



IMPACT REPORT

SEAN D. BIGGS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

From an initial gift of \$30,000 in 2013 to total support of over \$330,000 through 2022, the Sean D. Biggs Foundation has made a significant impact on The University of Kansas Cancer Center. What started as initial support for colorectal cancer research and some genetics counseling services has evolved into an entire center dedicated to providing genetic services for underserved and minority individuals and families throughout the community. In addition, the Foundation pivoted in 2020 to provide additional funding to support COVID testing efforts at KUCC – a huge asset during a very difficult time in our history. In doing so, they helped ensure the ongoing safety of staff and patients alike. This ongoing support throughout the years has brought lasting impact on the University and created a mark that will live on in perpetuity.

The Center for Genetic Services and Health Equity provides genetic services for individuals and families who are at higher risk for inherited cancer syndromes and who otherwise do not have access to these services. Because of the Biggs Foundation, The KU Cancer Center can reach individuals who are at high risk, as well as those who experience inequalities in the healthcare system due to different social conditions or lack of resources. Of the population the Center reaches, 89% of the patients that have been screened have a family history of cancer, and 48% of the patients are uninsured individuals that may not otherwise receive the services that they need. This year alone, 132 patients have been screened and 7,546 have been reached through community educational events.

A testimony from one of the Center for Genetic Services patients:

"I heard about the genetic counseling service at a community event. I did the test to know my risk of hereditary cancer, and they told me that given my family history, I qualified for an appointment with the genetic counselor. I received a saliva kit at my home and Monica called me to give me an appointment for the results. The results were positive. The counselor explained everything I had to do, and the Community Health Worker told me about EDW to enroll for regular mammograms. I have no health insurance. I am very thankful for this service. It gave me peace of mind because I can do the tests to detect cancer early in case it develops. Now I know that just because I inherited the risk, the cancer gene does not mean I will get cancer".

47-year-old Latina, Kansas City, KS

"The University of Kansas Cancer Center is humbled to have worked alongside the Sean D. Biggs Foundation for 10 years to accomplish these amazing efforts. On behalf of our researchers, physicians, staff and patients, thank you for your generous philanthropic support."

Roy A. Jensen, MD, Vice Chancellor and Director, The University of Kansas Cancer Center