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## **CURED Foundation Donates \$100,000 For Eosinophilic Disorder Treatment and Research**

The Campaign Urging Research for Eosinophilic Disease (CURED), a not-for-profit foundation dedicated to those suffering from eosinophilic disorders, has recently donated \$100,000 to the Cincinnati Center for Eosinophilic Disorders (CCED), based at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

The donations were a part of National Eosinophil Awareness Week, which occurs annually during the third week of May and whose purpose is to create awareness and educate both the general public and medical community about eosinophil-associated diseases.

Eosinophilic disorders are characterized by high levels of immune cells called eosinophils in various parts of the body. These painful, inflammatory disorders render children unable to eat a wide variety of foods and often require that nutrition be obtained through amino acid-based elemental formulas rather than food. These conditions are rare, chronic, and require invasive procedures, such as endoscopy, for diagnosis and monitoring disease activity. Having an eosinophilic disorder is a daily struggle, one that can be especially difficult during celebrations and the holidays, when food is such a central focus of festivities.

CURED gives through supporting families, raising funds and awareness, and donating 100 percent of raised funds to research to find a cure for eosinophilic diseases. To date, CURED has donated more than \$4 million to research.

“CURED supports more than research,” says Marc Rothenberg, MD, PhD, Director of the CCED and Principal Investigator of the Consortium of Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disease Researchers (CEGIR). “CURED supports people and is a major driver in the eosinophilic community. They are our inspiration and give not only today but every day in their efforts to further awareness and research.”

The CCED was the first center in the nation to bring together experts in various disciplines to tackle the challenges of eosinophilic disorders. Its team members are international leaders in diagnosing, treating and researching these rare disorders. The CCED is considered the most comprehensive clinic for these disorders, seeing both children and adults. It also is a dedicated research center, conducting clinical studies and trials and collaborating on basic and translational research studies.

Funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the CEGIR is part of the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN) and is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders through innovative research, clinical expertise and education via collaborations between scientists, health care providers, patients, and professional organizations.

All of CURED's donation to the CCED will be used to support and further research of these rare conditions.

**Learn More About Our Research**

Cincinnati Center for Eosinophilic Disorders:

[www.cchmc.org/cced](http://www.cchmc.org/cced)

Cincinnati Center for Eosinophilic Disorders Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/CCEDeos](http://www.facebook.com/CCEDeos)

Consortium of Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disease Researchers:

<http://www.rarediseasesnetwork.org/cms/cegir/>

Rothenberg Lab:

[www.cincinnatichildrens.org/research/divisions/a/allergy-immunology/labs/rothenberg/default/](http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/research/divisions/a/allergy-immunology/labs/rothenberg/default/)

Rothenberg Lab Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/RothenbergEosinophilicLab](http://www.facebook.com/RothenbergEosinophilicLab)

Division of Allergy and Immunology Research:

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Cincinnati Children's, a non-profit organization, is one of the top three recipients of pediatric research grants from the National Institutes of Health, and a research and teaching affiliate of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. The medical center is internationally recognized for improving child health and transforming delivery of care through fully integrated, globally recognized research, education and innovation. Additional information can be found at [www.cincinnatichildrens.org](http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org). Connect on the [Cincinnati Children's blog](#), via [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#).