

2009

# REPORT CARD

## DISCOVERIES

This year, our scientists were at the forefront of breakthrough discoveries that could pave the way for more effective cancer treatments.

### DAMON RUNYON SCIENTISTS:

- ▶ Identified new vulnerabilities of cancer cells that do not exist in healthy cells
- ▶ Discovered how healthy cells surrounding breast tumors prevent cancer cell metastasis
- ▶ Revealed novel insights into the processes that regulate our genome
- ▶ Devised a way to improve prostate cancer outcomes by predicting patient response to treatments
- ▶ Identified new genetic and proteomic (protein-related) links to cancer
- ▶ Discovered potential new drug targets
- ▶ Identified new potential biomarkers to predict cancer aggressiveness
- ▶ Developed a non-invasive test to measure response to treatment

## HONORS AND AWARDS

**Elaine V. Fuchs, PhD**, former Damon Runyon Fellow and current Board Member, was named by President Obama as one of nine recipients of the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest scientific honor.

**4 Damon Runyon alumni** were elected to the National Academy of Sciences, one of the most prestigious honors that can be accorded to an American scientist. Damon Runyon's total is now 58.

**5 Damon Runyon alumni** were selected to become Early Career Scientists of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. More than 10% of all current HHMI Investigators are former Damon Runyon Fellows.



# Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation

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## OUR MISSION

The **Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation** selects the most brilliant early career scientists and provides them with funding to pursue innovative cancer research. We support the rising stars of science, emerging leaders who have great potential to achieve breakthroughs in how we diagnose, treat and prevent cancer.

## RESEARCH PROGRAMS

- ▶ 118 scientists at 42 institutions in 17 states were funded through Damon Runyon Awards.
- ▶ \$8.7 million was paid to our scientists this year.
- ▶ Two additional years of funding were awarded to three Clinical Investigators whose works shows significant promise.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**DONATIONS:** \$10.2 million

**EXPENSES:** \$11.6 million

**PROGRAM:** 80%

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** 20%

**DRAW FROM INVESTMENTS:** 3%

**100% of all donations support scientific research.**

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