



Charging at warp speed to find the cancer treatments of the future!

## GIVE THE GIFT OF *hope* THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Dear Friend,

As we gather with our loved ones to celebrate the magic of the holiday season, we invite you to join us in a mission that transcends the joy of the moment. This festive season, we are extending our heartfelt plea for your support in the fight against some of the most formidable adversaries of our time - pancreatic, gastro-intestinal, and rare cancers.

### The Urgent Need for Funding and Community Support

While the holidays typically evoke feelings of warmth and togetherness, we cannot ignore the stark reality faced by countless Australians diagnosed with these relentless diseases. Pancreatic, gastro-intestinal, and rare cancers collectively rank as the most prevalent cancers in Australia. They are also among the leading causes of cancer-related deaths, shattering lives and leaving a trail of devastation in their wake.

The inequity in research funding and awareness has resulted in treatment options and survival rates significantly lagging behind more common cancers.

A new report released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare highlights the disparity in funding and outcomes for these cancers. According to their report in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, prostate, breast, and colon cancers have received substantial government funding, totalling over \$3.7 billion, and have achieved commendable five-year survival rates of 95.6%, 92%, and 70.9%, respectively. In stark contrast, pancreatic, oesophageal, stomach, and gallbladder cancers were allocated \$409 million, with significantly lower five-year survival rates of 12.5%, 23.7%, 37.7%, and 20.2%, respectively.

This glaring inequity underscores the urgency of our mission and powerfully illustrates how funding can profoundly impact outcomes and survival rates for patients. With your support, we can rectify this situation and fervently work towards improving survival outcomes for those affected by these malignancies. Your generosity holds the potential to change lives and make a lasting difference in our fight against these devastating diseases.

### *hope for the holidays*

*This holiday season, we invite you to be a beacon of hope for those battling these formidable cancers. Your support can help us bridge the gap in research funding and, ultimately, help us to transform outcomes for patients and their families.*

*Please consider making a donation, no matter how large or small. Your contribution will make a profound difference and bring us closer to a world where these cancers no longer hold the power to steal time with loved ones and hope.*

*By standing together as a community, we can reduce the disparity in resources and create a brighter future for all those affected by pancreatic, gastro-intestinal, and rare cancers. Your generosity can bring comfort to those who are suffering and provide the assurance that they are not alone in their fight.*

Together, we can rewrite the story of these devastating diseases and bring hope, healing, and happiness to those in need.

Wishing you a joyful and meaningful holiday season,



*To gift hope this holiday season, kindly scan the QR code or make a donation via direct deposit using the provided personalized banking information*

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