



Run for the Stripes 2021 Annual Report

Mission

Run for The Stripes is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes. The 5K run / 1-mile family walk is held on an annual basis on the Saturday nearest November 10, National Neuroendocrine Tumor Awareness Day.

The mission of Run for the Stripes, Inc. (RFTS) remains centered around three principles:

1. Increase awareness of Neuroendocrine Tumor (NET)
2. Raise funds dedicated to research for new treatments for Neuroendocrine Tumor
3. Build a supportive community for NET patients

2021 Run for the Stripes Event

The event is traditionally held annually at the Philadelphia Zoo, in close proximity to the University of Pennsylvania Abramson Cancer Center, in an effort to maximize participants and to serve this community. All donations raised through the event are donated to Penn Medicine's Neuroendocrine Tumor Program.

We were back to our dual format for the 10th annual 2020 Run for the Stripes event on Saturday, November 6, 2021. The in person event was held at the Philadelphia Zoo while the virtual option provided the ability for participation from any location. The RFTS board, NET community and participants were all thrilled at the opportunity to be back at the Zoo in person for the event. We once again reaffirmed the importance of building our NET community and the personal connections made by attendees and volunteers.

We were thrilled to have 812 participants, 542 in person at the Zoo and 270 virtual participants. Our participation continues to be strong across with United States with representation from 30 states, as well as 2 participants in Greece!

Through the efforts of all participants, this amazing group of patients and supporters raised \$65,000, which was directly donated to the Penn Medicine Neuroendocrine Tumor Program. Our NET community continues to show up strong! Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this important program. The race continues to serve as a tangible way for family and friends of NET patients to show their support, living into the purpose intended by the race founders Jan Eisner and Andy Steinfeld when they started the event in 2012.



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Sponsors

We would like to thank our generous sponsors for once again continuing to support Run for the Stripes, even through a difficult year. They enabled flexibility when needed and continued to support our mission. Our sponsor support has once again made it possible for us to make a sizable donation to Penn Medicine's Neuroendocrine Tumor program, we appreciate you!



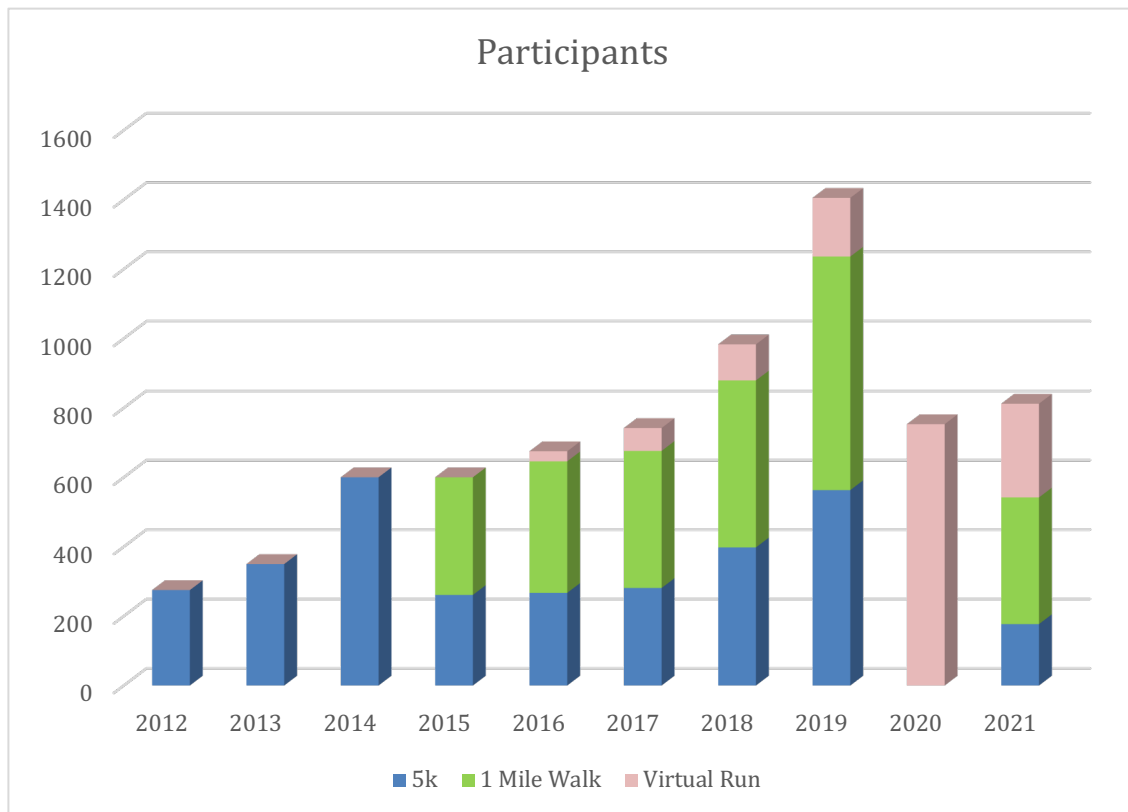


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Participation

The Run for the Stripes event started in 2012 with a 5k run option and 275 participants. Since that time, the run has grown with the addition of the 1 mile walk in 2015 and the virtual run option in 2016. The growth of the run is a testament to the participants who come out in record numbers each year to support a family member or friend with NET. The NET community continued to show up strong in support of their friends and family members, even as the global pandemic was still prevalent and impacting us all in different ways.

We are committed to the mission of the race and it's growth as we continue to rally support for the NET community.



*5k and 1 Mile Walk options were not available in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic

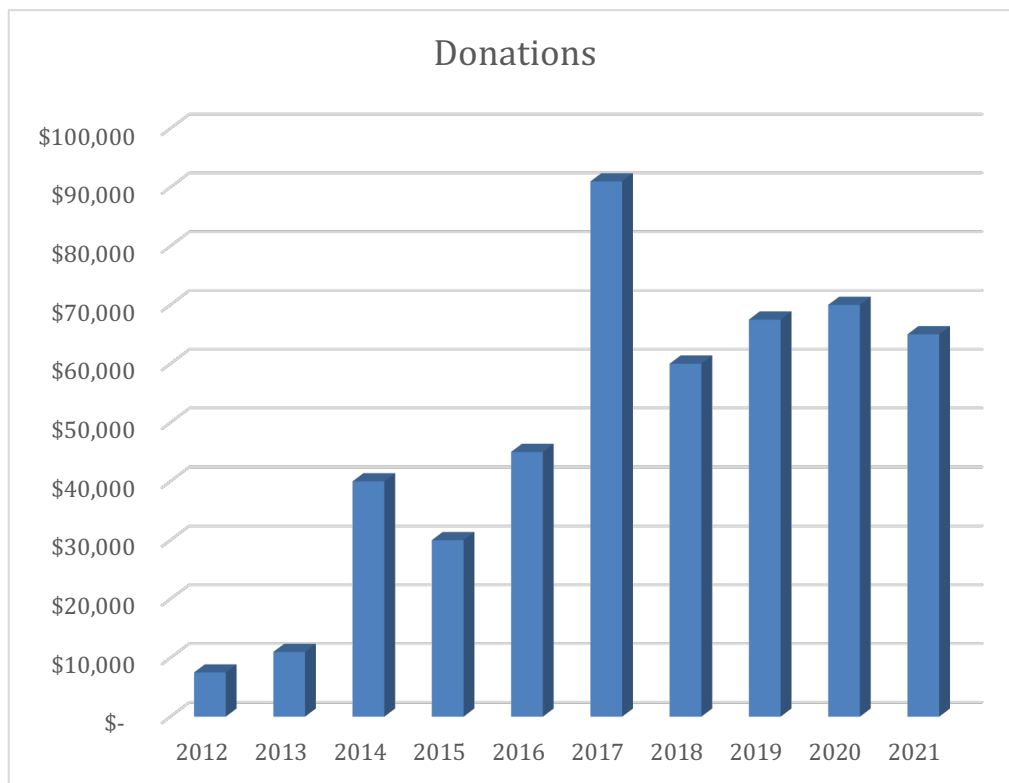


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Donations

Race donations continue to be strong, even in the face of a global pandemic. Donations continue in the same altitude the last several years, ranging between \$65,000-\$70,000 per year. Our goal is to maintain this level of donations moving forward and to grow where feasible.

Our core supporters continued to turn out, form teams, and raise money for this important cause. Monetary support for the NET community through this event has grown exponentially since in the inception of the race. We are extremely grateful for the support, which continues to advance the Penn Medicine Neuroendocrine Tumor program. Donations over the life of the race from 2012-2021 come to a total of \$487,000 – we are approaching a half million dollars donation over the lifetime of the event!



Donations along with additional revenue from the 2021 race enabled us to make a grant of \$65,000 to the Penn Medicine Neuroendocrine Tumor Program. These funds have been used in alignment with the Run for the Stripes principles.

Research Update

We are pleased to report the funding raised by Run for the Stripes has continued to support pivotal research with the academic collaborators in the Neuroendocrine Tumor Program at



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the University of Pennsylvania. These funds have been used toward furthering the work summarized below over the past year.

- **Dr. Terence Gade** continues his work on the development of an organoid system in neuroendocrine tumors. The development of this system will allow for an improved ability to conduct preclinical studies in neuroendocrine tumors where it is hoped that they may be used for more rapid research in this disease that ultimately may be moved into clinical studies for the treatment of patients.
- Continued expansion of the neuroendocrine tumor biobank. Investigators are collecting blood and tissue samples along with clinical treatment information from patients with neuroendocrine tumors to be used for further research studies. These tissue studies are often key to both learning more about this disease and also for bringing new science into the realm of patient treatment.
- Evaluation of PARP-1 in neuroendocrine tumors. PARP-1 is an enzyme involved in the repair of damaged DNA and some tumors take advantage of mutations in the associated gene to grow. PARP inhibitors are medications that take this tumor growth advantage away in some tumors but it is unknown if this is an effective therapy for neuroendocrine tumors. **Dr. Sean Carlin** is looking to measure how much PARP-1 is present in neuroendocrine tumors obtained from patients and if they are able to take up PARP inhibitor medications. It is hoped that this will determine if PARP inhibitor therapy may be a useful drug to pursue studying in the treatment of neuroendocrine tumors.
- Identifying drug targets in neuroendocrine tumors. It is known that some neuroendocrine tumors have abnormalities in signaling pathways that make them grow. A couple of these pathways involve altering how much or how little oxygen gets to the tumor and also how much of a blood supply is delivered to the tumor. Blocking these pathways can be effective in stunting tumor growth. **Dr. Maimon Hubbi** is looking to perform cellular studies where he hopes to identify new targets in the cell that may block both of these processes at the same time. It is hoped that this will be an effective treatment strategy that may be further studied in patients.

The RFTS board is encouraged by the research occurring in the neuroendocrine tumor field and appreciate the partnership we have developed with the scientific leaders leading the Neuroendocrine Tumor Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Conclusion

With her husband Jim's blessing, the Jan Eisner Spirit Award was created in 2018. This award will be given each year to a RFTS participant that embodies Jan's spirit - her "can do / never stop" attitude along with a giving heart. We were pleased to be able to grant this award for the 2021 event to Jacqueline Zarro. Jacq has supported the RFTS for many years, volunteering and advocating for NET patients like herself. We appreciate Jacq's dedication,



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generosity of spirit and collaborative nature and look forward to working with her in the future!

Run for the Stripes is powered through the time and efforts of volunteers, there are no paid staff members for the organization.

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