



# 2025

# Impact Report





# Dear Friends and Supporters,

At the Children's Diabetes Foundation (CDF), our work is guided by a bold vision: a world without type 1 diabetes. While that future is still ahead, we are making meaningful progress every day by investing in the people, programs, and innovations that improve lives now and accelerate discoveries for tomorrow.

At the heart of this work is our commitment to **world-class research**. The Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes (BDC) is staffed by some of the most accomplished researchers and clinicians in the world—leaders in their fields who are focused on curing type 1 diabetes (T1D) and delaying its onset. Through donor support, we are able to attract top talent, advance groundbreaking studies, and translate promising ideas into real-world impact.

Equally important are **innovative treatment options** that bring ease, precision, and confidence to daily diabetes management. Access to cutting-edge technology allows patients to manage their care more effectively, reduce complications, and live fuller, healthier lives.

We also know that type 1 diabetes affects far more than blood sugar levels. That is why we provide **comprehensive support services** that care for the whole person and their family. From mental health counseling and financial assistance to pregnancy care, vision care, and new-diagnosis programs, these services ensure that patients and families are supported at every stage of their journey.

Our **outreach programs** help connect patients and families to vital community resources while fostering a strong, compassionate network of peer support. By bringing people together, we reduce isolation and empower individuals to engage with a community that truly understands life with type 1 diabetes.

Finally, through **prevention and education programs**, we equip patients and families with the knowledge and tools they need to understand, manage, and live well with type 1 diabetes. Education is a powerful form of prevention—and a cornerstone of long-term health and independence.

None of this work is possible without you. Your generosity fuels discovery, strengthens care, and surrounds families with hope and support. As you read this Impact Report, I hope you feel proud of the role you play in advancing these pillars and shaping a healthier future for the type 1 diabetes community.

With deepest gratitude,

*Dana Davis*

Executive Director  
Children's Diabetes Foundation

*Thank  
you!*



**The Children's Diabetes Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Barbara Davis Center, focusing on patient support, diabetes research, and public awareness. The BDC provides the rare opportunity for a full spectrum of diabetes resources and services all under the same roof. At the BDC patients have access to:**

## **World-Class Research**

**The Barbara Davis Center is staffed by the top researchers in their field focusing on curing and delaying the onset of type 1 diabetes.**

## **Innovative Treatment Options**

**With access to cutting-edge technology to bring ease and precision to a patients treatment.**

## **Comprehensive Support Services**

**That include mental health care, financial assistance, pregnancy care, vision care, and new-diagnosis programs.**

## **Outreach Programs**

**To help connect patients and families to community resources and get them involved in a community of support.**

## **Prevention & Education Programs**

**To help patients and families understand how to live with and manage type 1 diabetes.**



# The Children's Diabetes Foundation

WHERE CARE AND COMMUNITY COME FIRST

703

Served through CDF  
& Guild Supported  
Programs in 2025

220

Volunteers Serving  
with CDF

113

Diabetes Detective Patches  
Earned Through the Girl Scouts



The **Children's Diabetes Foundation** operates a variety of different programs to support those living with type 1 diabetes based on various interests and needs.



413

Run for the Ring  
Participants

235

EPIC Diabetes  
Conference Attendees



# 70

Patients Honored at the Medal Ceremony to Celebrate Living 50 Years with T1D

*“When I was diagnosed, diabetes was something you hid. Today, I see people wearing their devices proudly, advocating for themselves, and building community. That shift inspires me and fills me with pride. Reaching 50 years with type 1 isn’t just about surviving—it’s about thriving and honoring how far we’ve come, together. I’m endlessly grateful for the people who’ve walked this path with me and inspired me to keep going, even on the hardest days.”*

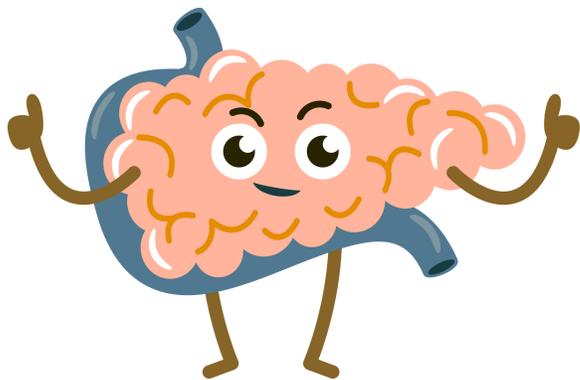
Dana Davis, 50 years with T1D

# 23,425

Number of Pink Panther Books Distributed in 2025

# 215

New Donors in 2025



# 558

Families Supported Through Helping Hand Program, a Guild Supported Program

**A family connected to our pediatric clinic experienced an unexpected financial hardship following a period of personal loss and depleted savings. During this time, challenges affected the family’s ability to maintain stable income, placing them at risk of housing instability. With the support of CDF, our clinical social work team at the BDC partnered with an anonymous charitable organization, Through this collaboration, short-term housing support was secured, helping the family remain safely housed during the holiday season.**

# The Children's Diabetes Foundation

THE FUNDRAISING ARM OF THE BDC

**\$1,173,913**



Granted to the Barbara Davis Center in 2025



The Children's Diabetes Foundation raises funds to support life-changing **care, education, research, and patient services** for individuals living with type 1 diabetes. In partnership with the Barbara Davis Center we care for patients no matter their ability to pay.

**\$49,776**

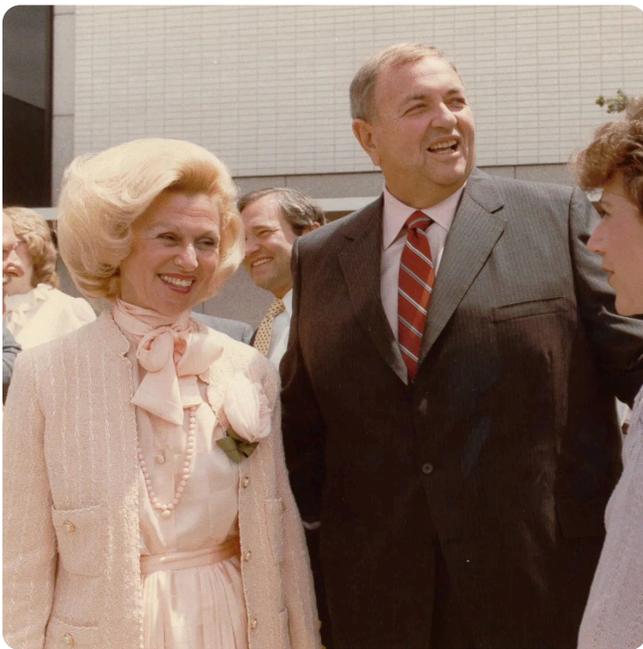
Raised Through Sponsored Fundraisers

**\$41,628**

Raised Through Next with Kyle Clark's "Word of Thanks" Microgiving Campaign for the Helping Hand Program

**25**

Recurring Donors Giving Monthly



**\$60,268**

**Raised by Jewels for Hope  
Operated by The Guild**



**\$174,773**

**Raised by The Guild of the Children's  
Diabetes Foundation**

**\$80K**

**in College Scholarships  
Distributed to students with  
T1D supported by The Guild**

**The Children's Diabetes Foundation was established by Barbara and Marvin Davis in 1977 in Denver as a non-profit organization dedicated solely to the support of diabetes research and to providing the best possible clinical and educational programs for people with the disease.**

**In 1979, The Guild of CDF was created. The Guild is the volunteer membership division of CDF and the BDC.**



# The Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes

## WHERE CARE MEETS RESEARCH FOR A CURE

# 8,000+

Patients Served

The BDC is one of only a few centers providing care and conducting research within the same facility



The Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes provides state-of-the-art care to children and adults with type 1 diabetes and teaches patients how to prevent or delay complications. Their research is devoted to finding a cure and developing the most effective treatments for type 1 diabetes

# 91.7%

of BDC Patients are Residents of Colorado

A type 1 diagnosis can come at any age no matter, your race, or socioeconomic background



# 65%

of New Type 1 Diabetes Diagnosis in the World are Adults

# 45%

of BDC Patients are Uninsured or Underinsured

*“The whole clinic is wonderful, but I especially appreciate my providers who are so personable and really listen to my concerns, asking questions regarding my care and catching me up on new technology for my diabetes management.”*

**Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which the body attacks insulin producing cells, requiring lifelong management.**

**35%** of BDC Patients are Living At or Below the Poverty Level

**7** is the Average Number of Newly Diagnosed Pediatric Patients Every Week at the BDC



**3,100**

Telehealth Visits Across the Center



**600**

T1D Mental Health Sessions at the BDC<sub>8</sub>



# The Pediatric Clinic

## AT THE BARBARA DAVIS CENTER



# 387

Newly Diagnosed Pediatric Patients in 2025

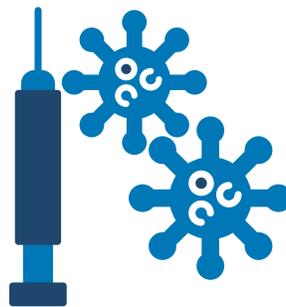
In 2025, we celebrated a leading collaboration between the Pediatric Diabetes Technology Team, (led by Dr. Greg Forlenza) the Diabetes Technology Center at the University of Virginia (led by Marc Breton, PhD), and University of California, San Francisco research teams to drive breakthroughs in automated insulin delivery.

# 4,304

Pediatric Clinic Patients Served in 2025



## LOOKING AHEAD



Expansion of our world class immunotherapy program (led by Dr. Kimber Simmons) to serve more patients with stage 2 and stage 3 type 1 diabetes

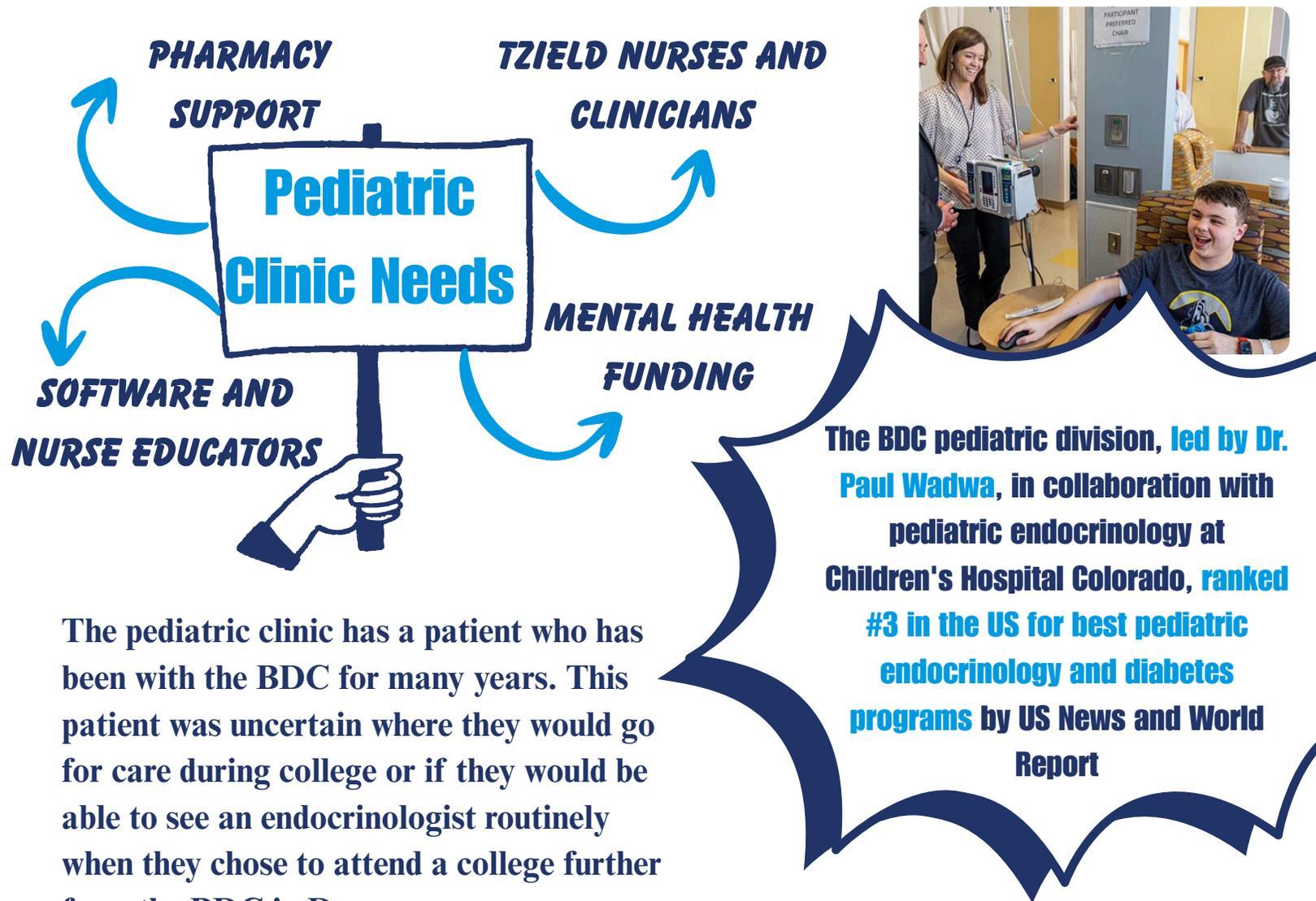


Implementation of a remote patient monitoring program (led by Dr. Todd Alonso) that will improve the quality of care for pediatric patients in their first year after diagnosis with type 1 diabetes



Integration of pump and CGM data into the electronic medical record (EMR) to increase visit efficiency and improve clinical care

# The Barbara Davis Center has provided **MORE Teplizumab infusions (TZIELD) than any other single-site diabetes center in the United States.**



The pediatric clinic has a patient who has been with the BDC for many years. This patient was uncertain where they would go for care during college or if they would be able to see an endocrinologist routinely when they chose to attend a college further from the BDC in Durango.

The BDC pediatric division, led by Dr. Paul Wadwa, in collaboration with pediatric endocrinology at Children's Hospital Colorado, ranked #3 in the US for best pediatric endocrinology and diabetes programs by US News and World Report

Thanks to the center's telemedicine program and its partners at Pediatric Partners of the Southwest in Durango, this student—along with many of the center's patients in southwest Colorado—not only meets regularly with their endocrinologist but also has access to in-person clinic visits. At these locations, staff can measure vital signs (height, weight, and blood pressure), perform point-of-care HbA1c testing, assist with device uploads, and provide referrals to a local, on-site certified diabetes educator. Without this program, this patient may have been unable to continue routine care while in college, which has been linked to worse outcomes for young adults.

# The Adult Clinic

## AT THE BARBARA DAVIS CENTER

# 374

New Adult Clinic Patients in 2025

# 3,248

Adult Clinic patients served in 2025



# 62

Newly Diagnosed Adult Patients in 2025

The Adult Clinic research team **collaborates** with the BDC Pediatric Clinic research teams, epidemiology, cell biology research labs, and others across the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus to **develop multidisciplinary research in diabetes.**



The Adult Clinic has 9 providers (6 physicians and 3 advanced practice providers) who provide care at the BDC.

# 138

Patients Transferred from the BDC Pediatric Clinic to the BDC Adult Clinic



**The Adult Diabetes Division offers special care for women with diabetes (pre-existing or gestational) to actively manage glucose levels throughout pregnancy.**

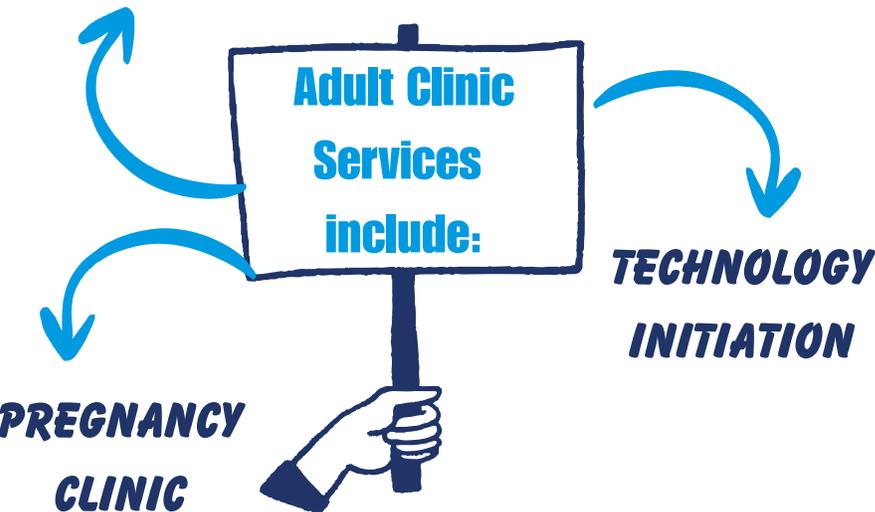
**42**

**Babies Delivered to BDC Patients with Type 1 Diabetes**



*“I truly credit the Barbara Davis Center with saving my life. I remember very well-meaning doctors did not know how to treat diabetes. Medicine didn’t have the tools to treat type 1 diabetes. Only Dr. Satish Garg and the team at the Barbara Davis Center gave me that clear path forward.”*

**MACRO-VASCULAR MONITORING**

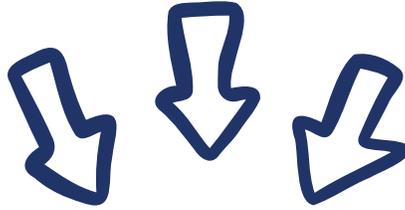


**The Adult Clinic diabetes educators provide education on self-management of diabetes for patients on multiple daily injections or insulin pumps. The education includes instruction on topics such as carbohydrate counting, weight and life-style management and psych-social counseling.**

# The Eye Clinic

## AT THE BARBARA DAVIS CENTER

**A NOTE FROM  
DR. BRIAN BUCCA,  
DIRECTOR OF THE EYE CLINIC**



***"I FEEL CONFIDENT  
THAT MY SON IS  
GETTING THE BEST  
EYE EXAMINATION  
FOR HIS DIABETES."***

The impact of the BDC Eye Clinic is difficult to measure by traditional means. In fact, the impact of the Eye Clinic is actually *mostly* immeasurable. It's true that over decades, the BDC Eye Clinic has identified and saved eyesight in thousands of persons with diabetes while also actively monitoring hundreds of persons with advanced retinopathy on the brink of surgical need.

But how do you measure a clinic's impact in those patients on the other end of the retinopathy spectrum and how do you measure a clinic's impact on a disease process that we hope never comes to fruition; where no news is REALLY good news!

The Eye Clinic likes to think of itself as the "quiet giant" of the BDC. The majority of our impact is in the arena of clinical care and how we deliver it. There is a reason that new Eye Clinic patients are patients for life. There is a reason that patients say "thank goodness I'm back" when a patient regains insurance covering care at the Eye Clinic. There's a reason patients want to know if they can pay out-of-pocket to continue their care at the Eye Clinic when they get dropped by their insurance. And finally, there is a reason that patients come to us because they trust the expertise, assessment and opinion regarding their eyes.

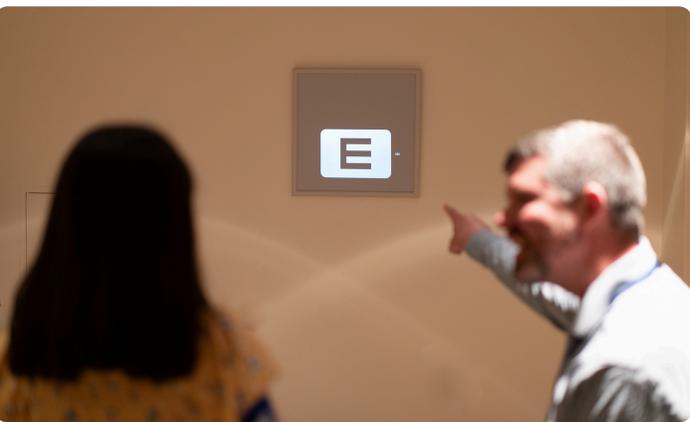
We are passionate about the care we deliver. We hear on many occasions that the care, compassion and education that we deliver sets a bar that no one has achieved. The environment of care we provide in the Eye Clinic is welcoming and can calm the most anxious of patients. We celebrate diabetes achievements and alternatively, we know how to leverage the threat of losing eyesight to uniquely motivate patients without alienating them.

It's difficult to measure the impact of compassion, trust and relationships, but you know it when you feel it. It's apparent to us that the patients "feel it" in reading their comments on our satisfaction survey, all of which are testaments in their own right regarding impact.

***"I APPRECIATE THE  
GENUINE CONCERN  
EXPRESSED BY THE  
STAFF AND THE  
DOCTOR."***

***"THE EXAM WAS  
SPECIFIC TO MY  
NEEDS AND STAFF  
WAS EXCEPTIONAL IN  
THEIR KNOWLEDGE."***

**It's not uncommon for us to detect vision-threatening diabetic eye disease in persons in their 20s and 30s. Identification and timely treatment in this population can save vision for the duration of their life —this is the "bread and butter" of what we do in the Eye Clinic. The eye is able to show many other systemic processes. During examination, we've made initial diagnoses or life-threatening processes such as systemic drug toxicity and Multiple Sclerosis, as well as rare conditions such as Myasthenia Gravis and Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia.**



**1228**

**Patients Seen in the  
BDC Eye Clinic**



**330**

**Cases of  
Moderate to  
Severe  
Retinopathy  
Requiring Close  
Observation in  
BDC Patients**

**35**

**Cases of Vision-  
Threatening  
Diabetic  
Retinopathy  
Requiring  
Treatment in  
BDC patients**

# Research for a Cure

## AT THE BARBARA DAVIS CENTER



**Basic and translational research at the BDC has three main pillars:**

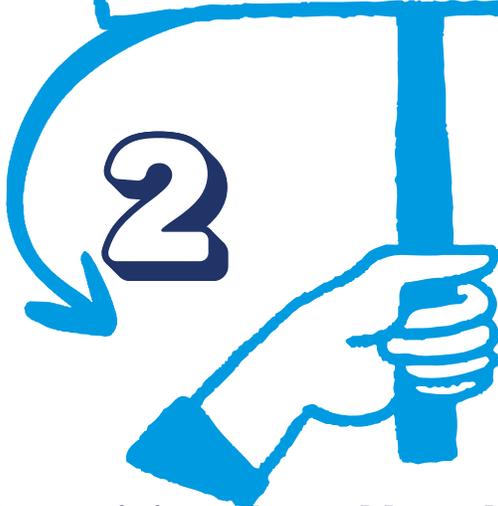
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Characterizing how components of the immune system become dysfunctional in T1D

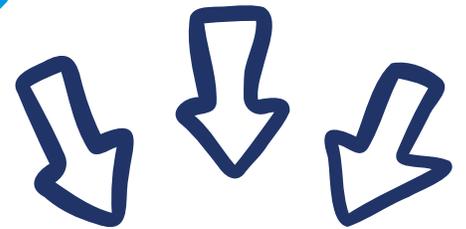
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Developing novel immunotherapies and stem cell therapies for T1D

**2**



Determining why and how the insulin-producing beta cells are targeted and destroyed by the immune system in T1D



**THE GOAL OF THIS RESEARCH IS TO GENERATE KNOWLEDGE THAT WILL LEAD TO THE PREDICTION, PREVENTION, AND ULTIMATELY A CURE FOR T1D**

**13**

Principal Investigators

**25**

Research Assistants

**6**

Postdoctoral Fellows

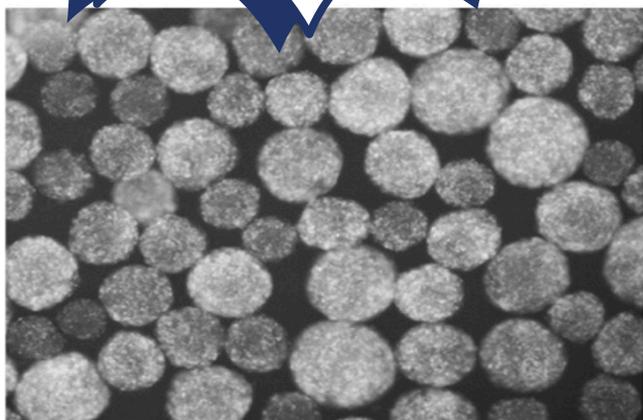
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Predocorial Students

# The BDC is internationally recognized for its innovative research programs that are focused on discoveries to prevent and cure T1D



Dr. Lori Sussel, Basic and Translational Research Director was awarded the Charles H. Best Award from the University of Toronto for her ground-breaking research in islet biology



Human stem cell derived islets

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Funding needs include:



Supporting innovative research to unlock breakthrough discoveries to prevent and cure T1D



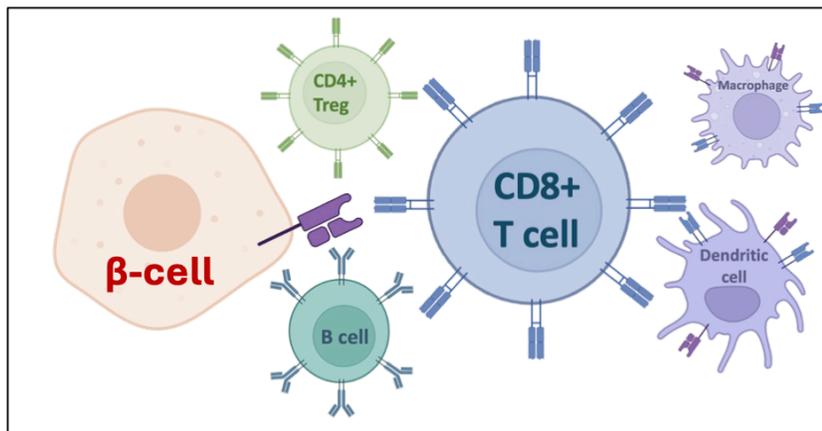
Supporting the next generation of scientists to ensure T1D research remains the highest priority for the future

# 4

Instructors

# 3

Undergraduates



Many immune populations contribute to autoimmunity in T1D

# The Children's Diabetes Foundation

## 2025 FUNDRAISING EVENTS



The MacMillan Family was awarded the **High Hopes Tribute Award** for their incredible generosity and support of the Children's Diabetes Foundation and the Barbara Davis Center!



We ended the night at The Carousel Ball with an incredible performance by the **Goo Goo Dolls!**



Neil Diamond was awarded the **Inspirational Lifetime Achievement Award** at The Carousel Ball

**\$2M**

Raised at The  
Carousel Ball

# \$360,000

Raised at the Brass Ring Luncheon & Fashion Show



Fashions by **MARC BOUWER**



**Barbara Davis Center faculty and staff were nominated to walk the runway at this year's Brass Ring Luncheon & Fashion Show!**



Golf chair not pictured, Tyler Reed.

# \$395,084

Raised Through Empower Tied to a Cure Golf Tournament in Denver



# \$347,657

Raised Through McDonald Automotive Tied to a Cure Las Vegas Fly-Away Golf Tournament

# The Children's Diabetes Foundation

## RAISING FUNDS AND AWARENESS



**Michael Spencer (CBS Colorado)  
and Jordan Keltner (Season 9,  
Love is Blind) at Denver Union  
Station on World Diabetes Day**

You can name the Children's Diabetes Foundation as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or transfer ownership of an existing policy. This type of gift can be a powerful way to contribute significantly to our cause while benefiting from potential tax advantages.

Donating appreciated stocks or securities can provide significant tax benefits. You can avoid capital gains taxes and potentially receive a charitable deduction. This type of gift can make a meaningful impact on our programs and research.

**15** Businesses Partnered  
with CDF to Raise  
Awareness for Diabetes  
Awareness Month



**\$4,377**

**Raised Through Diabetes  
Awareness Month Partnerships**

**\$104,410**

**Raised Through  
Colorado Gives Day**



Naming the Children's Diabetes Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement account can be a tax-efficient way to leave a legacy. By doing so, you can avoid estate taxes on these assets and support our mission at the same time.

## A Window to Hope Legacy Program

A bequest is a simple way to leave a lasting gift through your will or trust. You can specify a fixed amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder after other bequests have been fulfilled. This type of gift can reduce your estate taxes while supporting a cause you care deeply about.

With a charitable remainder trust, you can place assets into a trust, receive income from those assets during your lifetime, and designate the remainder to the Children's Diabetes Foundation. This approach provides you with tax benefits while helping us advance our work.

*"I chose to include the Children's Diabetes Foundation in my will because their work ensures that no family faces type 1 diabetes without hope, support, and access to life-changing care—now and for generations to come."*



Learn more about leaving a legacy gift and joining our **Windows of Hope Legacy Program** by emailing Sophia, [Sophia@childrensdiabetesfoundation.org](mailto:Sophia@childrensdiabetesfoundation.org)



**DONATE NOW**

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