Together, we can make strides to improve the lives of those affected by lung cancer.

We celebrated our 10th anniversary as a 501c3 with a year full of research, support, and hope for our patients and families. Here’s to many more.

“Patients are living much, much longer than we ever expected without side effects.”

– Dr. Chad Pecot

Click here to discover more about what we do.
$770,854
Funds secured in the 2017 fiscal year

17% fundraising
9% management/general
74% programs

(From our 2017 Audited Financials)
The goal of the Lung Cancer Initiative of North Carolina (LCI) research program is to further the development of local lung cancer care and research programs across the state of North Carolina.

Since 2008, we have funded over $1.6 million in lung cancer research.

6 researchers receiving funding in 2017.

“For the first time in my career as an oncologist, somebody has entrusted me to carry out my own ideas to advance our knowledge of lung cancer.

It is a humbling experience. I feel indebted to the organization for its support of me and the opportunities it has made available to young researchers.”

– Mike Soike, MD, Wake Forest Baptist Health, 2018 LCI Fellow
“I was beside myself, truly, when I arrived at the Raleigh LUNGevity Forward 5K and saw all of the survivors and teams at the event. I felt a true sense that hope springs eternal, even for lung cancer patients.”

– Shirley Sulick, Survivor

Through our events, we work to increase awareness and let everyone affected by lung cancer know that there is hope.

2,542 individuals participated in LCI events from October 2017 to September 2018, including three 5Ks, two golf tournaments, and one gala.
One of our largest fundraising events is the LUNGe Forward 5K. The races are held in Greensboro, Charlotte, and Raleigh. Here are the top three fundraising teams at each event:

**Greensboro LUNGe Forward 5K**
1. Parks Automotive
2. Transplace Team Alicia Riddle
3. Victory 4 Vicky

**Charlotte LUNGe Forward 5K**
1. Team Castevens
2. Team Dent
3. Don’t Stop Believing TeamKK

**Raleigh LUNGe Forward 5K**
1. Poster Child
2. Heeling It for Lung Cancer with the Tarheels
3. The Duke Raleigh Lung Rangers
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

This golf tournament raises awareness for both the causes and the individuals we represent. As a beneficiary of the annual UnitedHealth Group Charity Golf Tournament, LCI received $304,630.

We are honored to have been nominated in memory of Vicky Amidon of Pleasant Garden, NC, who passed away from lung cancer in May 2016.

“We know that this money will allow Lung Cancer Initiative to provide support, education, and hope to countless people who are fighting lung cancer today.”

— James Amidon, Vicky’s husband
EXPERT SPEAKER SERIES
Through partnerships with North Carolina’s leading cancer centers, the Expert Speaker Series allows patients and their families to hear from experts on topics related to lung cancer and research.

Past topics include:
- multidisciplinary care
- clinical trials
- survivorship

EXPERT SPEAKER SERIES LOCATIONS

152 individuals participated in our Expert Speaker Series over the past 12 months.

PHYSICIAN EDUCATION
We provide educational opportunities for healthcare professionals throughout North Carolina in order to improve diagnosis, referral, and treatment.

60 providers were educated through our Physician Education program over the past 12 months.
MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION
LCI distributes free print and online materials to patients and physician offices.

Materials provide vital information to help patients and their families to:

- better understand the diagnosis of lung cancer
- receive the best care available on their lung cancer journey
- find help and additional resources
PATIENT ACCESS TO CARE GAS CARD

The gas card program provides assistance to lung cancer patients while they seek treatment, including clinical trials. The goal of the program is to lessen the financial burden for patients to receive appropriate lung cancer treatment by providing gas cards.

To date, we have given out almost 1,700 gas cards to patients across the state. This year, we were able to give out 444 gas cards.

309,066 total miles have been travelled with 444 gas cards given out from October 2017 to September 2018.
ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM

LCI Access Grants assist institutions with improving access to lung cancer screening, treatment, clinical trials, molecular testing or precision medicine for uninsured or underinsured individuals.

3 access grants were offered this year.

“Even though lung cancer is what brought us together, I feel that we were all able to ‘forget’ we had cancer for one beautiful and amazing weekend. We just focused on enjoying nature, our inner spirit and each other. Just amazing!”

– Wind River Lung Cancer Retreat Alum
2017-2018 ACCESS GRANT RECIPIENTS

Wind River Retreats
Purpose: To teach survivors a variety of ways to deal with the emotional stress of cancer and to improve their quality of life. Their goal was for participants to leave the programs revitalized, empowered, and equipped with an enhanced support system. Read more about Wind River Retreats here.

Duke Cancer Institute
Purpose: To integrate community outreach, screening, and diversity in research and clinical trials under one institution. The Duke Cancer Institute works with established partners to increase screening in local clinics and to educate communities.

Atrium Health
Purpose: To increase access to low dose CT scans for lung cancer screening and to demonstrate the ability to reproduce the National Lung Cancer Screening Trial results in the community-based setting.
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Healthcare providers can be powerful advocates for their patients. We are grateful to have strong relationships with doctors across the state, including Dr. Chad Pecot at UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

“I was very comfortable with Dr. Pecot when I first met him because of the plan he laid out for me. A good relationship with your oncologist is paramount.”

~ Kim, Survivor
CAREGIVERS

Our patient caregivers are also critical to improving the lives of those affected by lung cancer.

Board member Jeremy Holden became a caregiver when his wife, Natalie, was diagnosed with lung cancer. Today, the two continue to advocate for education and awareness.

“When it comes to dealing with a cancer diagnosis, whether as the patient or as the caregiver, no one gives you a rule book.

What I’ve learned about being a caregiver is that you need to get rid of the stuff you hate and do more of what you love.

It really is as simple as that, and that, for us, is what it means to live life in every breath!”

– Jeremy Holden, Board Member and Caregiver
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VOLUNTEERS

We are already planning for 2018-2019. Support our programs by joining our amazing volunteer force. There are many ways to get involved with LCI and help spread the word about lung cancer.

- Administration
- Events
- Community Education & Awareness
- Fundraising
- Marketing

SUSAN MOORE

A special thank you to our 2018 Volunteer of the Year, Susan Moore

“When Susan visits the office, she always makes us smile. We are grateful for her willingness to share her expertise in grant writing and research.

She is a member of the Access Grant Committee and helped us research and write a community grant last year that we would have never had the time to do on our own.”

– Jenni Danai, Director of Programs
THE GIVING HOPE SOCIETY

In 2018, LCI launched the Giving Hope Society to recognize individuals and families who **annually give** $1,000 or more to fulfill our organization’s mission.

Continued support from our donors drives **awareness**, funds critical **research**, and provides **education** and access to **programs** across the state.

Society members may provide support at any of the following levels:

- **$1,000** partner
- **$2,500** sustainer
- **$5,000** president’s circle
- **$10,000** circle of hope

Learn more: [https://www.lungcancerinitiativenc.org/giving-hope-society](https://www.lungcancerinitiativenc.org/giving-hope-society)
Join us.

Together, there's always something we can do. Learn more or donate at LungCancerInitiativeNC.org.