



History

Red Card Cancer began in the fall of 2009 on the campus of Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania. What started as a tribute to founder Paul Payne's long time friend and mentor, Joe Bochicchio, has grown into a 501(c)(3) organization with national reach and a growing impact on all levels of soccer in the United States. Since 2010, RCC has been closely affiliated with the internationally renowned Johns Hopkins' Sidney Kimmel Cancer Research Center. The Kimmel Cancer Center is at the forefront of conducting translational cancer research. Currently, 100% of the funds raised by Red Card Cancer help the cancer researchers and scientists at Johns Hopkins.

A Cure is Our Goal

Everyone has been touched by cancer, including many within the U.S. soccer community. As players, coaches, and administrators, we know the power and passion of the U.S. soccer community. Our mission is to tap into that passion and to direct it towards finding a cure for cancer. By engaging and working with all levels of the soccer community, Red Card Cancer seeks to become a vehicle for how the soccer community can fight cancer, together.

Red Card Cancer Dollars at Work

The development of new chemotherapy treatments is a costly process, potentially spanning a decade or more and costing close to a billion dollars for each drug produced. Thus, the funds raised by Red Card Cancer are directed towards discovering novel cancer treatment applications for existing drugs. Scientists test specific drugs to determine their effectiveness at halting, or even reversing, the growth of certain types of cancer. The results of these tests have been astounding – in one study, researchers discovered that the oral antifungal drug itraconazole, most commonly used to treat nail fungus, may curb prostate cancer growth. This example, one of many more, serves to illustrate the ingenuity that researchers at Johns Hopkins are employing to improve cancer treatment protocols without the significant time and money expenditures required to develop an entirely new pharmaceutical drug.

Partners

RCC has partnered with dozens of soccer clubs, high school and college teams, tournaments, and organizations to raise money and spread our mission. From Middlebury College men's soccer team in Vermont to Clemson Men's Soccer in South Carolina to Alta High School soccer team in Utah, from Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer to Champions International Camps, Red Card Cancer's grassroots model of growth has spread across the country simply through word of mouth and the efforts of Paul Payne. In 2016 and 2017, Red Card Cancer will bolster this growth with a targeted social media plan.

Our Board

Paul Payne: Founder, Former NSCAA President, current Head Coach at Bloomsburg University

Bill Nelson, M.D., Ph.D.: Former captain of Yale men's soccer, Marion I. Knott Professor and Director of the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins and.

Marcia McDermott: Former USWNT Player and professional coach, Former NSCAA President, current Head Coach at West Point, Army.

Michael Wagener: Grant Chairman at Soccer 94, Avid soccer player and organizer, led efforts to support dozens of soccer charities including America SCORES!, current Vice President of independent insurance agency

Drew Larsen, Esq.: Former captain of Holy Cross men's soccer and general counsel of WPS Washington Freedom, owner and attorney of independent law firm

GET INVOLVED! We tailor our partnerships to meet the goals of our partners.

Contact us at info@redcardcancer.org to start the conversation!