



# ANNUAL *Gala*

NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

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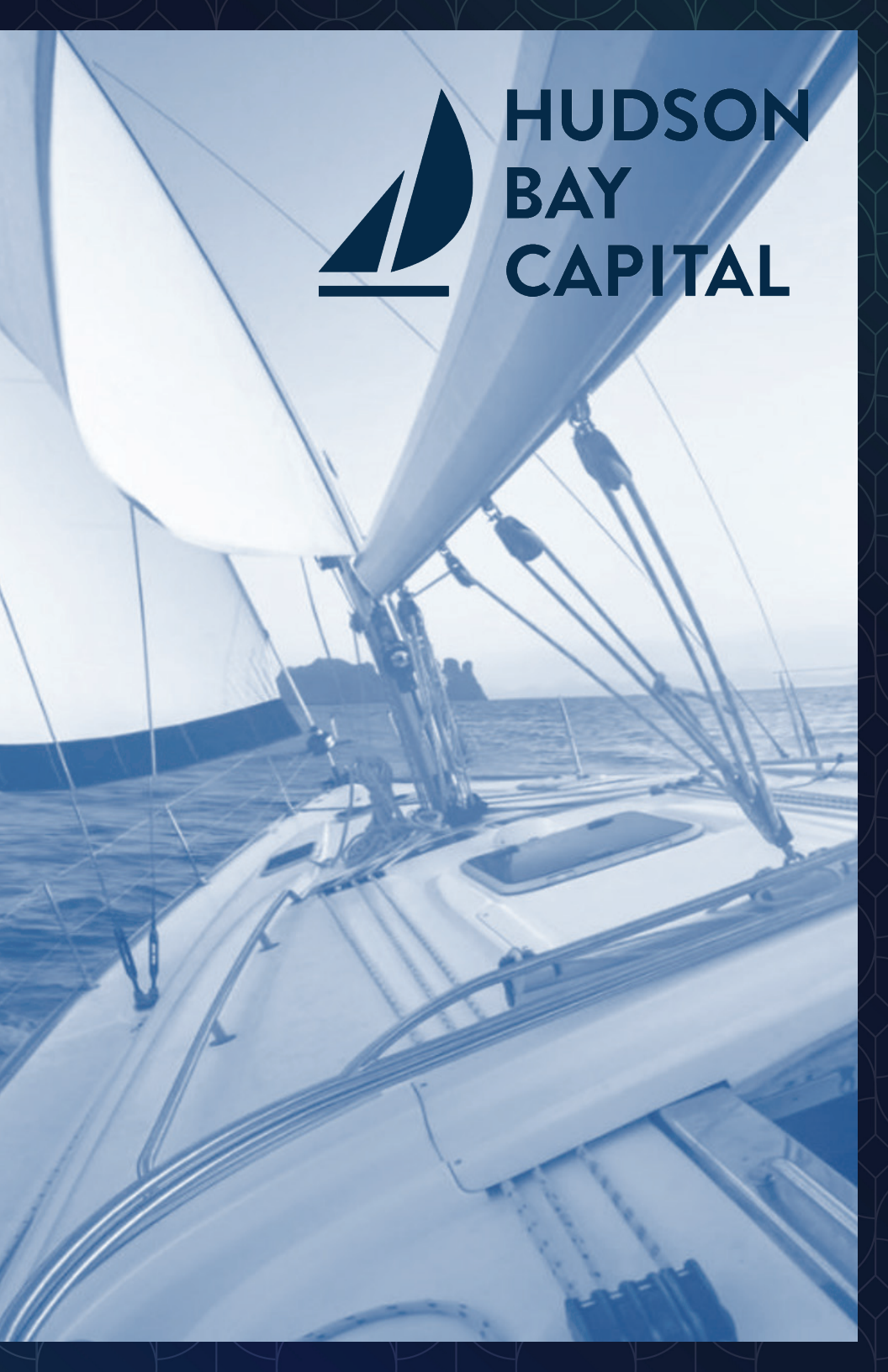
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A blue-tinted photograph of a sailboat on the ocean. The sailboat's white sail and dark rigging are visible on the right side. In the distance, a large, dark, rocky island rises from the water. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

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## The DeGregorio Family Foundation Seeks To Fund Innovative Research Focused On Curing Gastric And Esophageal Cancers (Gastroesophageal Cancer)

Upper Gastrointestinal Malignancies — including cancers of the stomach, esophagus, and the gastroesophageal junction (GEJ) — are responsible for over 1.7 million new cancer diagnoses worldwide, and are the second most common cause of global, cancer-related deaths. In the United States, despite the near-epidemic rise in GEJ malignancies, these cancers remain orphan diseases — underfunded and under-researched by the medical community, and largely by the pharmaceutical industry.

The DeGregorio Family Foundation provides seed money for innovative research focused on curing gastric and esophageal cancers — also referred to as gastroesophageal cancer. This seed money is crucial for scientists to take innovative ideas and nurture them to a level where institutional funding is possible.



# Welcome to the 2023 DeGregorio Family Foundation Annual Gala!

Whether you're a first-timer or an old-timer, thank you for joining us this evening at the historic New York Yacht Club as we get a few steps closer to turning the fact of gastric and esophageal cancers — deadly and underfunded diseases — into fiction.

The funds raised this evening are allowing us to award one to three grants of up to \$500,000 each proposing novel technology or new approaches for target discovery or treatment in gastroesophageal cancer. All grant applications are carefully reviewed and scored by our fully independent Scientific Advisory Board, comprised of the world's leading experts in the field.

The Foundation has deployed more than \$7.9 million of capital since its founding in 2006 that has led to follow-on funding of \$45.6 million by organizations like the National Institutes of Health (NIH), The Starr Foundation and various other private institutions.

We would never have gotten this far without your support, for which we are extremely grateful.

Finally, I would like to thank our Board of Directors, whose efforts helped ensure our 2023 Annual Gala would be a success, with a very special shoutout to Nick Savone.

ENJOY!



Lynn DeGregorio

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**and Nick Savone**  
for their great achievements.



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# THE NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

at West 44<sup>th</sup> Street

Home to the America's Cup for 132 years, the club was established in 1844 and had several homes before Commodore J. Pierpont Morgan purchased a double lot on West 44<sup>th</sup> Street in 1897 and gave it to the Club as the site for its first permanent location. The prestigious architectural firm of Warren & Wetmore was among the final seven, and Whitney Warren's striking design was selected.

Whitney Warren is also known for his design of the famed Oyster Bar and the historic Grand Central. The basic design remains intact, the nature and character of the quarters is remarkably unchanged over the past 100 years.

The Model Room runs the entire length of the building and has been described as "one of New York's grandest interior spaces and the Valhalla of American Yachting".

The Model Room's monumental Caen-stone fireplace weighs 47 tons, with a cresting of four arched sea serpents. The stained-glass skylight, one of the largest Tiffany windows in the United States, was restored in 1989.

The Model Room displays some fifteen hundred models of yachts dating from the 1840's to the present, including half models of the latest ocean racers, fully rigged models of all America's Cup contenders, and flagships of past commodores — a truly expansive display of yachting history.



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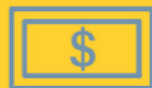


There are an estimated 48,000 new cases of Stomach and Esophageal Cancer in the U.S. each year. Each year, an estimated 27,500 are terminal.



2 of 3 people diagnosed with Stomach and Esophageal Cancers are not diagnosed until Stages 3 and 4.

1%



Yet, less than 1% of the cancer research funded by the NIH goes towards Gastroesophageal Cancer.

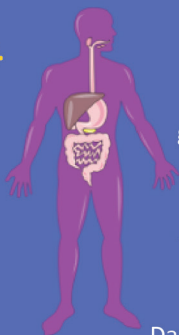
# YOUR IMPACT AND FOLLOW-ON FUNDING

**For every \$1 donated, \$12 is generated in follow-on funding.**



In 17 years, DFF has funded 29 grants for a total of **\$7.9 million.**

Those 29 grants have received more than **\$45.6 million** in follow-on funding.



Nine of those grants received **follow-on funding** from the **NIH**, where only approximately 5% of NIH applications for gastroesophageal cancer research receive funding.

One of the grants **received the very prestigious Starr Foundation Grant** for just under \$1 million - it was a collaborative grant with Dana Farber and MSKCC led by Dr. Shah.

## WHAT DFF DOES

**Early diagnosis is key.**

1. Stage 1 has a 49% to 75% survival rate. Unfortunately, symptoms arise around Stage 4 where the survival rate is less than 6%.
2. DFF is dedicated to facilitating collaborative research on the pathogenesis, early diagnosis and treatment of Upper GI Malignancies.

## TURNING FACT INTO FICTION™



1. 100% of the DFF funds go directly to research.



2. The DFF Scientific Advisory Board looks for the best research that will attract follow-on funding.



4. Doctors use research to get to a cure.



3. Grant recipients provide progress reports, publish papers and attract follow-on funding to implement research.



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Emre Timurkan



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in their mission to cure  
stomach and esophageal  
cancer.

*keep up the  
great work!*

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Jake Doft



Dendur Capital is honored to support the DeGregorio Family Foundation as they continue their inspiring mission in the fight against gastric and esophageal cancer.

We would like to express our gratitude to Nick Savone for his inspiration and advocacy in championing this cause. It is through the efforts of individuals like Nick and organizations like DFF that progress is made.

Forza!

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The Dendur Team



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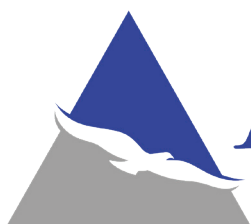
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