

LUSTGARTEN FOUNDATION

PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH

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The Lustgarten Foundation Receives 13th Consecutive Charity Navigator 4-Star Rating

Recognition places Lustgarten in top 1% of nonprofits evaluated by the watchdog organization

WOODBURY, NY – The Lustgarten Foundation believes research is fundamental. That’s why 100% of donations fund pancreatic cancer research. This singular focus on transforming pancreatic cancer into a curable disease, combined with the Foundation’s commitment to financial health, accountability and transparency, has earned Lustgarten its 13th consecutive 4-star Charity Navigator rating.

Only a quarter of nonprofits receive the distinction of Charity Navigator’s 4-star rating based on objective analysis, including 17 metrics focused on governance and ethical practices, as well as measures of openness and financial health. And less than 1% of evaluated organizations have achieved the coveted 4-star rating 13 or more consecutive times. Charity Navigator is the nation’s largest independent charity watchdog organization, evaluating ten times the number of nonprofit organizations as its closest competitors.

“The Lustgarten Foundation’s exceptional 4-star rating sets us apart from our peers and demonstrates the Foundation’s trustworthiness to the public,” said Linda Tantawi, Lustgarten CEO. *“Achieving and maintaining this high-level rating is just one more way our supporters can trust their donations are not only going to fund pancreatic cancer research but also are being managed by a financially responsible and ethical charity.”*

The Lustgarten Foundation’s rating and other information about charitable giving are available on www.charitynavigator.org. Free registration is required to access more-detailed information about *the Lustgarten’ Foundation’s* rating.

In addition to the top marks from Charity Navigator, the Lustgarten Foundation also is accredited by the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance and has received the Guidestar platinum-level seal of transparency.

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About Lustgarten Foundation

The Lustgarten Foundation funds the world’s preeminent pancreatic cancer researchers, driving the pursuit of bold and innovative science toward earlier detection, better treatments and transforming pancreatic cancer into a curable disease. The Foundation is a catalyst—Lustgarten-funded science has been a driving force in every major advancement in pancreatic cancer research since 1998. We believe time is everything for pancreatic cancer patients and their

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families, so we fund research where creative risks yield high rewards to accelerate and expand life-saving treatment options. And we believe in the power of community. Lustgarten programs and events provide people affected by pancreatic cancer a voice and a place to create hope, together. The Lustgarten Foundation is the world's largest private funder of pancreatic cancer research and 100% of all donations fuel the research to advance understanding of this complex, devastating and historically underfunded cancer. For more information, visit lustgarten.org.

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