

Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund

Making a
Measurable and Meaningful
Difference in 2015-2016
CFC #11967



*Designated as one of America's Best Charities by Independent Charities of America,
98 cents of every dollar will pay for programs, much higher than most charities!*

What We Do

- ▶ We protect 60 million families from dangerous environmental chemicals that can cause cancer and birth defects.
- ▶ We provide free help to thousands of patients and their families through our health hotline, websites, and personalized assistance.
- ▶ We successfully fight big oil companies, resulting in removal of cancer-causing BPA and phthalates from children's toys, water bottles, baby bottles, canned food, and medical devices.
- ▶ We represent your need for effective and affordable medical treatments by testifying before the FDA, Congress, and state and city governments, and by helping pass a law to protect you and your loved ones from unsafe medications.
- ▶ We are featured in the *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, and on *Fox News*, *NBC*, *NPR*, *CNN*, *ABC*, and *CBS* on medical breakthroughs and prevention strategies that can save lives. This helps us inform millions of adults without paying for expensive advertisements.
- ▶ We're here for you. We're here in person. We're here through our website and email. And we're just a phone call away. We have experts to answer your questions and help you. Contact us at info@center4research.org.

How We Help

"My wife died from a medical device that spread cancer through her body. Her doctor didn't tell her that there were safer alternatives available. Is there anything I can do to influence the FDA or Congress to take this harmful product off the market?"

"My husband was diagnosed with a rare cancer. The doctor told us that with treatment he would live a long and healthy life. Instead, he got sicker and sicker and soon the doctor told us that there was nothing more he could do. That's when we found out that there was an expert on that cancer in a nearby city, but that my husband's oncologist had not sought his advice. I am devastated, realizing my husband didn't need to die. How can we prevent this from happening to any other families?"

"My grandmother has just been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. She never smoked – how did this happen? What is the best treatment for her?"

These are the kinds of heartbreaking requests we get through our hotline. We assist each person individually, helping them to choose the best treatment, to help other families, or to notify opinion leaders and the media about harmful medical products.

Well-known self-help author Harriet Lerner said it best:

"The Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund was like a life preserver that I could grab on to. when I was diagnosed with cancer. It's a charity that wasn't selling me anything and that presented objective facts and up-to-date research without pressuring me to do one thing or another. The written materials were easy to read and understand—and free!

"I also had the chance to talk to a great person on the phone (also free) who didn't overload the circuits by giving me too much information. She was obviously up on the latest research findings, and I learned new facts that were pivotal in my decision making.

*"Thanks to your **Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund**, I'm doing great! I'm so grateful."*

We can't be bought.

We accept NO funding from drug companies or other sources that could influence our work or compromise our integrity.

Gifts can be made easily online, in the mail, or give us a call and we can assist you over the phone.

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Help us make a measurable difference!

Your donation makes a difference by ensuring that we're here for you and your loved ones. Donations pay for essential services, not huge CEO salaries.



Supports our cancer hotline for at least 3 hours

\$60



Provides free booklets and patient materials to 100 patients

\$250



Helps prevent and treat cancer by educating health professionals and reducing toxic chemicals in your home and community

\$1,000



Supports internships or fellowships in your name or the name of a loved one to train tomorrow's cancer experts

\$2,500

We have a small, dedicated staff and our budget is far below many charities. How is it possible to accomplish so much?

- **We provide free help to millions of patients and consumers.** Our assistance is always free to everyone, on our very popular website (www.stopcancerfund.org) or by providing personal responses to people contacting us on our online cancer hotline (info@stopcancerfund.org).
- **We train thousands of health professionals** through Continuing Medical Education (CME) courses. Most CME courses are paid for by companies who have a product or procedure they want to sell. We don't accept money from companies making medical products—that's why our courses are such an important source of objective information for doctors and nurses.
- **We educate opinion leaders and legislators** and their staff on complicated medical issues. We work with nationally respected researchers to translate their research findings into patient booklets, medical journal articles, and other materials to improve medical care for everyone in the U.S. We fight for affordable cancer treatments! And our internships and fellowships train tomorrow's leaders.
- **We leverage our power** and give voice to the concerns of patients and consumers. We testify and provide expert advice to the FDA, EPA, CDC, the U.S. Congress, and state and city governments. We are a leader in the Patient, Consumer, and Public Health Coalition, which represents the voices of more than 7 million people in urging the FDA to improve the safety and effectiveness of medical products.
- **We're in the news**, interviewed on all major TV and radio news programs, reaching opinion leaders and Americans in all walks of life. Reporters contact us regularly with questions about new treatments and confusing controversies. This helps us reach millions of Americans, so they can keep their loved ones healthy.

A few of our goals :

- ◆ **Prevent pharmaceutical companies from charging outrageous prices to U.S. patients!**
- ◆ **Reduce medically unnecessary surgeries for breast cancer and prostate cancer.** Most mastectomies in the U.S. are not medically necessary (lumpectomy saves more lives!), and many men over 75 with prostate cancer do not need surgery for tiny, slow-growing cancers. We help patients and their doctors make well-informed decisions about their options.
- ◆ **Improve the health of millions of cancer patients** by requiring that all high-risk medical devices are carefully and scientifically studied in patients before they are widely used by patients. That's not true today.
- ◆ **Ensure that medications taken by people over 55 are tested on people over 55.** Most are tested on younger patients, who metabolize drugs differently. Studying patients over 55 will improve treatments for millions of Americans.
- ◆ **Help 260 million Americans reduce their exposure to BPA when they drink canned soda or eat foods made with canned ingredients.** Thanks to our efforts, BPA has been removed from baby bottles and infant formula. It needs to also be removed from all canned foods and beverages, where it can weaken the effectiveness of some chemotherapy treatments.

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