Pancreatic Cancer and Related Diseases Surgical Research Fund

The Pancreatic Cancer and Related Diseases Surgical Research Fund supports Jefferson researchers and clinicians in their work to better understand and treat these difficult diseases. Contributions strengthen a variety of endeavors, including our goals to:

• Bring research discoveries from the laboratory to the bedside

• Advance therapies and surgical procedures that save lives and transform the practice of medicine

• Establish endowed professorships to recruit and retain top clinicians, educators and researchers

• Expertly train those who will become the dedicated, caring healthcare leaders of tomorrow
Each year, more than 43,000 Americans receive a pancreatic cancer diagnosis. The fourth leading cause of cancer death in the nation, pancreatic cancer has no proven curative treatments other than surgery, for which not all patients qualify. At Thomas Jefferson University, Samuel D. Gross Professor and Chair of Surgery Charles J. Yeo, MD, and his team are working to change that.

Since joining our faculty in 2005, Dr. Yeo has helped make Jefferson a premier center for pancreatic cancer surgery and research. Under his leadership, Jefferson surgeons have increased the pancreatic operations they perform more than tenfold, drawing patients from across the country – many told by physicians back home that no hope exists. But in addition to their surgical triumphs, Jefferson’s pancreatic team is exploring new avenues of early detection and more effective screening procedures to improve outcomes for this devastating disease.

Faculty at the formalized, multidisciplinary Jefferson Pancreas, Biliary and Related Cancer Center include scientists Drs. Hwyda Arafat, Susan Lanza-Jacoby and Jonathan Brody. Drs. Arafat and Lanza-Jacoby are investigating novel therapies for pancreatic cancer, while Dr. Brody is examining tumors collected from patients during surgery with the goal of developing individualized treatments based on a tumor’s specific genetic makeup.

Leading-edge research provides the foundation for advancements in every field, and this research requires philanthropic support. Pancreatic cancer is the least funded among common cancers in the United States, with less than two percent of the National Cancer Institute’s research budget allocated to the disease. We ask you to partner with us as we confront the challenge of pancreatic cancer and its related diseases. Your support will help make truly transformational science possible.

For information on how you can support Jefferson’s Pancreatic Cancer and Related Diseases Surgical Research Fund or to make a gift today, please return the enclosed card or contact the development office at:

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A retired U.S. Army colonel and war veteran, Briley W. Howell and his wife, Janice, are now committed to another battle: the one against pancreatic cancer. The Howells began generously supporting Jefferson when Charles J. Yeo, MD, took the helm of the Department of Surgery shortly after performing a successful Whipple procedure on Mr. Howell.

The Howells are now avid supporters of Jefferson’s pancreatic team and have made a provision in their will to establish the Janice P. and Briley W. Howell Professorship in Pancreatic Cancer Research in the Department of Surgery. The sustained support their gift will provide will enable Jefferson faculty to remain focused on advancing pancreatic cancer research and clinical care far into the future. Endowed professorships are vital to the recruitment and retention of distinguished faculty members. Such positions provide honor for the faculty members who hold them and a stable, dependable source of income in support of teaching and research efforts.

I believe that Dr. Yeo’s team is the best in the country, and if this research continues, it will improve early detection methods and increase survival rates. Thanks to Dr. Yeo’s care, I was able to go on with my life as planned, and this is truly a wonderful gift. Anything we can do to share that gift with others is of great importance to us. — Briley Howell

For more information about planned giving opportunities for the Pancreatic Cancer and Related Diseases Surgical Research Fund, contact Lara Goldstein at 215-955-8797 or lara.goldstein@jefferson.edu.

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