About JDRF

JDRF is the leading global nonprofit funding type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Our strength lies in our exclusive focus on the worldwide effort to end T1D and the power of our volunteers. Founded in 1970 by parents determined to find a cure for their children with T1D, JDRF has expanded to become the largest charitable supporter of T1D research in the world. Our community — of more than 60 U.S. chapters, 5 international affiliates and 1 million volunteers — is dedicated to creating a world without T1D.

Our Mission

Our mission is to improve lives today and tomorrow by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent and treat T1D and its complications.

Our Funding

Millions of JDRF supporters from all over the world enable the advances that are helping everyone with T1D live healthier lives while driving research to cure the disease. Every donation is fully maximized. Last year, for every $1 JDRF invested in research, we were able to attract nearly $2.50 more from governments, other organizations and industry partnerships, resulting in $414.5 million being invested in T1D research.

Our Research Goals

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You are JDRF. You’re on a mission. You never give up. Join the movement to end type 1 diabetes. To find out more, visit jdrf.org.
Our Approach

Funding Groundbreaking Research
In our quest to find cures for T1D and improve the lives of those living with the disease, JDRF has transformed the scientific understanding of T1D. JDRF has driven nearly every major advance — drug, device, cell therapy — made in T1D in the last 50 years. We coordinate clinical trials to ensure new therapies are thoroughly and quickly evaluated, and work to ensure that people living with T1D can take advantage of every innovation.

Research by the Numbers
- More than 500 active research grants funded around the globe today
- Over $2.2 billion committed in research grants since our founding in 1970
- 70+ JDRF-funded clinical trials currently under way

Advocating for Change
We work with Congress, the Food and Drug Administration, other federal agencies, pharmaceutical and device manufacturers, insurance companies and organizations to secure critical funding, drive innovation forward and advocate for coverage, affordability and choice. Our work is strengthened and bolstered by a robust grassroots volunteer network and hundreds of thousands of advocates who support and amplify our calls to action.

Advocacy by the Numbers
- Nearly $2.8 billion secured in federal funding through the Special Diabetes Program since it began — through JDRF advocacy — 20 years ago
- More than 500 meetings conducted with Members of Congress and their staff each year
- All 25 of the U.S.’s largest private health insurers provide coverage for an artificial pancreas system for people with T1D — thanks to JDRF advocacy

Providing Resources for the T1D Community
From the day of diagnosis to daily life decades later, JDRF supports and connects people in the T1D community to help them live better lives. Whether you’re interested in joining a vibrant online T1D community or local chapter, are seeking to enter a clinical trial, in need of advice from someone who’s been there or looking for educational tools to help you or your loved one manage the disease — JDRF is ready to help.

Resources by the Numbers
- 20,000+ tool kits were delivered to newly diagnosed families last year to help them navigate life with T1D
- More than 30,000 people have joined TypeOneNation, JDRF’s vibrant social network for the T1D community
- More than 1 million families joined JDRF at Walks, Rides, runs and events to fundraise for T1D research this year

Every gift takes us one step closer to curing T1D. Find out how you can support JDRF and make a difference in the lives of people with T1D by visiting jdrf.org/donate.