



## Worldwide Information, Support, and Empathy

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<https://www.alkpositive.org>

March 15, 2018

Dear ALK Positive Community, Family & Friends,

The ALK Positive Research Fund was established by the ALK Positive Outreach team in 2017 in partnership with LUNGeivity Foundation<sup>1</sup>, with the purpose of raising funds to support high impact research that seeks to transform the future for patients affected by ALK-positive non-small cell lung cancer.

Fundraising started in August 2017. The initial challenge was to raise \$100,000 but the community quickly raised \$200,000, an amount which would enable us to fund one high quality research project. As of March 9, 2018 we have raised close to \$339,000! Based on this success, LUNGeivity has authorized us to issue up to 2 grants, although we still need a total of \$400,000 to fully fund two grants.

LUNGeivity Foundation, on behalf of the ALK Positive community, issued a Request For Applications (RFA), and received 14 responses from scientific researcher/applicants. These initial Letters of Interest (LOIs) provided a summary of the proposed research and objectives. There are several scientific reviewers, a first level review team comprised of five selected volunteer members of the ALK Positive community, and a second level review team comprised of five other members of the Outreach team. Each LOI was reviewed by two scientific reviewers, the entire first level review team and the entire second level review team. The applicants had impressive and relevant resumes that were outstanding in their field, and submitted exciting research projects.

Based on these reviews, seven applicants were selected and asked to proceed to the next stage and submit a Full Application. This will provide the reviewers with much more complete information on the proposed project. These applications will be reviewed by a similar process to that was used for the LOIs, in addition to a budgetary and statistical validity review. The final grants should be decided in May 2018, and we will continue to keep the community updated on the progress.

None of this is would be possible without the hard work of many of you in raising money for the

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<sup>1</sup> All donations to LUNGeivity Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law. LUNGeivity Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

ALK Research Fund, and we still need donations to fully fund this round of grants. Please note that donations have been, and will continue to be, accepted from anywhere in the world, and no donation is too large or too small. Successful research benefits ALK-positive lung cancer patients no matter where in the world they live!

The ALK Positive Outreach Management team is extremely proud of what has been accomplished so far with the ALK Positive Research Fund. We want to thank the ALK Positive members for your past and future donations.

Anyone can donate to the ALK Positive Research fund by going here:

<https://lungevity.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=745>

You can all be proud of YOUR ALK Positive community and Research Fund.

Sincerely,

Laura Greco	Mandie Hiznay	Shelley Engfer-Triebebach	Bill Westlake
Merita Carroll	Gina Hollenbeck	Michael McCarty	Renee Westlake
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