

SAA-BOSTON IMPACT REPORT



SWIM ACROSS AMERICA
2024 GRANT
\$375,000

OUR LOCAL BENEFICIARIES



Mass General Brigham
Mass General Cancer Center

SAA-BOSTON HAS
RAISED OVER
\$7.8 MILLION
TO FIGHT CANCER
SINCE 1996

RESEARCH EMPHASIS



BRAIN
CANCER



SURVIVORSHIP
PROGRAMS

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Dr. Bryan Choi, Mass General Cancer Center

Dr. Choi's research team created dual antigen-targeting tandem CAR T (TanCART) cells to target heterogeneous solid tumors. The team's research shows that this type of therapy can also be manipulated to treat solid tumors like ependymoma.

In March 2024, The New England Journal of Medicine published a paper on Dr. Choi's research that showed "dramatic and rapid" regression of glioblastoma in three patients who received groundbreaking CAR-T therapy.

Dr. Lisa Kenney, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Childhood cancer survivors may have complex medical needs for the rest of their lives. Dr. Kenney's research focuses on supporting these survivors as they transition out of pediatric care and need learn to navigate the adult healthcare system. Using Project REACH, a study of Dana-Farber treated childhood cancer patients and their parents, she found many young adults experience problems making this transition. Even when transitions are successful, parents remain highly engaged in their adult child's care but >75% report they lack information they need to support their young adult survivor.

This research was presented to the American Society of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology in 2024. Dr. Kenney is now developing a family centered intervention to address medical needs of these survivors and their challenges in transition to adult care.



1996
INAUGURAL YEAR



150+
ANNUAL
PARTICIPANTS



30+
ANNUAL
TEAMS



THOUSANDS
OF GENEROUS
DONATIONS



DOZENS
OF OLYMPIAN
GUESTS



COUNTLESS
LIVES SAVED THANKS TO
SWIM ACROSS AMERICA