

### **Your Support Matters**

The PCD Foundation is a patient advocacy organization reliant on philanthropy to expand programs and support initiatives focused on finding a cure for primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD). When you support the PCD Foundation, you are helping to fund increased research, accelerated diagnosis, access to specialized care, and a healthier future for individuals with PCD.

Your partnership is essential to Clear the Way for patients, for research, for impact.

For more information or to support the PCD Foundation, contact Alexa Lingris at alingris@pcdfoundation.org or visit www.pcdfoundation.org.



## **Did You Know?**



Together we have made significant advances in discovery and care, and we are so proud of how far we've come! This progress would not have been possible without the incredible support of our PCD community. Read on for some of our shared accomplishments!

#### Advocacy and Awareness

PCD Awareness Month started as a one-day national walk for the PCD Foundation in the early 2000's and has now grown into an international awareness month - a dedicated time for PCD families, advocates and supporters to raise awareness and fund for PCD.

# Scientific Discovery

In 2002 there were two PCD genes identified. Twenty years later there are more than 50! Knowing genes and PCD-causing mutations can help with diagnosis and potentially help direct future treatments such as mRNA based therapies.

## Access to Specialized Care

The PCD Foundation Clinical and Research Centers Network was started to provide patients with access to specialized PCD diagnosis and care. The first site accreditation took place in 2015 with Rainbow Babies and UH Cleveland Medical Center. Today there are more than 40 expert PCD clinical and research centers across North America and growing!