

**Foundation Notes...January 2019**

**From-  
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**Goal2021**

The Jo-Ann Danzis Foundation has taken its goal of raising \$250,000 by the end of 2019 and aimed it at a higher target. Our new three-year initiative, [Goal2021](#), has set benchmarks for funding the core areas of our mission- Pancreatic Cancer Research, Education and the Arts. [Click here](#) to learn how you can play a part.

**Know the Symptoms of Pancreatic Cancer**

Too often, individuals are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at a later stage and this is a reason for the lowest survival rate among major cancers. Knowing the symptoms can help save lives.

The most common symptoms include:

*Abdominal pain*

*Mid-back pain*

*Yellow skin or eyes*

*And new onset of diabetes (not associated with weight gain).*

Please share these symptoms with your friends and family and encourage anyone to see a doctor who may be experiencing them.

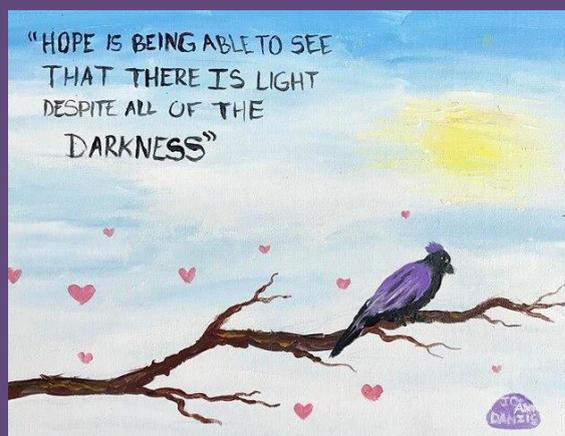
**Friends of the Foundation-**

Happy New Year! It has been over six months since my last update and several noteworthy things have occurred. First, **with 175 in attendance and approximately \$70,000 raised** for [Dr. Angela Alistar's pancreatic cancer research](#) at Morristown Medical Center's Simon Cancer Center, [Cork & Fork for a Cause 2018](#) was great success. Thank you to all who attended; it was your support and interest that allowed us to exceed 2017's totals by over 45%. What else have we been doing? Read further to find out.



## First Art Contest a Success

The Jo-Ann Danzis Foundation invited several schools from Pennsylvania to participate in an art contest, entitled “A Message of Hope” Sixty students from the Hazleton and Scranton School Districts submitted paintings. JADF staff went to the schools and provided an overview of pancreatic cancer to the students prior to their submittals. The students were excited to learn that their paintings would be displayed at the Morris Museum leading up to Cork & Fork and then at the Simon Cancer Center as well. The winners from the contest include:



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### World Leader in Pancreatic Cancer Research Visits Morristown Medical Center



Morristown, NJ, October 11, 2108 -- Renowned cancer researcher, Daniel D. Von Hoff, M.D., today presented on groundbreaking research, investigational use of anti-cancer compounds and phase I clinical trial data at Atlantic Health System’s Morristown Medical Center. Dr. Von Hoff is Physician-in-Chief and Distinguished Professor at the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) in Phoenix, Arizona.

Introduced by physician researcher and medical director of GI medical oncology at Morristown Medical Center, Dr. Angela Alistar remarked, “Dr. Von Hoff is the most accomplished scientist in my world.”

Dr. Von Hoff’s lecture, “Improving Survival for Patients with Stage IV Pancreatic Cancer,” was the inaugural research lecture of the Breakthrough Oncology Accelerator... Today’s lecture was sponsored by the Jo-Ann Danzis Foundation.... (Source: Tap Into Morristown)

#### **More about the Breakthrough Oncology Accelerator and TGen--**

*Atlantic Health System, TGen and Origin Partner to Lower Barriers to Innovative Cancer Therapies ...* Atlantic Health is the first health system to be selected by TGen and Origin to create this new platform.” [Click here for the full article](#) (Source: Atlantic Health)

#### *Scientists Represent Next-gen Research at AACR 2018...*

[H]ighlights...included an international meeting with Dr. Daniel D. Von Hoff and the Stand Up to Cancer Pancreatic Cancer Dream Team, featuring researchers from the Salk Institute, Mayo Clinic, Prairie View (Texas) A&M, Baylor, University of Texas Southwestern, Penn, Princeton, Barts, Cambridge and University of California at San Diego. [Click here for the full article](#) (Source:TGen)

## November was Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Every November, we take the time to really focus on the urgent need to support advanced research in Pancreatic Cancer. The statistics surrounding this disease are most sobering and we will continue to work to support the needed progress in diagnosis, management, and hopefully a cure for this disease.

- *Pancreatic Cancer has the lowest survival rate of all major cancers*
  - *In 2020, and estimated 484,000 new cases will be diagnosed worldwide*
  - *Everyday 1,250 people will be diagnosed and an estimated 1,184 will die from the disease*
- (Source: World Pancreatic Cancer Coalition, 2018)

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