

Our vision is to fund
extraordinary cancer research
to save more lives
every day.



STRIVE FOR VICTORY

DONATIONS PROPEL GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

Progress is being made in cancer research, and that means more treatment options and longer survival for those living with the disease. The V Foundation for Cancer Research strives for *victory over cancer*. With the support of donors like you, and through the work of doctors like Chad Pecot, we get closer every day.

Pecot's research has been funded twice by the V Foundation, both times for projects that show promise in treating certain lung cancers.

Pecot explained cancer can turn on and off biological processes in the body to help it survive, grow and spread. His 2014 V Scholar Grant and his 2016 grant, funded by the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund and the Lung Cancer Initiative of North Carolina, focus on research on lung cancer metastases.



Dr. Chad Pecot

"Cancer recruits immune cells, takes advantage of them and even uses them to help it spread. We are working to determine which tumors are doing this and testing whether this occurs more often in African Americans," Pecot said. "Success in the lab means we could better predict which patients will benefit from immunotherapy." Immunotherapy uses a person's own immune system to fight disease.

As a cancer survivor himself, Pecot understands the urgency in research. Once headed into biomedical engineering, his focus changed after his diagnosis.

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"Lung cancer is the biggest killer of cancer patients," Pecot said. "Our ultimate hope is that the biology we uncover from our research will [also] be relevant to other cancers and can help create other therapies."

To read more about Pecot and other V-funded researchers, visit **Big Ideas** on jimmyv.org.

A Fund to Honor Stuart Scott:



Research is dedicated to the aggressiveness, therapeutic responsiveness and ultimate outcomes experienced by cancer patients from **diverse ethnic populations**.

The V Foundation has awarded more than \$6 million through the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund.

HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS STRIVE FOR VICTORY

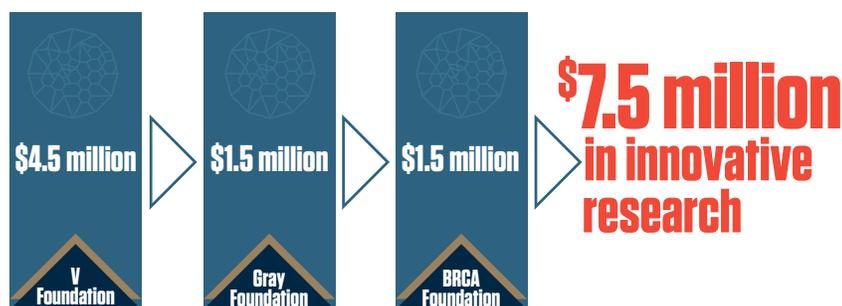
The V Foundation for Cancer Research funds research for many types of cancer. The projects range from the very origin of the cancer process (like how cancer cells grow and move in the body) to treatment options (like drugs and immunotherapies).

Your dollars fund the best projects that are presented to the V Foundation's Scientific Advisory Committee from National Cancer Institute—designated cancer centers. You can be sure your donation is funding the best cancer research nationwide.

In addition to general cancer research, below are some examples of how the V Foundation has invested your contributions. To learn more about these and other special funding options, visit www.jimmyv.org/specialfunds.

BRCA-Related Cancers

BRCA-related cancers stem from a gene mutation and can affect men and women. Those with a mutation are more likely to experience certain types of cancer. The V Foundation has teamed with the BRCA Foundation and the Gray Foundation to support innovative BRCA-related research.



Pediatrics

Only 4% of federal cancer research funding is directed to pediatric cancers. Private funding has become a critical component of children's cancer research. Cure rates have increased over the last 40 years for many childhood cancers, but there is still much work to be done.

Canine Comparative Oncology

Cancer occurs in humans and pet dogs, and there are many similarities seen in their tumors. Veterinary medical centers and leading research facilities are teaming up to spearhead clinical trials that could lead to faster and less costly drug therapies for both types of patients.



To explore similarities and differences between human and canine cancers, a robust national **clinical trials infrastructure** was created by the National Cancer Institute to study canine comparative oncology.



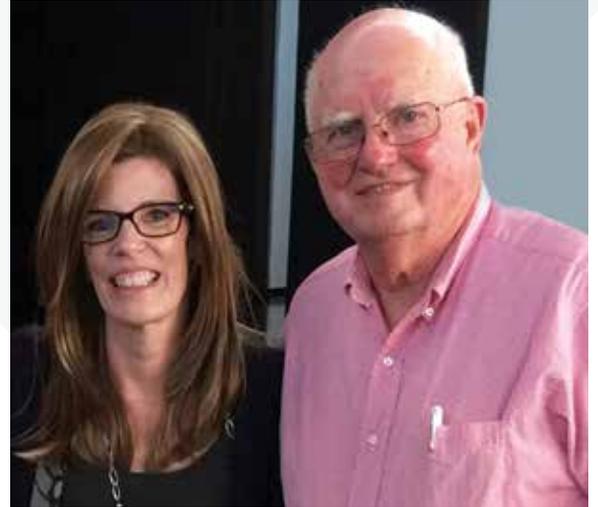
The V Foundation has **awarded \$500,000 to support projects** identified by a consortium between Duke Cancer Institute and NC State College of Veterinary Medicine.

BUILDING A LEGACY, AIMING FOR VICTORY

After witnessing the 1983 NC State University men's basketball team win in the ACC Finals, rabid Wolfpack fans Stephanie Smith and her father, Frank, saw what it meant to strive for victory—to fight until the end.

In November 2016, Stephanie was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and she passed away in August 2017. Every day, she lived her life to the fullest and her legacy continues at the V Foundation.

Frank and Stephanie decided to establish their charitable legacy by including the V Foundation in their estate plans. By listing the Foundation as beneficiary of their life insurance policies, their contribution created the Frank S. Smith and Stephanie H. Smith Fund and was made in honor of the Smith's love for Jim Valvano. Their fund has become the way in which Stephanie continues to bring people together with a mission to stop cancer.



Stephanie Smith and her dad, Frank Smith

If you have questions about establishing your charitable legacy by including the V Foundation in your estate plans, please visit www.jimmyv.org/legacy, or contact Phil Pilewski (ppilewski@jimmyv.org or 919-443-3570).

Please let us know if you have already included the V Foundation in your will or trust. We would love the opportunity to thank you for your thoughtfulness.

A Community Rallies

Stephanie's community has come together to continue fighting cancer. Stephanie's bright personality was noticeably infectious and inviting; everyone around her rallied by her side. After stopping cancer treatment for a better quality of life in her last days, Stephanie planned a party for the ages. More than 300 people flew in from around the world to join

her and her father in Asheville, N.C. During his emotional speech, Frank encouraged guests to make a meaningful gesture on the road to *victory over cancer*: give to the V Foundation. That evening, the Smiths received more than 100 donations in Stephanie's honor, and gifts continue to be made in Stephanie's memory.



Stephanie Smith enjoying time with NC State's Mr. and Mrs. Wuf.

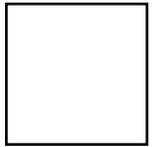
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25 years ago with a goal to end cancer.
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At the 1993 ESPY Awards, Jim Valvano announced a partnership with ESPN to create the V Foundation for Cancer Research.