

SWIM

ACROSS AMERICA

★ MAKING WAVES TO FIGHT CANCER ★



SWIM ACROSS AMERICA IS A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT WHICH RAISES FUNDS THROUGH OPEN WATER SWIMS, CLINICS AND EVENTS FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND CLINICAL TRIALS. THE FUNDS STAY IN THE CITIES IN WHICH THEY ARE RAISED.

SINCE 1987, SWIM ACROSS AMERICA HAS RAISED OVER \$100 MILLION THROUGH 23 OPEN WATER SWIMMING AND OVER 100 POOL SWIM FUNDRAISING EVENTS.

SAA-BALTIMORE IS CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF MAKING WAVES TO FIGHT CANCER AND HAS RAISED OVER \$6,900,000 SINCE 2010!

SAA-BALTIMORE 2024 GRANTEES

- ★ Dr. Josephine Feliciano's study aims to understand the physical, emotional, and financial needs of esophageal cancer survivors to develop more effective interventions for supporting them. This is crucial given the unique challenges they face related to altered eating habits, psychological impact, and long-term medical sequelae, which are currently not well-documented or addressed.
- ★ Dr. Spangler's project aims to merge immune checkpoint inhibitors and antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) to create new multispecific antibody-based ADCs for cancer treatment, addressing limitations in current therapies. Through animal studies and collaboration with Swim Across America, the project seeks to advance these innovative immunotherapies, potentially impacting a broad range of cancer targets.
- ★ Dr. Hoffman-Censits' project focuses on understanding and utilizing the potential of Enfortumab Vedotin (EV) and enfortumab + pembrolizumab (EV+P) as effective treatments for advanced Urothelial Cancers, particularly in exploring the correlation between enfortumab-related cutaneous events (EVCEs) and tumor response, with the aim of identifying clinical biomarkers, mitigating toxicity, and guiding treatment strategies for improved patient outcomes. This research is crucial for advancing knowledge and therapies in a relatively under-researched area of cancer, ultimately benefiting patients with limited treatment options.

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THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS RECEIVED FUNDING IN PREVIOUS YEARS AND ARE CONTINUING THEIR STUDIES THROUGH THIS YEAR.

- ★ Dr. Smith, a 2019 SAA grantee, developed the MANAFEST laboratory test to identify cancer-specific proteins for T cell recognition. Her new SAA grant aims to enhance MANAFEST for quicker tumor-reactive TCR discovery, particularly focusing on lung cancer, with potential broad applicability across tumor types, aiming to expedite TCR-based therapeutic development.
- ★ Dr. Douville specializes in cancer detection algorithms, including RealSeqS for identifying chromosome alterations indicative of cancer. His Swim Across America project focuses on using RealSeqS to develop reliable molecular diagnostics for classifying bile duct strictures in cholangiocarcinoma and pancreatic ductal carcinoma patients, addressing a critical need in these aggressive cancers diagnosed via endoscopic brushings.
- ★ In a report of a proof-of-principle study of patients with colon and other cancers for whom standard therapies failed, Dr. Le and colleagues found that mistakes in so-called mismatch repair genes, first identified by Johns Hopkins and other scientists two decades ago, may accurately predict who will respond to certain immunotherapy drugs known as PD-1 inhibitors. Results of the trial with pembrolizumab, marketed as Keytruda, was published by the New England Journal of Medicine on June 25, 2015. On May 23, 2017, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted accelerated approval to a treatment for patients whose cancers have a specific genetic feature (biomarker). This was the first time the agency has approved a cancer treatment based on a common biomarker rather than the location in the body where the tumor originated. This achievement was named as a Scientific Breakthrough of the Year in 2017.

OUR IMPACT★

HOPE

- ★ 60+ research grants and programs funded each year.
- ★ Ten hospitals have named their research labs in recognition of Swim Across America's commitment to funding research.

COMMUNITY

- ★ Funds raised local, stay local.
- ★ 10,000 volunteers each year creating purpose and impact.
- ★ Olympians devote their time and goodwill.

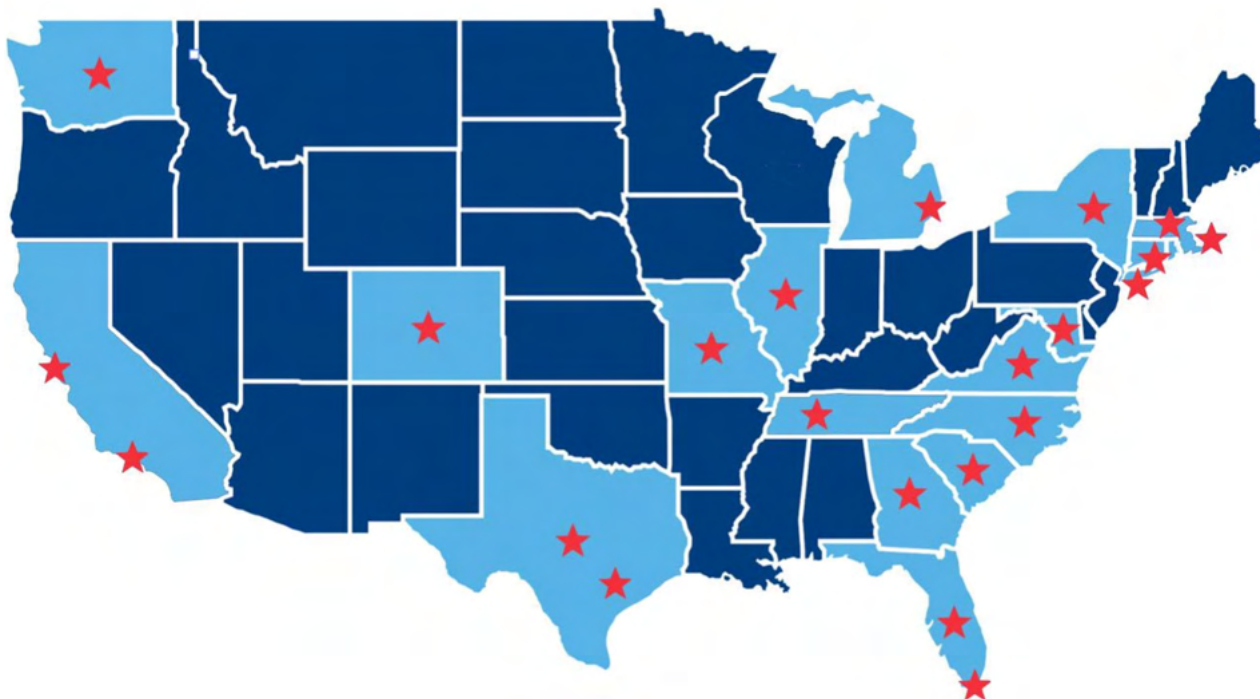
TIME

- ★ Immunotherapy, gene therapy and personalized medicine have become treatment options.
- ★ We fund detection programs to help prevent cancer.
- ★ Survivors and their families share testimonials that new treatments funded by Swim Across America have given them the gift of time.



WHERE WE MAKE AN IMPACT


SAA HOSTS 24 COMMUNITY SWIMS



Swim Across America hosts benefit swims that fund cancer research and clinical trials. The swims include different distances for all levels of swimmers. SAA events are fun family friendly events, including land activities, keynote speakers, which may include our beneficiary doctors as well as Olympians, and SAA pageantry.



SAA-BALTIMORE

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| Date | September 15, 2024 |
| Location | High Tide Farm, Pasadena, MD |
| Beneficiary |  <p>JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICINE THE SIDNEY KIMMEL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER</p> |
| Swim Distances | <p>1 Mile and 3 Mile. Our charity swim is inclusive. Participants may wear wetsuits, fins, buoys; whatever makes them feel comfortable.</p> <p>Anyone can join! SAA My Way is a virtual option for any participant to take part in SAA-Baltimore.</p> |
| Past Celebrity Guests Include: | Olympians Janel Jorgensen McArdle, Craig Beardsley, Eric Wunderlich have all supported SAA-Baltimore. |

SAA-BALTIMORE ACHIEVEMENTS

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| Funds Raised | Established in 2010, SAA - Baltimore has raised over \$5 million to support our beneficiary: the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. 2024 is our 15th year Making Waves to Fight Cancer! |
| Number of Participants | 400+ swimmers, volunteers, and supporters |
| Hospital Lab Tour | Open to partners and guests |
| Research Milestone | Funds from SAA-Baltimore charity swims provided early-stage grants to a clinical trial that led to the FDA approval of Keytruda. |



NATIONAL CORPORATE PARTNERS



SAA CREDENTIALS



SAA has earned Guidestar Platinum status, the highest level of recognition of transparency for non-profits and we are four (4) star rated by Charity Navigator, their highest possible rating.

LOCAL BALTIMORE PARTNERS:

EVENT PARTNERS



SAA - BALTIMORE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GOLD DONOR - \$25,000

Registration & Hospitality, Team of 12
Event Signage

Logo on Shirts, Website, and Collateral Material

Social Media Recognition

Event Day Recognition

Beneficiary Tour at Johns Hopkins

Event Signage

Logo on Shirts, Website,
and Collateral Material

Social Media Recognition

Event Day Recognition

Registration & Hospitality, Team of 4

SILVER DONOR - \$10,000

Event Signage

Logo on Shirts

Social Media Recognition

Event Day Recognition

Registration & Hospitality, Team of 2

BRONZE DONOR - \$5,000

IN-KIND SUPPORT

Recognized at sponsor level equivalent to the estimated dollar amount of the goods or services provided.



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