

# **GATEWAY TO HOPE**

**FY2018 Annual Report** 







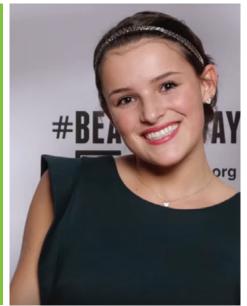
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OF EVERY DOLLAR RECEIVED DIRECTLY FUNDS CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS







Our vision is to shape a world in which a cancer diagnosis is no longer feared. Our mission is to fund meaningful and breakthrough clinical trials worldwide that help people living with cancer to feel better, live longer and conquer cancer TODAY!

- Patients have a voice in our research priorities and measures.
- Patients share in a sense of urgency to advance research.
- Raising the standard of care via transformative discoveries.
- Improving the quality of life and health outcomes for patients so they can feel better and live longer.



# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dearest Friends and Distinguished Colleagues,

THANK YOU for supporting the 26th year of Gateway for Cancer Research's pioneering and hopeful clinical research. It has been an extraordinary year of progress for Gateway which, as you know, continues to occupy a unique and important niche as the "go to" sponsor of innovative Phase I and Phase II oncology clinical trials. We are focused like a laser on the wellbeing of patients we serve and we know that we make a difference in their lives.

But this much is also true: we could not do it without you!

No person or organization ever made a difference by being like everyone else and we take great pride in the fact that Gateway is truly different. We fund many advanced therapeutic interventions and ingenious trials against all types of cancers. Ninety-nine cents of every dollar we raise goes directly to research, and we provide outstanding donor stewardship by holding our grantees to high standards of accountability, and reporting the actual impact our donor's gifts have made.

Since 1991, Gateway has raised more than \$75 million for cancer research and funded over 150 breakthrough clinical trials worldwide! This year alone, Gateway has raised over \$5 million that will directly fund clinical trials and fight against this horrible disease.

The patients we serve are NOT statistics. They are moms, dads, children, friends, sisters, and brothers. They are people who matter to us just as much as they matter to you. In fact, we see them as altruistic heroes who are creating a future in which everyone will face cancer without fear. They have a voice in the trials we pursue and the treatments that result from those trials. And so do YOU! Your voice rings out every time you decide to support our visionary work.

We are grateful for your partnership and dedication to Gateway's vision – to shape a world in which a cancer diagnosis is no longer feared. To that end, we are committed to funding transformational Phase I and Phase II clinical trials that help patients feel better, live longer and conquer cancer TODAY! In the year ahead, we look forward to exploring and funding new, breakthrough clinical trials. On behalf of Gateway, my wife Dr. Stacie, and our supportive family, I pledge that we are eager and excited to expand our commitment to this worthy cause by being both Honorary Co-Chairs and a Presenting Sponsor at Gateway's signature events. Thank you for joining us.

With deepest respect, appreciation and gratitude,

Richard J Stephenson

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Gateway for Cancer Research



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cancer doesn't care who you love. We do.

At Gateway for Cancer Research, we want what you want: A world in which a cancer diagnosis is no longer feared. In which people living with cancer can feel better and live longer. We want to conquer cancer TODAY – for you and for those you love.

We have reached an inflection point in cancer research, when donors like you enable us to venture into brave new territory – the world of new drugs,

immunotherapy and CAR-T cell therapies, new uses and combinations for existing drugs, and integrative, patient-centric therapies—that support both healing and quality of life for those facing cancer.

Thanks to the generous support of donors like you, \$5 million was contributed to Gateway over the past year, which allowed us to invest \$6.2 million in 57 Phase I and Phase II clinical trials at leading institutions around the world. We added 11 new trials this fiscal year and received final reports on nine trials, indicating significant new discoveries and proof of principle, safety for patients and appropriate dosage escalations. Every day, the scientific community gets us closer to a world in which a cancer diagnosis is no longer feared!

This past year has been filled with remarkable discoveries and achievements. Here are a few that I would like to note:

- Gateway provided funding for a potentially groundbreaking glioblastoma therapy, studied by Dr. Behnam Badie and Dr. Christine Brown of City of Hope. Their case study, published in the December 29, 2016 edition of New England Journal of Medicine, described the course of treatment of one patient who achieved a complete anti-tumor response following weekly infusions of CAR-T cell therapy. The patient was able to resume normal activities with greatly improved quality of life. This trial has led to additional research into CAR-T cell therapy in other types of tumors and provides hope that a better treatment for brain tumors may be attainable.
- Dr. Sarah Leary's Phase I trial of Tozuleristide (Tumor Paint) was found to be safe in pediatric patients undergoing neurosurgical resection of brain and spinal cord tumors. "Tumor Paint" has demonstrated safety, with no toxicities, for all patients. Tumor cells fluoresced in 80% of pediatric brain tumor patients. This trial has led to a national Phase II study, bringing this promising therapy to many more children undergoing brain tumor surgery.
- In a trial at the University of Iowa, Dr. Joseph Cullen and his team demonstrated that pharmacologic ascorbate can be infused intravenously during radiation administration for pancreatic cancer patients, with data suggesting 75 grams administered daily is a safe dose. This trial will lead to a Phase II study, investigating treatment, quality of life, and patient-reported symptoms.

In the pages ahead, you will experience firsthand the impact Gateway has on clinical trial patients and their families. Researchers always tell us that we are one of the only sources of funding for investigator-initiated trials – often considered "too innovative" by others. By supporting Gateway, you are supporting research that defines innovation—research that puts patients first, helps to preserve their quality of life and gives them hope.

Thank you for being our partner in this journey to change the face of cancer. Make no mistake: clinical trials are the best weapon to fight this disease that every day takes the lives of more than 1,600 people we love.

With deepest appreciation and warm regards,

Teresa Hall Bartels

President

Gateway for Cancer Research

# A WAY TO HOPE

## PATIENT IMPACT STORY: CURT FLETCHER

Curt Fletcher, a 62-year old retired manager in the oil business, began his cancer journey in 2005 when he was on a business trip in the Middle East. Throughout the trip he felt a pain on his left side. When he got back to his hometown of Houston, Texas he went to his doctor, which led to a CT scan that revealed Curt had Stage 2 kidney cancer.

After having his kidney removed, Curt lived cancer free for eight years. During a routine checkup in 2013 Curt was told that there was a substantial tumor in his pancreas. His doctor informed him that he had Stage 4 renal cell cancer, kidney cancer that had returned in the tail of his pancreas, and eventually multiplied into two tumors there and several in his lungs.

For three and a half years Curt went through various treatments, including receiving a chemotherapy drug called Votrient. Although it kept him alive, the tumors began slowing down the function of his pancreas.

In 2017, upon a checkup at The University of Texas MD Anderson, he was encouraged to enroll in a Gateway-funded clinical trial led by Dr. Nizar Tannir.

Dr. Tannir's clinical trials combines a new drug named MGCD516 (Sltravatlnlb) with a second drug name Nivolumab to treat clear-cell renal cell carcinoma (ccRCC). MGCD516 targets molecules expressed within ccRCC tumor, while Nivolumab





Dr. Nizar Tannir

**Curt Fletcher** 

activates the body's immune system to attack ccRCC cells. Dr. Tannir's data indicates that combining MGCD516 with Nivolumab can produce more potent and durable responses than either alone.

Since starting the trial Curt's quality of life has steadily improved. His tumors have shrunk from 5cm to 14ml and he believes that they will continue to shrink.

# "... I THINK THE FUTURE HOLDS BOLD NEW THINGS. I THINK THESE IMMUNOTHERAPY DRUGS MAY BE THE KEY."

Curt continues to do the things he loves: fishing, shooting sporting clay and spending time with his ever-growing family. His courage, incredible spirit and hope for the future are an inspiration to all! "I'd like to live long enough to meet all my grandkids," he said. "That's what I'd like to see."

# PATIENT IMPACT STORY: PEIGHTON BAILEY

Peighton Bailey began her cancer journey at the age of four. She was diagnosed with brain cancer after searching for answers as to why she was severely underweight. Now 13 years old, Peighton went through several treatments since her diagnosis including intravenous chemotherapy. However, nothing seemed to work and her tumor continued to grow.

Eventually Peighton's symptoms became unbearable and her vision was severely impaired. Desperate to find a solution, her mother Jennifer turned to a support group she found through Facebook called Momcology. There she read about a drug called MEK162, an inhibitor that turns off Ras-Raf growth.

Ras-Raf is a chain of proteins in cells that communicate signals from receptors to DNA in the nucleus. When one of the proteins in the pathway is mutated, it can become stuck in the "on" or "off" position, which is a precursor in the development of many previously untreatable cancers.

# "...I'M ALSO HOPEFUL FOR ALL OF THE OTHER CHILDREN OUT THERE WHO HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS BATTLE, BECAUSE IT'S NOT AN EASY FIGHT."

Peighton's oncologist told Jennifer that there was a Gateway-funded clinical trial using the drug MEK162 at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). "We dropped everything and moved to California for eight weeks," Jennifer said.

Led by Dr. Nathan Robison, a pediatric hematologist-oncologist, the trial uses a precision medicine approach to treating children with progressive low-grade gliomas and other incurable cancers caused by Ras-Raf pathway mutations using MEK162.





Dr. Nathan Robison

**Peighton Bailey** 

"The goal of medicine in general is to make people healthy," Dr. Robison said. "Our goal of treatment shouldn't be surviving this with major battle wounds. The goal is to make kids grow up into healthy adults."

As soon as Peighton met with Dr. Robison she felt a sense of relief. Both she and Jennifer saw immediate success with her treatment using MEK162.

"MEK162 has been a beautiful drug for Peighton," Jennifer said. "It has shrunk the tumor down to next to nothing."

Because of her participation in the trial, Peighton's quality of life has increased, giving her hope that one day she will accomplish her dream of becoming a doctor and helping other kids go through what she has faced nearly her entire life.

Dr. Robinson's trial has also given Jennifer hope that she will see her daughter grow up.

"Of course I'm hopeful for my own daughter, but I'm also hopeful for all of the other children out there who have to go through this battle, because it's not an easy fight." Jennifer continued, "there's no better word than hope."

# RESEARCHER SPOTLIGHT



# DR. KATY REZVANI, MD, PHD

Glioblastomas (GBM) are tumors of the brain that are highly lethal. They are difficult to treat, and therapy usually includes radiation and chemotherapy. The median survival rate is about 14.6 months with less than 10% of patients surviving five years or longer.

Dr. Katy Rezvani, MD, PhD at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, is leading a Gateway-funded clinical trial treating glioblastomas with immunotherapy.

Using the power of the immune system (T- lymphocytes) to target cytomegalovirus (CMV), a virus commonly found in glioblastoma cancer cells but not normal brain tissue, will hopefully provide a better understanding of how to combat these tumors.

Dr. Rezvani's laboratory's ability to manufacture quality T-cells is significant in placing her team in an ideal position to successfully undertake this research.

Also working on the trial is Dr. Marta Penas-Prado, Associate Professor of Neuro-Oncology at MD Anderson, who specializes in the care and study of primary brain tumors including gliomas, adult medulloblastoma, and pituitary carcinoma.

Dr. Penas-Prado believes that this trial would not have happened without funding from Gateway. We are honored to fund this innovative research to help in the fight against aggressive glioblastomas. The dedication of Dr. Rezvani and Dr. Penas-Prado helps bring to life Gateway's mission to fund meaningful and breakthrough clinical trials worldwide that help people living with cancer to feel better, live longer, and conquer cancer TODAY!

"WHAT GATEWAY IS DOING HAS EXTREME VALUE AND IS VERY SIGNIFICANT FOR US AS INVESTIGATORS, AS WELL AS ALL THE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE IN CRITICAL NEED OF BETTER THERAPIES."



Dr. Penas-Prado

# 86% OF GATEWAY FUNDED TRIALS INCLUDE ROBUST PATIENT-GENTERED OUTCOMES

## DR. LOPRINZI, MD

Chemotherapy can cause substantial neurological problems which persist long after the therapy has been discontinued. Patients can become quite debilitated due to numbness, tingling and pain in their hands and/or feet, which is called neuropathy. Neuropathy can be so intense that chemotherapy has to be discontinued prematurely.

Dr. Charles Loprinzi, M.D. and his team from the Mayo Clinic have explored the study of pain interruption, especially for chemotherapy patients, for many years.

Dr. Loprinzi is a medical oncologist whose primary research interest for more than 25 years has been symptom control clinical trials - studies devoted to the treatment, prevention and better understanding of untoward symptoms that are related to cancer, cancer treatment or both. He has led over 100 symptom control trials.

Dr. Loprinzi's Gateway-funded clinical trial examines the use of a small externally worn device that was introduced in the 1970s called a TENS unit, which attempts to block pain by interrupting the nerve pathways to the brain with confusing electrical stimulation. It has had limited success with chemotherapy-induced neuropathy.

Pain is much more complex than a signal traveling on a linear information highway. A new externally worn device developed by a biophysicist in Italy is called Scrambler Therapy. Through a complex and ever-changing "scrambling" series of replacement signals sent to the brain, patients perceive a "non-pain" or "normal self" status. Their brains are taught to be less excitable and reactive for those specific pain challenges.

In this study Dr. Loprinzi compares older signal technology (TENS) to the newer Scrambler Therapy. The variables that are being evaluated are the consumption of pain medication, quality of life surveys, and functional MRI images. It's believed that Scrambler Therapy could extended the duration of chemotherapy regimens and provide relief for resulting neuropathies.

With this trial, Dr. Loprinzi hopes to find continued success increasing the quality of life for his patients.



# YOUNG INVESTIGATORS CONOUER CANCER

Gateway for Cancer Research is honored to partner with the Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and has renewed support for the Young Investigator Award Program. The Young Investigator Award is a research grant that

> supports promising physician-scientists conducting patient-centric, cutting edge clinical trials.

"Gateway's partnership with Conquer Cancer Foundation helps us further our mission to fund the most innovative and breakthrough cancer research," said Teresa Hall Bartels, President of Gateway for Cancer Research. "The Young Investigator Award provides funding for the future leaders of tomorrow, ushering in new advances in cancer treatment that we hope will one day lead to a cure."

For 2018, Conquer Cancer and Gateway are proud to present the award to Dr. Kathryn C. Arbour, a third-year

medical oncology fellow at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Her research focuses on developing novel therapies for patients with KRAS mutant non-small cell lung cancer.

The treatment of advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) has been revolutionized in the past decade with the development of effective targeted therapies. FDA approved therapies now exist for patients with EGFR, ALK, and ROS1 mutations. Together, these mutations only account for approximately 30% of all patients with advanced NSCLC.

By contrast, mutations in another gene called KRAS occur in approximately 20% of patients with advanced NSCLC. So far, there are no targeted therapies that combat KRAS mutated tumors. The only hint of an effective targeted therapy for KRAS mutant tumors is with inhibition of a protein called MEK, which seems to be important in KRAS mutant tumors. Unfortunately, MEK only shrinks cancer in a small number of patients.

Preliminary research from Sloan Kettering shows that KRAS mutant cells become resistant to MEK inhibitors by activating a protein called FGFR-1. Dr. Arbour's Phase I clinical trial will use a combination of MEK (via the drug Trametinib) and FGFR-1 (via the drug Ponatinib) to treat people with metastatic KRAS mutant NSCLC.

Gateway is proud to recognize Dr. Arbour's dedication to the fight against cancer with this prestigious award.



Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

### "THE TRIAL HAS ADDED TIME TO MY LIFE. IT HAS ALSO CERTAINLY **INCREASED THE OUALITY OF MY LIFE."**

- William Connelly. clinical trial patient

## CONQUER CANCER®

THE ASCO FOUNDATION



On June 2, 2018 as part of the American Society of Clinical Oncology's (ASCO) 2018 Annual Meeting, Gateway for Cancer Research held its first ever Gateway2Cures reception. The Gateway2Cures event welcomed past and current grantees, senior representatives of major cancer centers, leaders of national cancer research charities and industry and cancer researchers who wanted to learn more about Gateway's mission.

"A large-scale reception at the world's leading cancer research gathering is a wonderful way to both celebrate and project Gateway's mission to leaders in the field," said Teresa Hall Bartels, President of Gateway for Cancer Research. We were honored to welcome so many grantees, supporters and friends of Gateway."

As the evening progressed, Gateway presented the organization's mission through guest speaker Dr. Emanuel "Chip" Petricoin, a Gateway-funded researcher from George Mason University. Dr. Petricoin spoke at length about his work on the I-Spy 2 breast cancer trial, which focuses on finding therapies for women with Stage II/III aggressive breast cancers and uses a neoadjuvant setting to identify drugs that shrink tumor rapidly.

Also present was Gateway-funded clinical trial patient Susan Wells, who participated in Dr. Joseph Cullen's pancreatic trial using Ascorbate (high dose intravenous vitamin C) through the University of



Dr Emanuel "Chip" Petricoin and Teresa Hall Bartels

lowa. Susan greeted Gateway supporters and allowed us to share her powerful cancer story.

In the winter of 2014, Susan was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Being a nurse for 40 years, she assumed this meant her time was short and was in fact told she wouldn't live long. As of March 2018, Susan has had no signs of cancer and is only months away from reaching her 70th birthday.

Gateway continues to fund clinical trials led by researchers like Dr. Petricoin and Dr. Cullen, so we can shape a world in which a cancer diagnosis is no longer feared!





In Fiscal Year 2018, our Cause Partners once again showed their support by raising over \$51,000 to help fund more than 3,100 days of cancer clinical trials for patients who need better treatment options TODAY!

#### ONEHOPE

is a world-class vineyard in the heart of Napa that donates 50% of the profits from its California Chardonnay to Gateway-funded breast cancer trials, as well as 50% for its Muscat Canelli to all clinical trials.



has teamed up with Gateway to show cancer that it cannot hide! Sox Box has pledged 20% of all proceeds from the Tough Tatas, Fighter and ABC 123 sox to

fund cancer research. The three sock lines support breast, pediatric and pancreatic cancer research.

## Scarborough Tweed

is a leading provider of distinctive corporate gifts, logo merchandise, and custom promotional products. Every item purchased from the outdoor, sports, travel or trade show categories helps fund a clinical trial for a cancer patient.

#### Black is the New Pink

was created to promote awareness of the many colors of cancer, while also raising money for cancer clinical trials. You can support Gateway through their online gift shop where you can purchase jewelry, key chains, home decor, and more!

## goodshop

gives you the best coupons for thousands of stores like Target, Apple, Amazon, Petco and many more. And, a percentage of what you spend on virtually every purchase is donated to our cancer research!

#### amazonsmile

is a simple and automatic way for you to support Gateway's mission every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com and select Gateway as your designated charity, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to cancer research!

## Brighton.

sells limited edition products each October to aid in the quest to eradicate breast cancer through research, education, and treatment. Brighton locations in Schaumburg at Woodfield Mall and Deer Park, IL partnered with Gateway to make this a true community-supported event to help raise funds for breakthrough breast cancer clinical trials.



is a non-profit that promotes the education and enjoyment of champagne and sparkling wine in a social environment, and raises money for local and national charities. The

Champagne Campaign is donating a portion of the proceeds from the Rosé tank-top to help Gateway fund breast cancer research trials.

A big THANK YOU to all of our cause partners who help us advance our quest to find innovative clinical trials helping courageous patients conquer cancer.



On July 13, 2018 Gateway president Teresa Hall Bartels attended the **ONE**HOPE CRUSH Conference in San Francisco, California. This annual conference gathers Cause Entrepreneurs for **ONE**HOPE (CEOs) from around the country, who engage in direct selling of wines that benefit Gateway and many other charities.

Joining Teresa on stage was cancer patient
Peighton Bailey and her mom Jennifer Bailey.
Peighton and Jennifer traveled from Minneapolis
Minnesota to share their story and how a clinical trial
funded by Gateway forever changed their lives.

Peighton, now 13, was diagnosed with brain cancer almost 10 years ago. Due to the placement of her brain cancer, doctors deemed it inoperable. Therefore, Peighton underwent chemotherapy, which unfortunately had an adverse effect and her cancer grew by 30%. This is when Jennifer and Peighton discovered a drug called MEK162 and enrolled in one of Gateway's funded clinical trials. Since the start of her clinical trial, Peighton's brain cancer has shrunk exponentially and she is now able to enjoy all aspects of being an active teenager.

**ONE**HOPE CEOs were able to better understand the importance of our partnership with **ONE**HOPE and the direct impact they are making on cancer research. Over the past five years, **ONE**HOPE has

raised more than \$110,000 for Gateway-funded clinical trials!

Thank you to **ONE**HOPE and their CEO's for their continued support!







#### NFL ALUMNI EVENTS

On January 26, 2018 Gateway partnered with the NFL Alumni Association for a Pro Bowl Celebrity Golf Classic in Orlando Florida at the Villas of Grand Cypress. This exclusive opportunity let golfers team up with some of NFL's greatest alumni, including Kellen Winslow, Ron Jaworski, Bart Oates, Chris Doleman and more.

The winning foursome received an all-expense paid invitation to proudly represent the NFL Alumni Pro Bowl tournament at the 2018 Super Bowl of Golf at TPC Las Vegas (April 13-14). Thank you to all those who attended and helped us raise critical awareness and dollars that will fund breakthrough clinical trials.

In addition, Gateway was honored to partner with the NFL Alumni Association for a Super Bowl raffle. The raffle included a first-place prize of an all-expense paid trip to Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis, as well as an opportunity to meet NFL Alumni at the Game Day brunch. Second and third place cash prizes were also offered.

In total 138 raffle tickets were sold, and we are pleased to announce that the lucky winner was Occupational Therapist Joe Domanico at CTCA Philadelphia. We raised \$13,800 through the raffle, and thank everyone that participated!





Gateway was also selected as the beneficiary for the NFLA Atlanta Chapter golf outing on Friday, November 3, 2017. We are thankful for our continued partnership!

## MICHAEL BRANNAN PRO-AM CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



On Monday, September 11, 2017, Gateway hosted the 5th Annual Michael Brannan Memorial Golf Tournament at Los Altos Golf and Country Club. Michael Brannan was a former member of the U.S. Walker Cup team and two-time California State Amateur champion. The event raised more than \$30,000 to benefit kidney cancer clinical trials.

The 5th Annual Michael Brannan Memorial Golf Tournament was hosted by a committee established by his wife Shelley, sons Kyle and Chase, and close friends. Since the inception of the Michael Brannan Memorial Golf Tournament \$103,000 has been raised for kidney cancer clinical trials.

A big thank you to the Brannan family and everyone who supported this event!

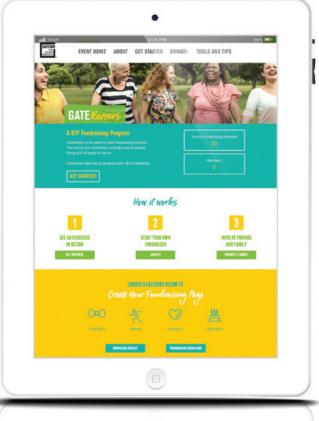


Gateway would like to thank the many donors that take the time to plan and raise funds through DIY events. It takes hard work and dedication to execute these events and raise much-needed funds for cancer research, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

This year Gateway launched a new DIY program called GateRaisers. GateRaisers is an online platform that creates an easy and intuitive experience for those looking to start a fundraiser. On this platform, individuals or organizations can set up their own fundraising page. Once the page is complete, they are able to share it via email and social channels to recruit more people to donate to their fundraiser.

To learn more about GateRaiser DIY programs please visit GatewayCR.org/DIY.

# GATEKaisers





The Associates Board (AB) is a group of young professionals based in Chicago that volunteer their time and are united in the common goal to help raise money for cancer research.

In November 2017, the AB hosted its fourth annual Be a Hero cocktail reception, which raised over \$50,000 thanks to generous sponsors, donors and attendees. More than 200 people gathered at Chez Chicago for an evening full of food, fun, dancing and silent auction bidding. The event included a brief program to highlight the importance of the research Gateway funds. This year the event was

co-chaired by Melissa Ciani and Christi Mayo Turner. Guest speakers included Kenneth Monarrez, Chair of the AB, event co-chairs Melissa Ciani and Christi Mayo Turner, and Michael Jerbich, founder of Yhim.

Be A Hero is a signature event for the AB, and guests leave inspired to do more for Gateway and help fund research.

Thank you to this wonderful group of individuals who dedicate their time and effort to helping us shape a world in which a cancer diagnosis is no longer feared!











# "GATEWAY IS HELPING PEOPLE, AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE NOBLE THAN HELPING OTHERS."

- Rukhsana Siddiqi, clinical trial patient

The 26th Annual Cures Gala "Gateway to OZ" was held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 and was a great success, raising \$3.5 million for breakthrough patient-centric cancer research. Hosted by NBC personality and cancer survivor Zoraida Sambolin, over 700 guests attended and had the opportunity to enjoy fine food and entertainment, bid on high-end live and silent auction items and make a difference through a paddle raise, all for our lifesaving cause.

We showcased our impact and the urgency of our mission through honored guests Dr. Nilofer Azad of Johns Hopkins University and her patient Rukhsana Siddiqi, who was accompanied by her husband and son. Rukhsana is a patient in Dr. Azad's pancreatic cancer clinical trial. Mr. and Mrs. Siddiqi captivated the audience with their inspirational and moving story.

Gateway also had the pleasure of honoring Jim Gordon, Founder and Principal of Edgewater Funds, with the 2017 Impact Award for his help in raising critical funds for cancer research. Bev Lynde received the Star Award for her volunteerism and dedication over the past 20 years. Bev is a passionate and dedicated advocate for Gateway, and managed our first event - a luncheon - which later became our annual gala!

Teams of young dancers from Chicago's Gus Giordano Dance School led the way down the Yellow Brick Road to an evening of star-studded entertainment worthy of the Emerald City. Artists performing at "Gateway to Oz" included Matteo Bocelli, son of Andrea Bocelli, at his inaugural Chicago performance, Billy Gilman, the youngest singer to ever reach #1 on the Billboard Top Country Album charts, Pia Toscano, American Idol

finalist and Laura Bretan, America's Got Talent finalist, "Golden Buzzer" winner and opera singer. Guests danced the night away to a show-stopping performance by pop legends and event headliner Earth, Wind & Fire.

A tremendous thank you to Mr. Richard and Dr. Stacie Stephenson for their contribution to the spectacular evening and star-studded entertainment! The Gateway team would like to extend it's thanks and appreciation to all those that attended and supported this incredible event, including our amazing sponsors that helped make the night a tremendous success.

Cures Gala major sponsors included: Mr. and Dr. Richard J Stephenson; Cancer Treatment Centers of America; Andi & Jim Gordon/The Edgewater Funds; The Richard Templer Family; Satter Foundation; Grund & Leavitt; Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP; Kenneth C. Griffin Charitable Fund; Rising Tide Foundation; Stellar Insurance, LTD; Thurston Family Foundation; CliftonLarsonAllen; International Capital & Management Company; and McGuireWoods.



Richard J Stephenson and Dr. Stacie J. Stephenson



Gateway's Peppermint Twist event was held on December 3, 2017 at The Breakers in Palm Beach Florida, and honored philanthropist Lois Pope with the Legend Award for her contribution to health, science and other humanitarian causes.

Over 200 guests attended, who were greeted in the ballroom lobby by a children's choir singing a selection of Christmas carols. Guests enjoyed a cocktail hour while browsing silent auction items amid lively peppermint twist themed decor. The silent auction was filled with holiday inspired and easy to give gifts, including a trip to Las Vegas, a Palm Beach classic vacation, unique jewelry, fragrances and popular toys.

After cocktail hour, guests were escorted into the grand ballroom where they enjoyed holiday-themed cuisine and dancing to the spectacular Sultans of Swing, who swept guests off of their seats and onto the dance floor.

In addition to the silent auction, attendees generously gave to Gateway through donation cards. More than \$150,000 was raised for cancer research.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this incredible event!



Ray and Judi Richards



# **VINO CON STELLE**

On April 13, 2018, Richard J Stephenson and Dr. Stacie J. Stephenson hosted the 2nd annual "Vino con Stelle" at the Wrigley Mansion in Phoenix. The exclusive and intimate evening of food, wine and entertainment under the stars raised \$500,000 to fund Phase I and Phase II cancer clinical trials at leading institutions across the world.

Mr. and Dr. Stephenson awarded Honorary Chairman Bill Pope, a Phoenix advocate and philanthropist, the inaugural Luminary Award, to illuminate his advocacy and dedication to charitable causes.

Cocktails were served and included tastings of superb wines from celebrated guest vintners Eric Malinski, Cabell Coursey, Alex and Jeanine Ryan, Fernando Frias, Sam Lando, Tony Lombardi, Damien Reusch, Chris Strieter, Matt Trevisan and Chris Cherry, and were paired with hors d'oeuvres.

Guests enjoyed a custom culinary experience designed by Wrigley Mansion's Executive Chef and James Beard award-winner Christopher Gross and inspired by Vincent van Gogh's "The Starry Night." Wine pairings from the evening's guest vintners included 2016 Lombardi Sonoma Coast Chardonnay, 2014 Duckhorn Stout Vineyard Merlot, 2017 Linne Calodo Contrarian, 2017 Villa Creek-Grenache Blanc, and many more.

Charity auctioneer Greg Quiroga presented an impressive lineup of wine vacation experiences and packages for wine aficionados. Some highlights included a jewelry suite of white gold and diamond earrings, a ring and bracelet designed by JN Jewels; "Fly Eagle Fly" featuring the debut vintage of California's most sought-after wine, a bottle of 1992 Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon; and the "Grand Argentina Adventure with Piatelli Vineyards," a once in a lifetime 12-day trip for four to explore Buenos Aires, Salta and Mendoza while experiencing several wine tastings and wine making at Piatelli Vineyards and a VIP meeting with Argentine President Mauricio Mavri and US Ambassador Edward Prado.

Following dinner, guests were treated to first-class entertainment featuring world-renowned R&B singer and songwriter Brian McKnight, Tony and Grammy Award winner Heather Headley, and youngest singer to ever reach #1 on the Billboard Top Country Album charts and The Voice contestant Billy Gilman. Actress and comedian Melissa Peterman led the evening as celebrity host.

A special thank you to all those who supported this Starry Night event!



Brian McKnight, Leilani McKnight, Dr. Stacie J. Stephenson, Richard J Stephenson



Teresa Hall Bartels



Bill Pope, Richard J Stephenson, Dr. Stacie J. Stephenson

### **CURRENT CLINICAL TRIALS**

#### **BLOOD/HEMATOLOGIC MALIGNANCIES**

#### Dr. Hisham Abdel-Azim

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

A Phase II Trial for NGS-MRD Negative Children with Acute lymphoblastic leukemia

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RESEARCH GRANTS	Awarded Grant Funds	\$6,097,050
ASSETS	Cash and Cash Equivalent	<b>\$</b> 1,638,597
	Pledges and Other Receivables	\$166,639
	Investments	\$11,933,126
	Prepaid Expenses	\$113,000
	Interests in Limited Partnerships	\$8,350
	Total Assets	\$13,859,712
LIABILITIES	Accrued Grants	\$9,887,276
	Deferred Revenue	\$10,000
	Total Liabilities	\$9,897,276
NET ASSETS		\$3,962,436
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		\$13,859,712



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