



2019

YEAR
END
REPORT

Nebraska Coalition
FOR LIFESAVING CURES

THANK YOU.

Another year is behind us and, because of you, the Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures has been able to protect and advocate for vital biomedical research in Nebraska for 19 years! We have also continued to provide valuable educational programs and support to students, faculty and the general public. We are honored to be able to do so with your help.

We wish we could say that many miraculous cures were now available in the clinic because of the works that we support and defend but biomedical research advances are slow. What has happened is the continued development of therapies that address some of the most difficult diseases and medical conditions such as diabetes, spinal injury, macular degeneration and Parkinson's disease. Indeed, each of these areas has shown significant progress in the past year with the remarkable absence of significant adverse events. They are now entering the later stages of clinical trials.

This year has also shown a continued expansion of stem cell clinics in Omaha, Lincoln and Kearney, examples of "educational seminars" with a timeshare-like sales pitch. There was some education but it was far from unbiased and often very speculative. The Coalition wants the public to be aware that these widely offered treatments are **NOT SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE.**

We all hope to find the cures to relieve debilitating and fatal diseases, and through responsible clinical research, and your continued support, I believe we will.

Please return the attached card with your gift today or give at nebraskacures.com and help us continue our mission to promote, support and advocate research leading to lifesaving cures in Nebraska.

Sincerely,



David Crouse, Ph.D.

President, Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures

WHY IS THE COALITION NEEDED?

The Coalition has thrived during the last two decades, fighting back repeated attempts to change both state law and University of Nebraska policy to restrict biomedical research. Our success is unique. While other states without similar organizations passed restrictive legislation, we held strong. NCLC gives voice to the majority of Nebraskans who believe our best and brightest scientists should be free to follow where the science leads and not be constrained by politics.

HOW WILL YOUR GIFT IMPACT THE FUTURE?

The Coalition isn't actually doing the research to discover cures that will save lives, but perhaps the 8th grade scientists we support through statewide science meets will, or the young undergraduate students from colleges and universities across the state who are Holland Future Scientist scholarship award winners will. Perhaps the physicians and researchers, Dr. David Mercer or Rebecca Oberly-Deegan, Ph.D. or Justin Mott, M.D., Ph.D. or Jingwei Xie, Ph.D., all of whom have received the Chancellor Emeritus Harold M. Maurer. M.D and Beverly Maurer Scientific Achievement Award, will continue to find cures and save lives. Most importantly, when the next scientist doing federally approved research is targeted by politicians, we will be there standing up for science.

We depend on our supporters throughout Nebraska to lend us credibility. We depend on scientists, researchers and supporters across the nation who are conducting human clinical trials, extending and enhancing the quality of life for those individuals suffering from debilitating diseases and sharing their voices and resources to support research.



Join us as we continue our tradition of being a strong, clear voice supporting and defending science in Nebraska.

- Champion scientists, physicians, researchers and educators, supporting them, encouraging them and protecting the work they do to benefit all of mankind.

AMERICANS LIVING WITH
MACULAR DEGENERATION

11,000,000¹

- Educate policymakers on the importance of a positive research climate and the negative effects of restrictive legislation.

- Support educational activities across the state including science meets, The Nebraska Science Festival and monthly science cafes.

DIAGNOSED CASES OF SPINAL CORD
INJURIES IN THE UNITED STATES

363,000²

¹ Rein, D. B., Wittenborn, J. S., Zhang, X., Honeycutt, A. A., Lesesne, S. B., Saaddine, J., & Vision Health Cost-Effectiveness Study Group. (2009). Forecasting age-related macular degeneration through the year 2050: The potential impact of new treatments. *JAMA Ophthalmology*, 127(4), 533-540. doi:10.1001/archophthalmol.2009.58

² Spinal cord injury facts & statistics [Fact sheet]. [n.d.]. Retrieved from <https://www.sci-info-pages.com/spinal-cord-injury-facts-and-statistics/>

With your partnership and support we will continue our mission and vision to support lifesaving cures.



1 Rik Bonness with 2019 Tribute Luncheon Honorees Carol and Rick Russell **2** Poster presentation winners of the Richard Holland Future Scientist award **3** Andy Holland and Dr. Nora Sarvetnick with Mauer Scientific Achievement Award winner Dr. Jingwei Xie **4** Dr. Crouse with Beth E. Roxland, J.D., M. Bioethetics, speaking at NE SciFest's Science Cafe **5** Dr. Crouse with Beth E. Roxland, J.D., M. Bioethetics, speaking at NE SciFest's Science Cafe **6** Dr. Crouse presenting the annual Lifesaver Award to honorees Carol and Rick Russell **7** Oral presentation winners of the Richard Holland Future Scientist award

2018 REVENUE



2018 EXPENSES



I want to help support the Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures and its mission.

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*The Nebraska Coalition for
Lifesaving Cures promotes,
supports and advocates research
to advance our quality of life
and our economy.*

VISION STATEMENT

*Leading society to understand
and embrace the importance
of scientific research.*

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