation. Let's move forward with renewed strength and hope.

Warm regards,



Teresa M. Delcorso-Ellmann  
CCF Board Chair





## Strength in Community

Strength is built through support and connection among patients, caregivers, the research community, and medical professionals. By offering one-on-one support, fostering meaningful relationships, and creating platforms for shared experiences, the Foundation builds a resilient network that empowers those affected by cholangiocarcinoma. This collective strength is further amplified through collaborative research initiatives and advocacy efforts, uniting diverse voices to change the future.

## CholangioConnect - One-on-One Support for the Journey

In the complex and often isolating world of cholangiocarcinoma, the CholangioConnect program emerged seven years ago as a pillar of support. This remarkable program offers patient, caregiver, and bereaved caregiver mentor support. The one-on-one connections create a thriving network of emotional support and resources.

### Strong Bonds Throughout the Year

**339**

mentor requests matched

**22%**

increase in support requests

**56%**

increase in new mentors

**18**

countries served

**3,198**

mentor hours provided

At the 11th Annual Conference, Fred Neubauer and Vincent DiMauro shared their CholangioConnect experiences with attendees. Fred's guidance as a mentor inspired Vincent to eventually become a mentor, forming a remarkable friendship.

# Newly Connected Program

The Newly Connected program is an enhanced outreach initiative aimed at newly diagnosed patients and those who received an earlier diagnosis but are just getting familiar with CCF. The program provides patients comprehensive support and resources tailored to their unique needs.

They receive a workbook to help them keep track of information on their care, one-on-one time with a Patient Advocate, a care kit, access to support groups, mentorship opportunities, free books, and other valuable resources, all of which equip them with the latest information and connect them to a supportive community.

## Support Groups:

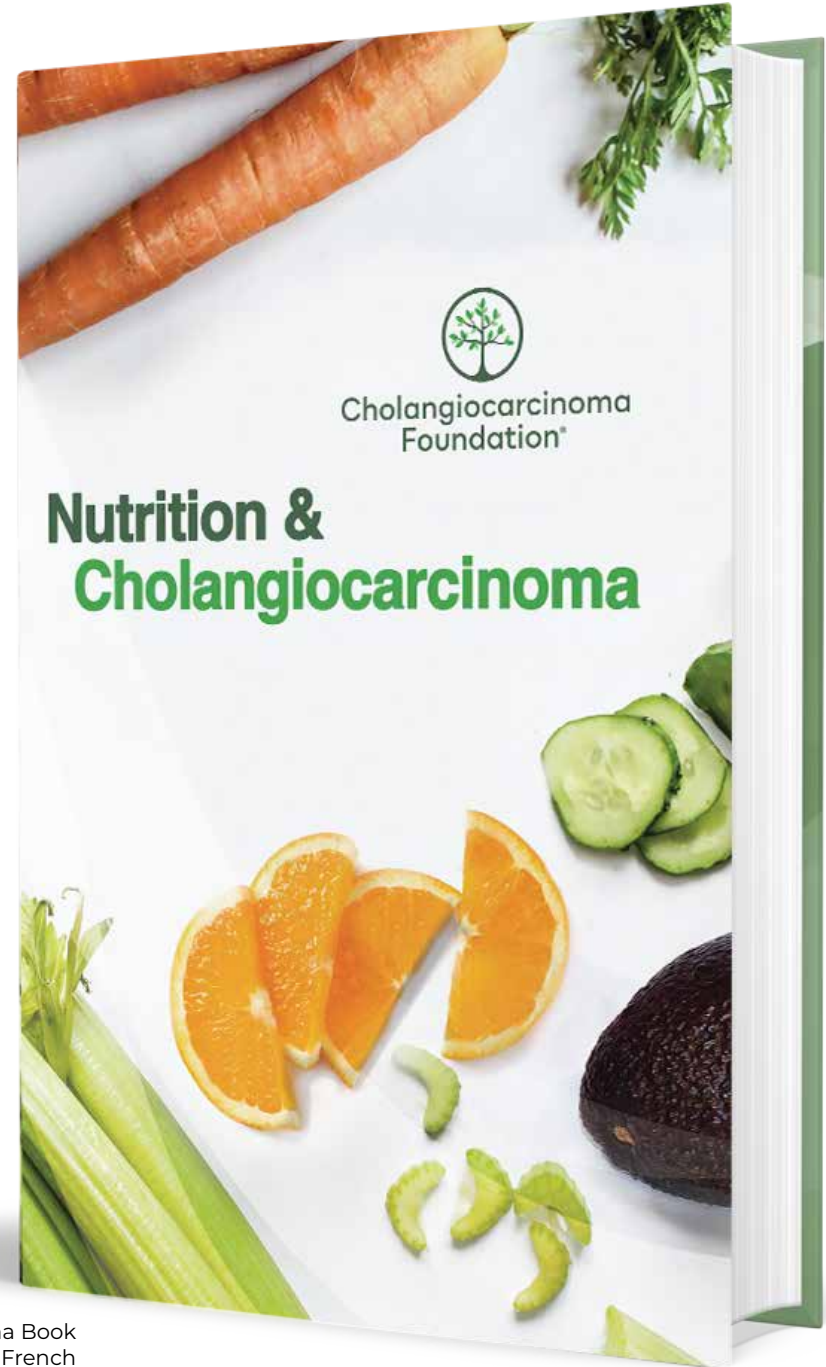
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# 790

Newly Connected Care Kits Distributed

The digital version of the Nutrition and Cholangiocarcinoma Book is now available in English, Traditional Chinese, (繁體中文), French (Français), Japanese (日本語), and Spanish (Español).



# Team CCF

In 2016, Team CCF was created to build community and raise money through athletic events.

Over the years, Team CCF has participated in numerous races, such as the TCS New York City Marathon, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, the Denver/Colfax Marathon, and the Philadelphia Marathon. Team CCF also hosted the SOS (Single Organizer or Supporter) program, which has just been relaunched as **Choose Your Challenge**. The SOS participants raised \$32,838 in local athletic events across the country.



**Seth Weiner**

## Hike for Kins

**Raised: \$6,068**

After Seth Weiner lost his longtime friend, Mark Kinsley, he transformed his annual 50k “One Day Hike” into a Team CCF fundraiser to honor Mark and support others battling the same cancer.

Naming the fundraiser Hike for Kins, Seth set an ambitious goal of \$5,150, inspired by his and Mark’s ages and a nod to Van Halen’s “5150” album.

*“My interactions with donors and supporters were probably the most influential element. For a cancer so rare, it was a shock to find several people I know who had lost a loved one to CCA. That pushed me harder to meet the fundraising goal and carried me through the hike.”*

*Seth Weiner, Team CCF*

**Nirma Patel**

## Moving for the Cure

**Raised: \$18,750**

Nirma Patel lost her mom, Sushila, in 2017. Since then, Nirma and her family have volunteered countless hours by lighting their house green for CCA Awareness Month, creating videos for campaigns, and spreading awareness in their New Jersey community through fundraisers.

Nirma formed a team to run in her local Turkey Trot. From 2020 through 2022, Nirma joined Team CCF’s Virtual Turkey Trot with her family and friends. In 2023, Team CCF held the final Moving for the Cure. Nirma was the largest fundraiser, always giving her all to honor her mom and help find a cure. Nirma’s collective efforts have raised over \$140,000 for CCF.





## Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Raised: \$62,114

547 Donors

Twenty-five runners, the largest team to date, ran with Team CCF, including Jim McElhiney, who ran for the second year in a row. Jim is the first and only patient in Team CCF's history to run the Chicago Marathon.

*"It was wonderful being a part of the team. Finding Jim at Mile 11 was meant to be - I really couldn't have gotten to the finish line without him. Words cannot express how meaningful of an experience this was and how special it is to contribute to one day improving the outcomes for other families and patients."*

*-Lane Kelleher, Team CCF*

## TCS New York City Marathon

Raised: \$115,830

951 Donors

The Team CCF New York City Marathon team boasted 15 members, raising the largest amount a team has ever raised for the Foundation. Patient Stephanie Kleine-Ahlbrandt's best friend, Andie Truitt, ran the marathon for the second time in her honor.

*"Many runners and supporters have experienced the heartbreaking loss of loved ones to this disease. Participating in this initiative becomes a beautiful way to honor and remember them individually while collectively striving to improve outcomes for those diagnosed in the future."*

*- Stephanie Kleine-Ahlbrandt, Patient*



## The Giving Tree

At the Annual Conference, CCF's Giving Tree is a poignant symbol of strength in community. Attendees make gifts in honor or memory of loved ones, each contribution representing a leaf on the tree. This tradition not only fosters a sense of unity and remembrance but also illustrates how our collective support nurtures growth. Each gift helps fund vital research and support initiatives, inspiring hope and driving progress.

*"Jill and I recognize and have directly experienced the patient and caregiver support provided by the Foundation. The support system provided during our journey led us to reach out to our family, friends, and the CCF community to participate in our matching gift pledge. What better platform to promote our pledge than before the CCF community at the Conference?"*

*-Fred Neubauer*



Jill and Fred Neubauer, caregiver and patient, inspired by the community support, contributed a \$5,000 matching gift to the Giving Tree at this year's Conference.

# CCA Awareness Month: Light it Green

CCA Awareness Month, held every February, unites those affected by cholangiocarcinoma and empowers the community to educate others about the disease, helping spread awareness. This collective effort raises awareness and empowers patients, caregivers, and advocates.

## Highlights

World CCA Day reached 350,000 social media users	The Foundation's #GreenforCCA campaign saw hundreds of posts daily across Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn	More than 150 homes and buildings around the globe were lit #GreenforCCA	Proclamations declared February as CCA Awareness Month in 28 states and eight cities
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## In the News

CCF's Founder and CEO's Opinion Editorial was run in seven US newspapers and picked up in Yahoo! News	CCF's Chief Medical Officer's podcast interview with the cancer patient series Sick & Good focused on education and advocacy was the medium's most downloaded episode to date	CCF's Chief Patient Officer and CCA Survivor Melinda Bachini and CholangioConnect Mentor Rob Howard were featured in Rare Disease Advisor as part of their Rare Disease Awareness Month Series
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## Candles for the Cure

Raised: \$331,915

1,413 Donors

The Candles for the Cure campaign brings the community together during the holiday season. A candle is lit with each gift, symbolizing that no one is alone in this journey. These candles illuminate the path for others and symbolize hope, showing that every contribution, no matter how small, helps light the way toward a cure.

This past year, CCA survivor Jack Martynow invited the community to support the Candles for the Cure campaign. A generous friend of the Foundation provided a matching gift of \$25,000.

*“The journey with cholangiocarcinoma has been difficult, filled with various treatments and complications. Still, through advocating for myself and the dedication of my care teams, in March 2020, I received a life-saving liver transplant, which provided me with renewed hope. CCF has been a pillar of strength, offering invaluable resources and support.”*

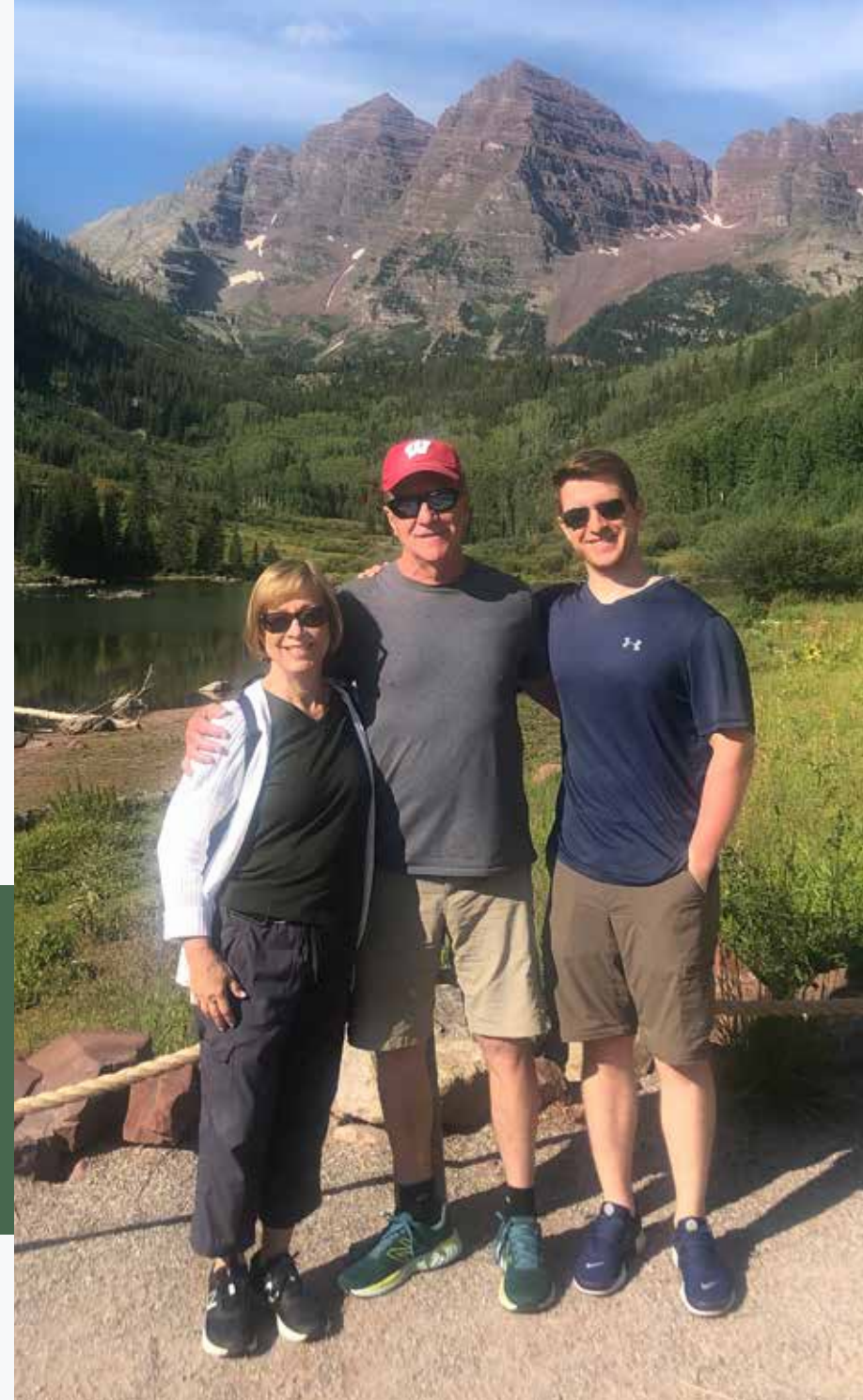
*- Jack Martynow*



## Experience and Expertise: Building Community

Lynn heard the devastating words “You have cancer” in January 2016, followed by her doctor’s solemn advice: “It’s time to get your house in order.” This marked the beginning of a journey for her: to maintain hope, fight fiercely, and live her best life despite the diagnosis while also preparing to face what was next with grace and dignity. Driven by a desire to express gratitude, Lynn aims to positively influence other cancer patients through her experiences. Leveraging her expertise in accounting, she supports CCF by sharing her story and providing guidance on future planning, including information on how to leave a legacy gift to CCF.

*“I keep a rock in my pocket that says ‘hope’ and I am going to fight hard to live as long as I can. I’m still going to ‘keep my house in order’ because I believe that is a gift to my family.”*



# Community Fundraisers

Community fundraisers embody the spirit of unity and collective action. These events raise vital funds for research and patient support and foster a sense of belonging and purpose among participants.

Longest Running:

Michelle's Hot Peeps 5K <b>2018</b>	Jingle for Janet 5K <b>2018</b>	A Hike for Jill. A Hike for a Cure. <b>2019</b>
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**\$682,749**  
raised with  
**993**  
individual donations



Top Community Fundraisers:

Touchdown for a Cure <b>\$296,497</b>	Honoring Barton Green <b>\$92,538</b>	Quack Out Cholangio 5K <b>\$81,450</b>
De's 0.9 Mile Marathon <b>\$21,127</b>	#ChelleStrong Golf Outing <b>\$15,739</b>	Husky Open Golf Tournament <b>\$11,252</b>
Michelle's Hot Peeps 5K <b>\$14,603</b>	Billy and Kathy's Yankee Game Fundraiser <b>\$13,850</b>	Heartbreak to Healing Bridge Challenge <b>\$12,614</b>

## The Strati Family Inspires with #ChelleStrong

Raised

Indianapolis Marathon: \$14,393

#ChelleStrong Golf Outing: \$15,739

The Strati family's commitment to honoring the memory of their beloved Michelle "Chelle" and raising awareness for cholangiocarcinoma has inspired a wave of support. In October 2023, the entire family participated in the Indianapolis Marathon, raising funds and spirits.

Just weeks before, they hosted the first Annual #ChelleStrong Golf Outing in South Bend, Indiana. This event united 108 golfers for a day of laughter, golf, community, and raising funds for crucial research and patient services. Chelle's husband, Alex, and children, Noah, Samantha, and Aubrey, along with their spouses, organized the event, supported by extended family, friends, and community members.

When Chelle smiled, her eyes disappeared, and her entire face lit up. The weather on the golf outing day mirrored one of Chelle's signature smiles—bright and beautiful. Participants honored Chelle by wearing her favorite colors, making shirts adorned with her favorite flowers, daisies, baking her cherished "Monster Cookies," and sharing stories about her love for bringing people together.

The success of the #ChelleStrong Golf Outing and the family's participation in the Indianapolis Marathon fostered a spirit of unity and hope among all who knew Chelle and those who continue to be inspired by her legacy.



*"Our mom was the family's party planner, so we were under pressure to live up to her expectations for an event. I think she would have been very proud. Our goal is to eventually raise enough to sponsor a CCF Research Fellowship to help other families potentially buy more time with their loved ones affected by this cancer."*

*- Noah Strati*

## De's 0.9 Mile Marathon Block Party: A Celebration of Community and Legacy

**Raised: \$21,127**

Denese “De” Waldman would brighten any room with her infectious laugh and beautiful smile, touching all who knew her. She loved being around family, whether with her brother and his wife and children or her husband Scott’s family. After she passed, Scott dedicated himself to ensuring her legacy continued shining through the community she dearly loved.

For the second year, he hosted De’s 0.9 Mile Marathon Block Party to raise funds for CCF. Attendees enjoyed great food, danced, and participated in a silent auction offering impressive items and experiences. Friends and family traveled across the country to honor De’s memory, creating a vibrant atmosphere of love and community. The funds raised support vital research and patient services, continuing the fight against this challenging disease. The success of De’s 0.9 Mile Marathon Block Party is a testament to the power of community and the lasting impact of De Waldman’s legacy.



*“I know De would want to help others, and it is so meaningful that friends and family from every stage of our lives come together to remember her and support other patients and their families.”*

*-Scott Waldman*

## Christina Gambogi and the Power of Community Support

**Raised: \$10,845**

At the age of 42, Christina's life took an unexpected turn when she was diagnosed with cholangiocarcinoma. Living in New Jersey with her family, Christina is a dedicated wife and mother and a committed professional. For the past 17 years, she has been employed by ShopRite, a Ravitz Family Markets Corporation member, and has been the Dairy Manager for nearly a decade.

Christina's journey has been challenging, but her spirit of resilience and community involvement has shone brightly. In 2023, Christina made a heartfelt presentation to nominate CCF as the Ravitz Family Markets CARES program beneficiary. This community-centric program allows employees to vote on monthly charities to support. Christina's compelling advocacy resulted in CCF being selected as the charitable beneficiary twice.

The selection of CCF as a beneficiary not only highlights the community's compassion but also underscores the importance of employee-driven initiatives in making a significant impact. Christina also serves as a CholangioConnect mentor, offering support and hope to others navigating their cancer journeys. Her story is a powerful reminder of the strength found when we work with our communities.



*“Being part of this community has given me strength and hope. It’s incredible to see how we can unite to make a difference, not just for ourselves, but for future generations.”*

*-Christina Gambogi*

# Jan and Dean Meyer's Five Years of The Quack Out Cholangio 5K

Raised: \$81,450

For the past five years, Jan and Dean Meyer have been the driving force behind one of the largest community fundraisers benefiting CCF's research efforts. The Quack Out Cholangio 5K Run/Walk to Crush Bile Duct Cancer, held annually in Newark, Delaware, has united patients, caregivers, volunteers, pharmaceutical companies, and local businesses in a shared mission to combat cholangiocarcinoma.

The most recent 5th Annual Quack Out Cholangio 5K saw an impressive turnout of over 600 virtual and in-person participants from 29 US states and one Canadian province. This event, hosted by Jan, a patient and Dean, caregiver, and member of CCF's Board of Directors, has been a cherished tradition for the CCF community. Over the years, this event has brought unparalleled hope and optimism to many, showcasing the power of community and the impact of collective efforts.

The Meyer family has made the difficult decision to retire the event after five great years. Their contributions to CCF will continue to inspire and drive forward the mission to find a cure.



photos by Greg Metzler

*"Dean and Jan pour their hearts into every aspect of the event. They really want to foster relationships among patients with cholangiocarcinoma and remind them they are not fighting alone."*

*-Myria Kelley, Quack Out Runner*

*“I’m deeply moved by the overwhelming support from our friends and community. The funds raised will be crucial in advancing research and honoring Julienne’s memory.”*

*-Jack Callaway*



## Touchdown for a Cure Shines a Light on a Legacy

**Raised: \$296,497**

In memory of his late wife, Julienne Morriss Callaway, Jack Callaway hosted the premiere Touchdown for a Cure: The Julienne Morriss Callaway CCF Legacy Gala at MetLife Stadium, raising more than \$290,000 for CCF. Supported by the N.Y. Giants, the event brought together more than 200 attendees to advance research and awareness for cholangiocarcinoma and celebrate Julienne’s legacy.

Jack Callaway, a member of CCF’s Board of Directors and former Chairman of Global Telecommunications, Media, and Technology Investment Banking at Barclays, along with his children, James, Emeline, and Madeleine, established the Julienne Morriss Callaway Research Fund. The fund aims to advance diagnostics and treatments and ultimately find a cure for cholangiocarcinoma, which Julienne passed away from in 2019.

The event featured NFL legend and Super Bowl MVP Ottis Anderson as the live auctioneer. The auction offered exclusive items like a golf getaway to Scotland, a Superbowl 2025 package, and a chance to travel with the N.Y. Giants. A silent auction included signed memorabilia, original art, and luxury travel experiences, creating an atmosphere of generosity and camaraderie among attendees.

## Hope in Research

Hope in research is about delivering tangible solutions and advancements to patients and their loved ones. It embodies the transformative potential of scientific discovery, funding cutting-edge projects that result in new treatments and improved patient outcomes. This commitment turns hope from an abstract concept into concrete progress, providing patients and their families with real, actionable hope for a brighter future.



# Research Fellowships

Early-career scientists often have difficulty securing funding for rare cancer research. Seed funding provides the resources needed to get projects off the ground. As these funded projects produce good data and results, they can attract further investment from bigger funding sources like federal or private foundation grants, leading to significant discoveries, publications, and collaborative opportunities. CCF proudly fills this funding gap by sponsoring these traditionally underfunded projects.

Through the generosity of individual donors and corporate sponsors, CCF provides early-career researchers with the seed funding needed to address important scientific questions and make progress in understanding and treating this rare cancer. This year, CCF awarded \$550,000 to 11 early-career investigators from select institutions, each of whom was awarded \$50,000 for a one-year study.

<p><b>Binbin Li</b> Mayo Clinic</p> <p><b>Mark R. Clements Memorial Research Fellowship</b></p> <p>Supported by CCF, in memory of the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation's Co-Founder, Mark R. Clements</p>	<p><b>Pilar Acedo</b> Royal Free Hospital</p> <p><b>AstraZeneca/CCF Research Fellowship</b></p> <p>Supported by AstraZeneca</p>	<p><b>Deraj Boila</b> Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center</p> <p><b>Linda Blum Memorial Research Fellowship</b></p> <p>Supported by Mel Blum and family, in memory of Linda Blum</p>	<p><b>Iwan Paolucci</b> MD Anderson Cancer Center</p> <p><b>Julienne Morriss Callaway Memorial Research Fellowship</b></p> <p>Supported by Jack Callaway and the Callaway Family through the Julienne Morriss Callaway Research Fund</p>	<p><b>Roshan Balasooriya</b> Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, Harvard Medical School</p> <p><b>Bart Green Memorial Research Fellowship</b></p> <p>Supported by the Green Family, in memory of Bart Green</p>	<p><b>Davide Povero</b> Mayo Clinic</p> <p><b>Stewart Mather Memorial Research Fellowship</b></p> <p>Supported by the Mather Family Foundation, in memory of Stewart Mather</p>
<p><b>Caitlin Conboy</b> Mayo Clinic</p> <p><b>The Quack Out Cholangio 5k Research Fellowship Grant</b></p> <p>The Quack Out Cholangio 5k Research Fellowship Grant honors Bill Hayes and Al Lemieux</p>	<p><b>Elizabeth Raupach</b> Mayo Clinic</p> <p><b>The Quack Out Cholangio 5k Research Fellowship Grant</b></p> <p>The Quack Out Cholangio 5k Research Fellowship Grant honors Mark Risley &amp; Keith Moss</p>	<p><b>Mohamed-Reda Benmebarek</b> National Cancer Institute National Institutes of Health</p> <p><b>Cheryl S. Sessions Memorial Research Fellowship</b></p> <p>Supported by the Sessions Family, in memory of Cheryl S. Sessions</p>	<p><b>Gordon Taylor Moffat</b> Princess Margaret Cancer Centre</p> <p><b>Michael Shane Memorial Research Fellowship</b></p> <p>Supported by Felice Shane, in memory of Michael Shane</p>	<p><b>Alicia-Marie Conway</b> University of Manchester</p> <p><b>Maria Vandervoort Memorial Research Fellowship</b></p> <p>Supported by Glen Vandervoort, in memory of Maria Vandervoort</p>	

## Research that Honors Legacies

Advancing science in the name of a loved one helps make research efforts even more meaningful. CCF Board Members shared their loved ones' stories in unique ways, rallying their networks around supporting CCA research.



### The Bart Green Memorial Fellowship - Sharing a Story and Success

**Raised: \$92,538**

Ross Green, a CCF Board member who lost his father Bart to cholangiocarcinoma, and his wife Jordan aimed to donate \$20,000 and raise an additional \$40,000 to honor the ten-year anniversary of Bart's passing. They surpassed this goal, raising more than \$90,000 for the Bart Green Memorial Fellowship. They used email and social media to highlight the transformative impact of CCF's research efforts, showcasing the advancements in treatment options since his dad's diagnosis. Sharing Bart's story and the success of past CCF Research Fellowship recipients inspired a community to unite and make a significant difference.



## CCF's First Innovation Grant

Dr. R. Katie Kelley from University of California, San Francisco, and Dr. Tim Greten from the National Institutes of Health are the recipients of the 2024 Innovation Grant.

The grant is generously funded by the Bachrach Family Foundation, which provides support to medical and scientific research and supports promising, early-stage research to prepare it for large-scale applicability.

Dr. Kelley and Dr. Greten's project, "Understanding Molecular and Immunological Mechanisms of Acquired Resistance in Cholangiocarcinoma," received \$250,000 to explore how tumor-derived signals impact immunotherapy resistance. This research aims to advance treatment strategies for this challenging cancer, underscoring the vital role of donor support in driving innovative research.

*"The emphasis on unraveling the molecular and immunological mechanisms of acquired resistance in cholangiocarcinoma represents a significant step forward in advancing understanding of this challenging disease. We are grateful for the Bachrach Family Foundation's support in this effort."*

*- Dr. Juan Valle  
CCF's Chief Medical Officer*



## Bringing Science to the Community

CCF staff works with experts in the field to provide opportunities for patients and their caregivers to access the latest information on scientific advancements. From virtual webinars to the Annual Conference, these gatherings benefit patients and healthcare providers by delivering the latest research findings and treatment innovations.



## Webinars

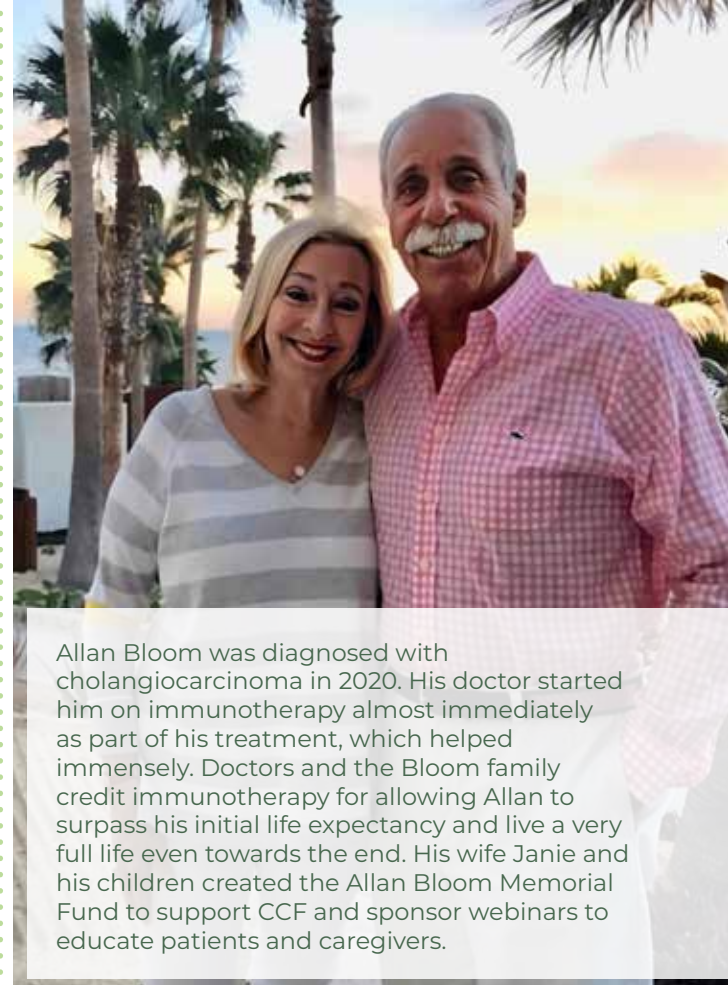
CCF webinars offer patients essential knowledge to make informed decisions about their care while healthcare providers gain valuable updates and insights to enhance their clinical practice. This shared learning fosters better patient outcomes and supports informed decision-making. This past year, CCF hosted 19 and looks forward to collaborating with more experts to tailor webinars that help the CCA community.

## Regional Symposia

Regional Symposia are platforms for sharing the latest advancements and addressing the challenges in cholangiocarcinoma research and treatment. This past year, CCF hosted 220 patients, caregivers, and clinicians in Chicago, Cleveland, and Tucson.

## The CCF Annual Conference

The 11th Annual Conference was a great success, with hundreds of attendees. Every interaction was valuable, further building community, support, and collaboration. Of note was the historic regulatory roundtable that involved experts worldwide, including the US, Europe, and China, to address challenges and opportunities in research and treatment. The 12th Annual Conference will be held April 9-11, 2025.



Allan Bloom was diagnosed with cholangiocarcinoma in 2020. His doctor started him on immunotherapy almost immediately as part of his treatment, which helped immensely. Doctors and the Bloom family credit immunotherapy for allowing Allan to surpass his initial life expectancy and live a very full life even towards the end. His wife Janie and his children created the Allan Bloom Memorial Fund to support CCF and sponsor webinars to educate patients and caregivers.

Poster Abstracts Submitted

**56**

Patient Scholarships

**30**

awarded worldwide

Countries Represented

**29**

Lead Sponsors



## Growing a Global Network

The International Cholangiocarcinoma Research Network is a global collaboration of research groups from renowned institutions working together to improve knowledge about cholangiocarcinoma etiology, prevention, early detection, treatment, and prognosis.



**359 Experts**

**161 Institutions**

**29 Countries**

## Campaign for the Cure

Raised: \$128,833

177 Donors

Board of Directors member Jason Scott's late wife Andrea began the Campaign for the Cure to generate hope through raising funds for research. Thanks to the Scott family's generosity and the community's support, it is an annual tradition. The Scott family provided a \$20,000 match, and CCA survivor Eve Baker donated a \$15,000 matching gift.

CCA survivor Chaundra Bishop shared her story as part of the campaign. She encouraged donors to support CCF's initiatives to educate patients and community providers about clinical trials.

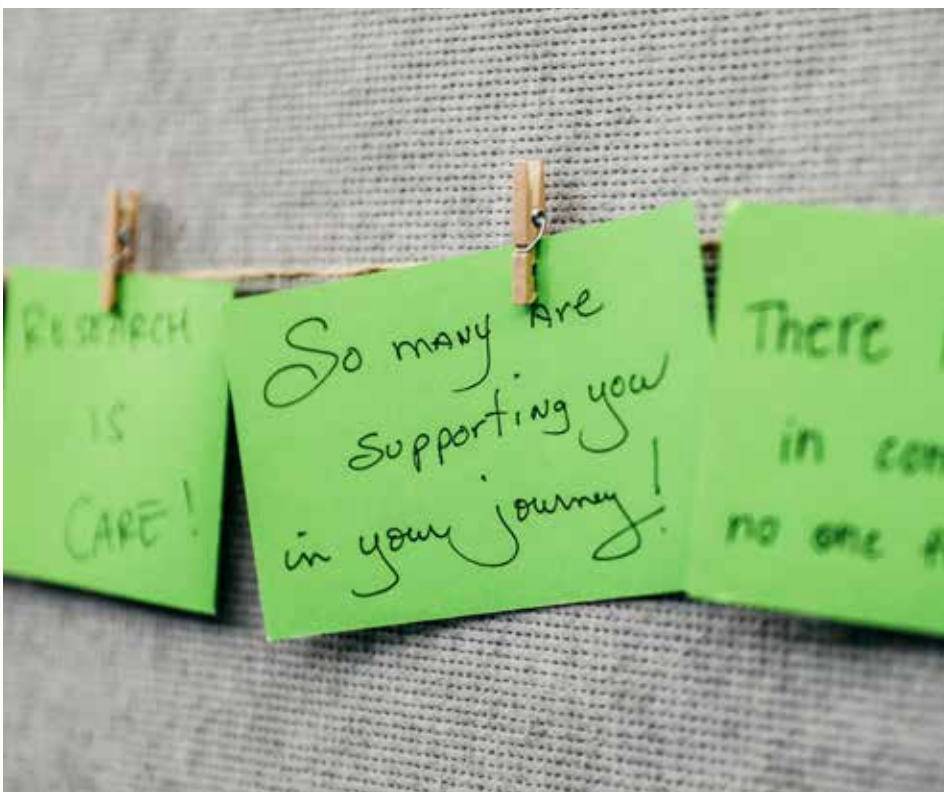
*"Living with CCA for the past eight years, I can say that clinical trials have offered me, and so many others, hope for improved outcomes and long-term survivorship. They are essential in the fight against cancer, driving innovation. That is why I am honored to partner with CCF to raise awareness about the importance of diversity in clinical trials."*

*-Chaundra Bishop  
CCA Survivor*



## An Invitation from The White House Office of Science and Technology

CCF Chief Patient Officer Melinda and fellow CCA survivor Chaundra Bishop participated in the White House Clinical Trials Forum. They provided feedback to improve clinical trials by increasing access, lowering barriers to participation, and speeding the discovery of effective therapies. CCF has been asked to provide input on new initiatives and continue participating in these efforts, specifically proposing new actions and collaborations to increase clinical trial access.



## Community-Powered Research

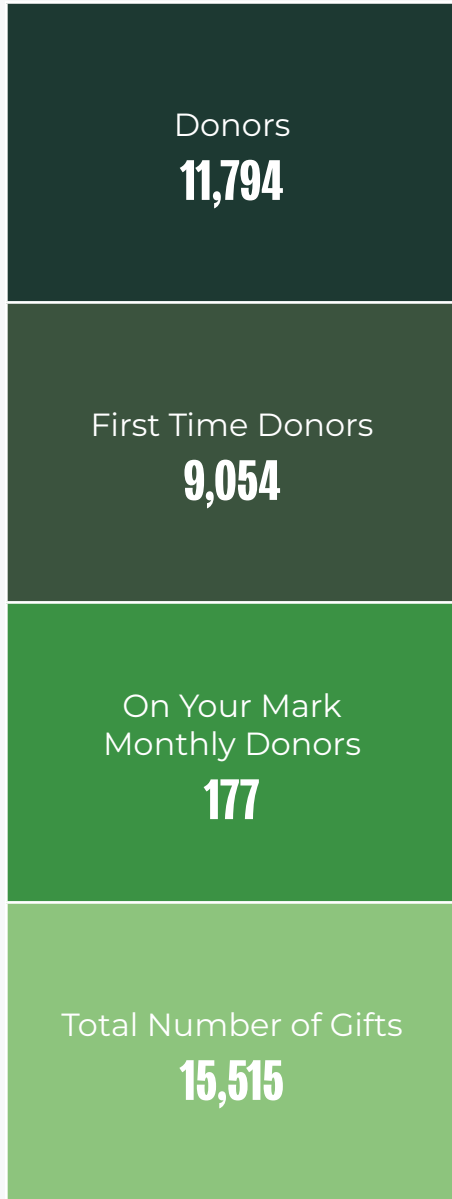
The International Cholangiocarcinoma Patient Registry powerfully unites patients and the global research community. The ICPR is coordinated with a trusted partner - Citizen Health - and empowers patients to be proactive in their health and participate in research. By contributing their health records, 746 patients have become integral to research initiatives to accelerate progress in finding a cure. This initiative benefits those living with the disease today and helps in developing targeted diagnostics and treatments for the future.

# Industry Partnerships

The Foundation is deeply grateful for our industry support over the past year. Without the generosity and partnership of industry collaborators, CCF could not provide the vital education, support, and advocacy programs essential for our patients with cholangiocarcinoma. Thank you to industry partners for contributions that have significantly improved many lives.



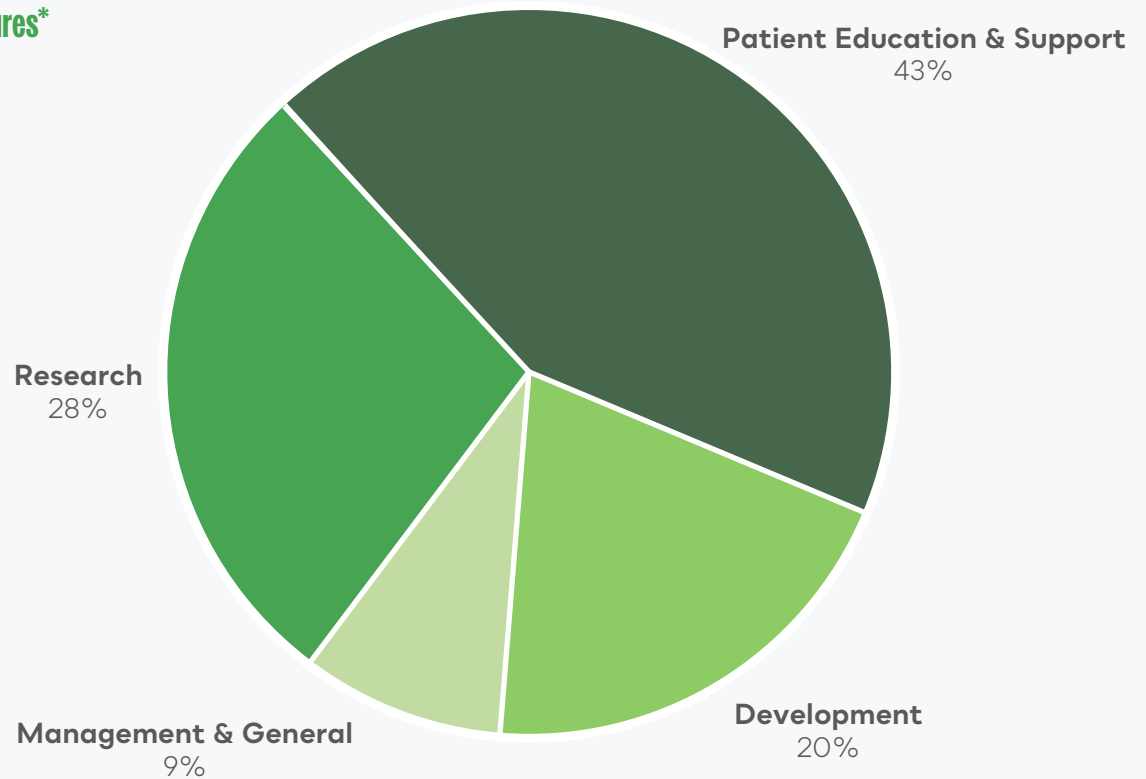
# Facts & Figures



## Revenue\*

Revenue July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	FY 2024
Giving & Foundation Support	\$4,751,341
Industry Giving/Sponsorships	\$1,562,453
Strategic Partnerships	\$482,455
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,796,249</b>

## Expenditures\*



\*Please note these figures are preliminary and subject to change following our annual audit.

# Website Launch

CCF revamped our website to meet the evolving needs of our community. Some features include accessibility widgets and options, color updates for easier reading, and improved navigation from smart devices. Websites are always works in progress, and CCF will continue to update the digital resources to serve the community's needs.



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# Brand Refresh - A New Look

We elevated our brand to keep pace with the work of the CCF community while also maintaining the heart and soul that makes our organization unique. Each of you helps us branch out and strengthen our roots. Together, we will continue to grow and find Strength in Community and Hope in Research.

## Circle and text:

**Eternal Olive:** The olive tree represents healing, light, and peace. This calming green symbolizes the Foundation's long-lasting impact and commitment to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for patients with cholangiocarcinoma. It conveys the Foundation's dedication to being a constant and reliable source of support and hope for the community it serves.



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## Main Leaf:

**Enchanted Emerald:** A deep, rich green symbolizing the Foundation's resilience and growth. "Enchanted" suggests a collaborative and sparkling energy in which collective efforts create a transformative and positive change.

## Secondary Leaf:

**Meadow Glow:** A lively and captivating green that conveys positivity and hope through a shining light breaking over the landscape. It draws attention to and emphasizes the importance of innovative ideas and solutions.

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# On Your Mark Members

Thank you to individuals who sustain their support through CCF's monthly giving society.

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*“In the words of someone close to our family, ‘finding the beauty out of the ashes can be an incredibly powerful thing.’ Honestly, I still struggle with this thought, but if we, as a family, can truly help current and future patients extend their lives and create more memories with their family and friends, that has to qualify as beauty out of the ashes.”*

*-Alex Strati, Jr.*

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