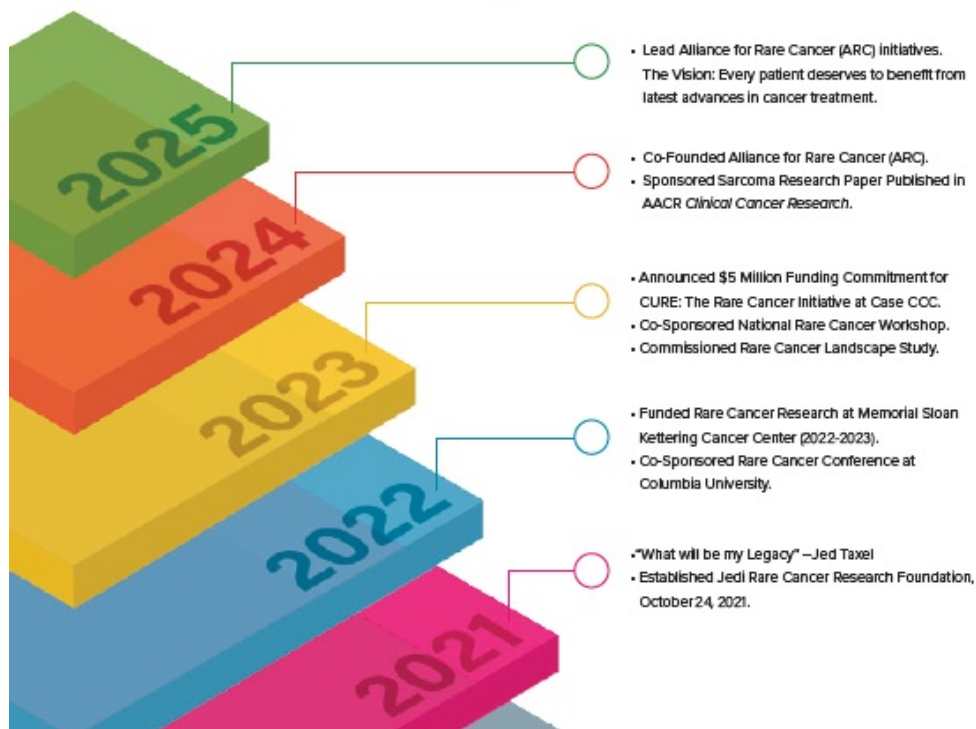


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Together, We Can End Rare Cancer A Message of Hope from Mark Taxel

Just 4 short years ago, our foundation's journey began, driven by passionate, talented people and organizations representing medical institutions, academia, philanthropy, and government. Today, the Jedi Rare Cancer Foundation is actively leading a movement dedicated to uniting the entire rare cancer community at unprecedented scale to accelerate research, treatment, and cures for all rare cancers, the hidden unmet need in our modern era.

Our Years of Progress



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We are all Jeddis, and YOU make a difference. Our *Years of Progress* report will soon arrive in your mailbox (cover image above). I hope you'll take a moment to learn more about the amazing progress you have helped support in the fight against rare cancer.

In this newsletter, we share a couple important highlights from the report. Thank you for reading! With gratitude,

Mark Tavel



Our Foundation has anchored the launch phase of CURE: The Rare Cancer Initiative, a comprehensive, innovative effort led by Case Comprehensive Cancer Center and its Director Dr. Gary Schwartz, that will transform rare cancer research and save lives around the world. We have committed to raise \$5 million dollars over five years and the University will raise the balance of this projected \$12 million initiative at Case Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Your philanthropic support is critical for transforming CURE from concept to reality and collecting vitally important early-stage research results that will position it for large-scale funding from the National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, and more, which will accelerate our progress toward the ultimate shared goal of lifesaving cures.

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Additionally, we've launched the Alliance for Rare Cancers (ARC) with the support of our donor community and in partnership with Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Rare Cancer Research Foundation, and other leaders in academia, philanthropy, patient advocacy and government. ARC is an unprecedented national collaboration among rare cancer organizations. We are proud to join with key opinion leaders from leading cancer centers and organizations in founding ARC with a common vision that every rare cancer patient deserves access to the latest advances in cancer.

Meet our Director of Special Projects, Shelby Doyle, PhD. Shelby leads and executes short- and long-term Jedi Rare Cancer Foundation projects of varying size, scope, and scale to advance strategic priorities with operational excellence. Shelby is also Chief of Staff at the Alliance for Rare Cancers (ARC) where she is facilitating the research and strategic planning process to form the underlying rationale, mission, and goals for building a scalable, transformative, and sustainable system capable of addressing rare cancer's unique challenges from bed to bench and back again.



The 2nd Annual Wine for Life event in Cleveland took place on October 18. It was a fantastic evening of fine wines and delectables in support of transformative rare cancer research that brought together our foundation, Case CCC and CWRU leadership, and generous supporters from across the Cleveland area to raise over \$60,000 to benefit CURE: The Rare Cancer Initiative at Case Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Guests made their way through a tasting of more than 25 wines poured by expert wine representatives and dined on a sumptuous spread from Sophie la' Gourmande. The VIP tasting treated guests to Napa Valley 'cult' wines like the 2019 Dominus Estate, Bordeaux classics like the 1999 Domaine Pichon Longueville "Comtess de and Lalande" and even up-and-coming showstoppers like the 2021 Tolpuddle Chardonnay from Tasmania.

Dr. Eric Kaler, President of CWRU demonstrated his prowess as an auctioneer, bringing in top dollar donations from the winners of "A day at the track at Saratoga Springs Raceway" a rare bottle of "Cognac L'Or from J.F. Martell," and a set of framed black and white photographs of Cleveland scenes by Barney Taxel. Guests were also able to take home a selection of wines tasted at the event for an additional donation.

We look forward to returning again next year. Watch for an announcement coming soon and make your plans to join us!



While in Cleveland, updates on the CURE Initiative were shared with our Jedi and ARC Board of Directors who met with Dr. Gary Schwartz, Director of the Case CCC, Dr. David Wald, Co-Leader of the Immune Oncology Program at the Cancer Center, and Dr. Tyler Miller who recently returned home to Ohio to join the Immune Oncology Program at the Cancer Center. Drs. Miller and Wald led a tour of the Cancer Center and Dr. Miller's lab where we learned about the groundbreaking research he is leading on growing organoids from glioblastoma tumors, which are then used to test and develop personalized therapies for patients with these tumors. You will be hearing more on organoids from us in the future and how this leading edge science is being incorporated into CURE to develop new pathways for treatments for rare cancer patients.



Rare cancer is not rare. 1 in 4 cancer patients have a rare cancer.

Thanks to the generosity of our donor community, the Jedi Rare Cancer Foundation has assumed a key role to effectively impact change. This is something we can and must do.

Your generous support funds:

- "The Rare Cancer Landscape Study" and ongoing rare cancer research.
- CURE: The Rare Cancer Initiative led by Case Comprehensive Cancer Center
- The Alliance for Rare Cancers, an unprecedented alliance of rare cancer organizations

We invite you to support the Foundation's commitment to END rare cancer.

Your end-of-year donation will be matched now through December 31, 2024.

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Your generous donation has the power to save lives. Thank you!



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