



Greetings from the ACCRF Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

Your support made 2011 a banner year! And together we can do even more in 2012!

Your generosity and the deep commitment of our affiliated researchers have allowed us to reach some **crucial milestones** and chart the path forward for more successes:

- ACCRF has committed more than \$5 million to targeted research projects as of 2011. Over the past six years, this funding has enabled 24 leading laboratories to apply their energy to helping ACC patients. For a list of grants, please [click here.](#)
- ACCRF-funded researchers have narrowed down the key molecular culprits responsible for the disease, and thus far have published 20 articles in scholarly journals. As a result, the research pipeline is primed and generating new targets and potentially promising drugs. For a list of publications, please [click here.](#)
- Based on ACCRF-driven research, Novartis Pharmaceuticals started funding clinical trials of a targeted therapy in ACC patients. For more information, please [click here.](#)
- The National Institutes of Health and ACCRF finalized plans for our third Workshop on Salivary Gland Tumors, which will bring together 50 top scientists from around the world in February to strategize on the key remaining obstacles to **curing ACC.**

The coming year holds great promise. We are on the cusp of some major scientific breakthroughs, and have planned more targeted research projects, patient gatherings and physician education programs that will lead to better outcomes for patients. But we can only do this with your help!

[Please consider renewing your support for the foundation, and help us raise the remaining \\$100,000 needed by the end of 2011.](#)

Our *Circle of Sustenance* donors have committed to covering all administrative expenses, ensuring that **100% of your donation will fund ACC research projects.**

Thanks to you, there is now the vision, the energy and the sense of urgency to change lives for the better. **We look forward to walking side by side with you on our journey of hope.**

Warm wishes for the holiday season,

The ACCRF Board of Directors

Jeff Kaufman, Executive Director
Tom DiLenge
Kara Gelb

Marnie Abbott Kaufman
Douglas Meyer
Ralph Mollis

ACCRF Directors Appointed to NIH Boards

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are the largest funders of medical research in the world with an annual budget of over \$30 billion. The National Cancer Institute (NCI), the largest institute, has never funded an ACC-specific project and, prior to 2007, only one ACC-specific project was funded by another institute, the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). ACCRF has made it a priority to develop close relationships with these key institutes, resulting in important NIH appointments:

- In 2008, ACCRF Director Marnie Kaufman was named to the NCI Head and Neck Steering Committee that reviews and approves large NCI-supported clinical trials in head and neck cancer. For more information, please [click here](#).
- In 2010, ACCRF Executive Director Jeff Kaufman was named to the NADCR Council that advises on the research activities of NIDCR. For more information, please [click here](#).
- In 2011, Jeff Kaufman was named to the NCI Director's Consumer Liaison Group that makes recommendations on issues and challenges facing the NCI. For more information, please [click here](#).
- In 2011, Jeff Kaufman was named to the NIH Council of Councils that reviews and recommends research concepts that span the entire NIH. For more information, please [click here](#).

Through these interactions, ACCRF is focusing the attention of these pivotal institutions on projects that may and should have a direct impact on patients with rare cancers, head and neck cancers, salivary gland tumors and adenoid cystic carcinoma. NIDCR has become an invaluable partner, committing over \$12 million to the salivary gland cancer research community and supporting many ACCRF-affiliated researchers.

[Please renew your support for ACC research!](#)

Thanks to some of our 2011 Angels of Hope!

Stephanie Tilders trained for the Long Island marathon only to be injured days before. She still raised over \$18,000 for ACCRF in honor of her uncle Peter Paetzold. She asked people to donate "For Pete's Sake!"



Uncle Pete and Stephanie



Kellie and Kim

Survivor Kellie Hinshaw and her sister, Kim Schmidlin, didn't let Hurricane Irene spoil their time with other ACC survivors at the 2011 NC 5K Run that they have organized for the past 3 years. While the hurricane cancelled the race at the last minute, ACC families were still able to spend time together and generous donors raised \$22,000 for ACCRF!

The Live Like Andi Foundation in Novi, MI hosted its 4th Annual Run/Walk Event, a Golf Tournament and a Fashion Show to raise over \$40,000 for ACCRF.



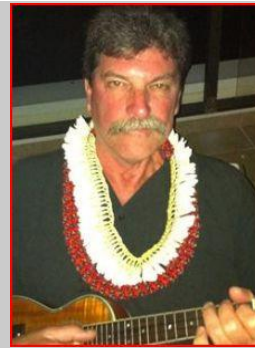
Live Like Andi Runners



Taylor Tillotson receives check on behalf of ACCRF

The Plano West Booster Club raised \$1,000 for ACCRF in honor of Taylor Tillotson, who was diagnosed with ACC in 2006 at the age of 17.

Friends and Family celebrated Randy Watt's 60th birthday this year raising over \$3,800 for ACCRF.



Happy Birthday, Randy!



Mount Snowdon, Wales

Robert and Flora Wiseman trekked Mount Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales. Generous friends sponsored them to raise over \$3,200 for ACCRF.

ACCRF Board Members Jeff Kaufman, Douglas Meyer and Marnie Kaufman enjoy the festivities at the 5th Annual Friends of ACCRF event. Through the hard work of numerous volunteers and ACC families, the event raised over \$61,000 for ACCRF.



Jeff, Douglas & Marnie

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