

Courage.

THE 2010-11 ANNUAL REPORT



The
**National Pancreas
Foundation**

DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you for your commitment to the National Pancreas Foundation. Your support has allowed us to continue to develop and enhance our values and mission at a time when our patients and their families need us more than ever.

This year has seen the organization continue to grow. We now have four chapters and we anticipate more chapters in the future. Every new chapter represents another community where there will be increased awareness about diseases of the pancreas, greater support for our patients and their families, and opportunities for local physicians to learn more about these diseases.

Despite the uncertain economic times, we have seen expansion in all programmatic areas with more patient education events, increased attendance at our Fellows Symposium, and our continued support of research.

The accomplishments of the National Pancreas Foundation are a result of the hard work and dedication of our Board of Directors, and all the wonderful volunteers who commit their energy, and passion to our organization. As co-founders of this organization, our commitment remains to those whose lives are impacted by diseases of the pancreas – patients, families, caregivers and the medical communities that care for them. We are awed and moved by their courage!

As you read our Annual Report, please remember all of the people who have contributed to bring the National Pancreas Foundation to where we are today - positioned to raise more funds, reach more people and support the medical community in their battle for cures for pancreatic cancer and all forms of pancreatitis. You are a member of that courageous team.

Thank you,



Patter Birsic, Co-Founder



Jane Holt, Co-Founder



DEAR FRIENDS,

I am pleased to present you with our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. In this report we highlight the work of the National Pancreas Foundation and pay tribute to the courage of all involved in the fight against pancreatic diseases.

Despite challenging economic times the NPF has continued to grow and move forward. During this past fiscal year we once again hosted a successful Fellows Symposium. We were able to fund five exciting research projects and are confident many of these projects will attract additional funding and ultimately lead to life changing breakthroughs. We were able to reach more patients and caregivers too. Our new website continued to provide an opportunity to educate and connect with patients. We made considerable progress in bringing more patient education events into more communities across the country. And we ended the year with four NPF chapters – Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Massachusetts, San Francisco Bay Area and Minnesota.

While we have made considerable progress, much remains to be done. We are optimistic about the future and have new and exciting projects on the horizon that we believe will provide more resources and opportunities for those we serve.

We continue to build on the strong foundation set in place by our two co-founders, Patter Birsic and Jane Holt, who have worked tirelessly to get us where we are today. We are constantly inspired by the patients, caregivers and medical professionals whose lives are impacted by diseases of the pancreas. Their courage is what drives us to do more, and to do it better. I hope you will join us in this journey of courage.

Sincerely



Joseph Titlebaum, Board Chair



Courage.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Physician Outreach

Fellows Symposium – April 16-18, 2010, the National Pancreas Foundation hosted its Annual Fellows Symposium at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, Illinois. This event has been hosted for five years with the support of an unrestricted educational grant from Abbott. This year we had forty-four Fellows in attendance from twenty-two different institutions and twenty Mentors from thirteen different institutions who worked closely with the Fellows. One of the comments we received from a Fellow sums up why we believe this is one of our most important programs: "I have always been interested in the pancreas and this meeting has helped guide my career development." Our goal is to nurture young physicians and researchers who are at the start of their career and provide them with valuable connections to experienced mentors who can help guide them and thus continue to bring the best minds to the field of pancreatology. With our Education Committee we look forward to continuing and expanding this program and are focused on curriculum development for the future.

Our thanks go to Fellows Symposium Steering Committee of Dr. Andres Gelrud, Dr. Michele Lewis and Dr. Bechien Wu and NPF Education committee for their work in planning this event:

Education Committee FY 2010-11

Chair: Phillip Toskes, MD, University of Florida at Gainesville
Peter Banks, MD, Brigham & Women's Hospital
Steven Freedman, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital
Mark G. Fuller, MD, kc2 Medical Communications

Andres Gelrud, MD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Mark Lowe, MD, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
David Whitcomb, MD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center



*Fellows Symposium,
April 2010*

2010 - 2011 Grant Winners

The National Pancreas Foundation has funded over \$2.1 million in research grants. Each year the grant review council makes the difficult decision to select four or five research projects to fund. We accept proposals for research in all diseases of the pancreas and the council selects those that they believe will lead to further research and possible breakthroughs in the field. In FY 2010 -11 the following grants were funded:



Chuhan Chung

Chuhan Chung, MD, Yale University - *Regulation of Pancreatic Fibrotic Responses by Pigment Epithelium-Derived Factor (PEDF)*



Andrew Rhim

Andrew Rhim, MD, University of Pennsylvania - *Translational Studies of Circulating Pancreatic Epithelial Cells in Cancer Progression*



Akihisa Fukuda

Akihisa Fukuda, MD, PhD, University of California San Francisco - *The Role of Stat3 Signaling in the Initiation of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma*



Vijay Singh

Vijay Singh, MD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center - *Role of Src in Antegrade Golgi Expansion and Autophagic Acinar Cell Death*



Ashim Malhotra

Ashim Malhotra, PhD, New York University School of Medicine - *The Role of Dendritic Cells in Pancreatic Fibrosis and the Development of Pancreatic Neoplasia*

We express our sincere thanks to Dr. Rustgi and the entire Grant Review Council for their dedication and service in this important program.

Grant Review Council FY 2010-2011

Committee Chair: Anil K. Rustgi, MD,
University of Pennsylvania
Suresh Chari, MD, Mayo Clinic-Rochester, MN
Christopher Forsmark, PhD,
University of Florida School of Medicine
Matthias Hebrok, PhD,
University of California at San Francisco

Craig D. Logsdon, PhD, University of Texas/
MD Anderson Cancer Center
Douglas K. Pleskow, MD,
Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital
Ashok K. Saluja, PhD,
University of Minnesota
Diane M. Simeone, MD,
University of Michigan Health Systems



Advocacy

Each March, the Digestive Disease National Coalition (DDNC) hosts a "Public Policy Forum" on Capitol Hill, where DDNC members and the public are invited to visit their congressional representatives and testify about the importance of supporting legislation benefiting digestive disease research and patient care. We are proud to say that NPF Co-Founder, Jane Holt is the Chair of DDNC. This year we were joined by patient advocates from across the country and had the opportunity to meet with many legislators and talk about issues facing our patients and the importance of continued support of research funding.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES cont

Patient Outreach

Our **website** remains a valuable resource for our patients and their family members. During the course of the year we have added several new fact sheets about various aspects of pancreatic disease and we have helped to keep our community informed of new developments.

We have especially been touched and inspired by the "Stories of Courage" section of our website, where patients and families share their stories. During November we ran a "30 Days of Courage" Project and asked patients and families to share photos and stories. We received so many wonderful pictures and have a mosaic of these photos on our website as a year-long tribute to the courage of our patients.

We have also increased the number and scope of our patient education events. We hosted patient education events in Boston, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and New York. The success of these events has reinforced the need for education for our patients and we anticipate many more of these events next year.

We have continued to expand our Network of Courage Chapters and we now have chapters in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Massachusetts, San Francisco Bay Area and Minnesota.

Each chapter shares the central mission of the NPF but has the flexibility to address community needs in ways that are meaningful for that particular area. Chapters will be engaged in patient outreach, physician outreach and fund raising. We are excited to watch as these wonderful volunteers find ways to impact the lives of those living with diseases of the pancreas.

*30 Days of Courage Project
November 2010*



NETWORK OF COURAGE CHAPTERS

Eastern Massachusetts

Ms. Elizabeth Loughlin agreed to be the first chair of this chapter. Ms. Loughlin is a long time board member of the NPF. She was joined by Dr. Darwin Conwell as Medical Director, Ms. Taryn Snyder as Secretary and Ms. Jennifer Ritz as Treasurer. The chapter is now being led by two co-chairs, Taryn Snyder and Catherine Kolodij. Taryn brings an important voice to the chapter – that of a pancreatitis patient. Catherine is an advertising executive whose mother lives with chronic pancreatitis.

Western Pennsylvania

Mr. Mark Rush is the chair of the chapter. Mr. Rush is a partner in the law firm of K&L Gates in Pittsburgh. Like many of our volunteers, Mark has been personally touched by pancreatic disease. He lost his father to pancreatic cancer and he sees his role in the chapter as a way to honor his father's memory. He is joined by Dr. Ken Lee as Medical Director, Cate Nied as Treasurer and Bryan Rohm as Secretary.

San Francisco Bay Area

This chapter is led by Dr. Walter Park, Chapter Chair. Dr. Park is an Instructor of Medicine at Stanford University. Within the subspecialty of gastroenterology, his clinical and research focus is on pancreatic disorders. At Stanford Hospital and Clinics, he oversees the multi-disciplinary benign pancreas program at Stanford Hospital and Clinics. He says it is true pleasure for him to work with passionate members of the community interested in raising awareness of pancreatic disorders and developing patient and physician educational programs. He is joined by Dr. Jay Pasricha, Medical Director, Heather Luntz, Treasurer, and Michael Welch, Secretary. The chapter had its first meeting in November 2010, and immediately began planning activities. We are excited to have a chapter on the West Coast and look forward to working with them.

Minnesota

This is our newest chapter, having signed their Memorandum of Agreement in January of 2011. The chapter chair is Dr. Santhi Vege. Dr. Vege is Professor of Medicine, and Director of the Pancreas Clinic at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He brings his vast knowledge and experience to the role of chapter chair and is eager to get chapter activities launched in Minnesota. He is supported by Dr. Charles Ulrich as Medical Director, Dr. Ashok Saluja as Treasurer and Secretary. This chapter brings together 3 major medical systems in Minnesota and we believe it will have a great impact on patients in the upper Midwest.



Courage.

FUNDRAISING ACROSS THE COUNTRY

While we remain focused on our mission, it is vital that we raise the funds needed to support our programs, increase name awareness and grow our organization. Our chapters and other volunteers have been instrumental in helping us raise funds. We have seen new events develop and existing events flourish and we are grateful to everyone who has supported us in the courageous fight against diseases of the pancreas.


Some NPF Events across the Country

- **Our Eastern Massachusetts Chapter** hosted a young professionals' event and brought the 1970s to Harvard Square on **November 23, 2010** with their fund-raiser: "Tuesday Night Fever: Punk Goes to Discotheque". They took over the Oberon at the American Repertory Theatre for a night of go-go dancers, a punk-meets-disco fashion show, and a silent auction to benefit the foundation. Participating boutiques and designers included: dress, Flock, Looc, Uniform, Red Bird Vintage, Samantha House Jewelry and Rescue: Buy, Sell, Trade. The event was chaired by Maegan Holt who was supported by a great committee: Danielle Kupsc, Kendra Amin Dufton, Desiree Gonzales, Megan Summers, John Healey, Kate Foley, Katrina Chapman, Katie Connon, Taryn Snyder and John Navins.

- **Our Western Pennsylvania Chapter** hosted a cocktail party on **April 29, 2010** at Olive and Twist bringing together about 100 young people where they learned more about the NPF and enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

- **On June 25, 2010 the Western PA chapter** hosted the Courage for the Cure Gala where they honored Dr. Mark Lowe as the recipient of NPF's Courage Award. Two hundred and twenty five guests bid on fabulous silent and live auction items, raising more than \$175,000 for research grants and patient support programs in the field of pancreas disease. The event was co-chaired by Susan Payne and Patter Birsic. They were supported by a terrific committee: Michelle and Andrew Aloe, Cathie Applegate, Jim Birsic, Lori Klingman, Tom Birsic, Kelsey Birsic, Cara Cavanaugh, Toni Dallier, Gordon Fisher, Wesley Scott, Mark and Judy Fuller, Joe and Maria Hudock, Donna Harris, Lisa Iadiciccio, Anne Kruczek, Cate Nied, Dave Payne, Sarah Payne, Bryan Rohm, Andy and Heather Roman, Patti Skiba, Karen Roman, Dave Williams and Karen Woelfel.

Tuesday Night Fever
PUNK GOES DISCOTHEQUE
 A Fashion Event To Benefit
National Pancreas Foundation
 champagne & confections served
 cash bar



Be there or be square:
 Tuesday, November 23, 2010 7:30pm
OBERON
 2 Arroy Street Cambridge, MA

TICKETS: \$50, VIP* \$125
*vip tickets are seated
 Club

Tuesday Night
 Fever: Punk
 goes to
 Discotheque



Olive
 and Twist
 Cocktail
 Party



Mark your Calendar!
 2010 National Pancreas Foundation Event

Friday, June 25, 2010
 Dinner and Dancing,
 Live Music—featuring
 Pittsburgh's premier Soul Band
 No Bad Jefe
 Master of Ceremonies
 Jim Roddley
 Circuit Center at SouthSide Works
 Pittsburgh, PA
 6:00 p.m.

Please join the National Pancreas
 Foundation to honor
Mark E. Lowe, MD, PhD,
 Professor of Pediatrics and of Molecular
 Genetics and Biochemistry
 Chief, Pediatric Gastroenterology,
 Hepatology and Nutrition
 Director, Fellowship Program in
 Pediatric Gastroenterology

Take the Hot Metal Bridge to the
Courage for the Cure Gala



Courage for the
 Cure Gala honoring
 Dr. Mark Lowe

THE NATIONAL PANCREAS FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Statement of Activities for the Years Ended March 31, 2011 and 2010

	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets		
Support:		
Donations	\$ 490,903	\$ 370,857
Special Events	148,811	264,420
Loss on Abandoned Furniture and Fixtures	—	(4,447)
Interest and Investment Income	<u>354</u>	<u>1,095</u>
Total Unrestricted Support	<u>640,068</u>	<u>631,925</u>
Expenses:		
Program Services	\$ 538,734	\$ 550,533
Management and General	26,516	41,068
Fundraising	<u>123,974</u>	<u>137,589</u>
Total Expenses	<u>689,224</u>	<u>729,190</u>
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>(49,156)</u>	<u>(97,265)</u>
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		
Net Assets Released from Restriction	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>(49,156)</u>	<u>(97,265)</u>
Net Assets, Beginning	<u>577,030</u>	<u>674,295</u>
Net Assets, Ending	\$ 527,874	\$ 577,030

We truly appreciate all those who have supported the mission of the National Pancreas Foundation this past year. Each and every donation is important and appreciated and helps us fulfill our mission to support research of diseases of the pancreas and provide information and humanitarian services to those who are suffering from these illnesses. A full list of donors is available via our website at <http://pancreasfoundation.org/2010-2011-donors/>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY 2010-2011

Chair:

Mr. Joseph M. Titlebaum

Co – Founders:

Ms. Patricia S. Birsic

Mrs. Jane M. Holt

Mr. Andrew Aloe

Dr. Peter A. Banks

Ms. Mary Ann B. Beirne

Mr. Thomas E. Birsic

Dr. William I. Birsic

Dr. Michele D. Lewis

Ms. Suzanne Fisher Bloomberg

Ms. Caren Byrnes

Mr. William D. Dawson III

Dr. Peter Durie

Mr. Gordon Fisher

Dr. Steven D. Freedman

Mr. Thomas Holt Jr.

Ms. Paula Kim

Ms. Anne H. Kruczek

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Loughlin

Mr. Philip H. Loughlin IV

Dr. Mark E. Lowe

Dr. Robert Mayer

Ms. Susan P. Payne

Dr. Douglas Pleskow

Ms. Jennifer M. Ritz

Dr. Anil K. Rustgi

Dr. Phillip P. Toskes

Dr. Charles D. Ulrich, II

Dr. David C. Whitcomb

Chapter Chairs:

Ms. Elizabeth Loughlin

Mr. Mark Rush

Dr. Walter Park

Dr. Santhi Swaroop Vege

*30 Days of Courage Project
November 2010*



MISSION STATEMENT

To support the research of diseases of the pancreas and to provide information and humanitarian services to those people who are suffering from such illnesses.



**The
National Pancreas
Foundation**

101 Federal Street, Suite 1900, Boston, MA 02110 • Tel: 866.726.2737

www.pancreasfoundation.org

Additional information regarding the National Pancreas Foundation, including state registration and financial information, may be obtained from the National Pancreas Foundation by contacting us at info@pancreasfoundation.org or 1-866-726-2737, or from any of the state agencies listed below. Registration with or licensure by the following state agencies does not imply endorsement, sanction or approval of the National Pancreas Foundation by any such state agency.
Massachusetts Office of Attorney General, Non Profit Organizations/Public Charities Division: 617-727-2200 ext. 2102 or www.mass.gov/ago/charities
Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Charitable Organizations: 1-800732-0999 (toll free within PA) or 717-783-1720 or www.dos.state.pa.us/char