

FIGHT COLORECTAL CANCER

CLIMB FOR A CURE 2023 SUMMARY





Climb for a Cure marked its eighth year in 2023. Together, we honored and remembered patients, survivors, caregivers, and loved ones nationwide. Climb for a Cure is an opportunity to heal and fight alongside a community of champions — it's a reminder that no one fights alone.

Since Climb began in 2016, our community has supported this annual event with donations that support research endeavors, like the Clinical Trial Finder, the Path to a Cure Report, and research grants. This year, we surpassed \$1 million raised, which directly funds colorectal cancer research!

In 2023, Fight Colorectal Cancer introduced our first Climb Season, spanning from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day and allowing over 100 people to participate independently. They hiked, biked, swam, walked, and even paddle-boarded in efforts to raise awareness and funds.

In addition to the 138 people who participated from home, more than 300 participants came to Climb at Fight CRC's featured events in California, Colorado, and New York. Climb for a Cure remains Fight CRC's largest volunteer-led event and cornerstone fundraiser.

We are a community of relentless climbers, and we'll never stop reaching new heights.

EXPLORE THE IMPACT >>>

CLIMB 2023 RAISED

\$238,924



These funds support Fight CRC's Path to a Cure by directly funding cutting-edge, lifesaving research.



TEAM FUNDRAISER HIGHLIGHTS



CALIFORNIA
\$38,526.78 RAISED



COLORADO
\$12,906.33 RAISED



NEW YORK
\$21,471.28 RAISED



TOP INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS

SYLVIA MARTORELL
\$5,031.65 RAISED

MONICA FERRONE
\$3,600.07 RAISED

BEN StPIERRE
\$4,538.80 RAISED

ANGELA NICHOLAS
\$3,300.00 RAISED

JAMEELAH MAHMOUD
\$3,888.00 RAISED

TAMI PANGELINA
\$3,225.04 RAISED

SINCE 2016, CLIMB FOR A CURE HAS RAISED MORE THAN



\$1,057,858



By 2030, colorectal cancer is projected to become the leading cause of death for people 20-49 years old. Let's keep moving and climb to new heights. Let's keep fighting, keep advocating, and keep climbing relentlessly!

Fight CRC is at the forefront of advancing research efforts toward finding a cure for colorectal cancer, and 100% of funds raised through Climb for a Cure goes directly toward research.



BECAUSE OF CLIMB FOR A CURE:

\$55,000

Fight CRC granted \$55,000 to Dr. Molmenti and Heather Hampel, MS, CGC, for early-age onset colorectal cancer research. Their findings underscored vital risks and the need for prompt screening in high-risk groups. 2018

\$50,000

Fight CRC invested \$50,000 in convening an international research symposium on early-age onset colorectal cancer. 2020

\$25,000

\$25,000 helped develop new resources like podcasts, brochures, and *Your Guide in the Fight*. 2020

\$75,000

We launched our Path to a Cure report — our plan for the future of colorectal cancer. \$75,000 was used to bring together experts for a think tank discussion about treatment gaps. 2021

\$30,000

Through CGA-IGC, we gave Dr. Yen \$15,000 for familial CRC communication. His pilot increased endoscopist record updates by 30%, enhancing awareness of familial risks. We're backing another project with CGA-IGC soon! 2022 & 2023

NEW!

\$450,000

We're investing \$150,000 yearly in a three-year Tempus fellowship, focusing on the use of biomarker testing, AI, and genomics to advance colorectal cancer care and critical cancer research. 2023

NEW!

\$75,000

We're using \$75,000 to invite and bring together experts nationwide to push forward research and issues surrounding early-age onset colorectal cancer. DEC, 2023

NEW!

\$50,000

We've allocated \$50,000 to enhance our clinical trial finder to feature MSS and MSI-High trials, specifically tailored for those battling metastatic colorectal cancer. COMING SOON

NEW!



★ CHRIS GANSER ★

CLIMB FOR A CURE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP • 2023 RECIPIENTS



Ben StPierre *CAREGIVER*

“After my wife was diagnosed with stage IIIb colon cancer at just 44 years old, our world was turned upside down. Colorectal Cancer patients are getting younger by the day and raising awareness is the first step in the climb. We are climbing for the patients who lost their battle with CRC; the patients who are battling CRC currently; and the patients who are in the crosshairs of CRC.”



Kari Hagenow *STAGE IIB COLON CANCER SURVIVOR*

“In July 2014, just days after my 28th birthday, I was diagnosed with stage IIb colon cancer. The next eight months of my life were consumed with surgery and chemotherapy, but today, I could not be happier to say that I am more than eight years cancer-free! Today, I hope to give back through education, awareness, and fundraising to allow others to have the positive prognosis that I have had.”



Tom Vibert *STAGE IV COLON CANCER SURVIVOR*

“After 2+ years of chemo and radiation failed, things did not look good. It was a clinical trial with an immunotherapy drug that provided me with the ‘chance’ I was looking for. I climb to honor those we have lost and for awareness, screening, and research. It was the research that provided me a ‘chance,’ and I Climb for a Cure so others may get their ‘chance’ as well.”

CALIFORNIA



MARY BETH KROPP, JERIANNE GERLOFF & NATALIE MOLOGNE *CLIMB HOSTS*

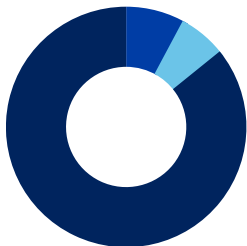
“Hosting a Climb for a Cure became a priority for me and my boys because we lost the most important part of our family. It is so important to us to continue to educate and advocate through our story.”

★ PARTICIPANTS ★

174

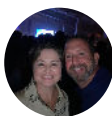
★ TEAM DOLLARS RAISED ★

\$38,526



• SURVIVORS • CAREGIVERS
• LOVED ONES

★ TOP FUNDRAISERS ★



Ben StPierre
\$4,538.80



Angela Nicholas
\$3,300



Tami Pangelina
\$3,225.04



RYAN VIETH *CLIMB HOST*

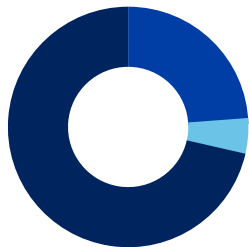
“I’m fighting for my life, and I can’t help but think about those coming after me who will have to do the same. I’m passionate about the fight because the last four years of my life have been incredibly difficult, but I made it through. Seeing how many people who are younger and younger fight this disease makes me want to give what I can to assist others in the fight.”

★ PARTICIPANTS ★

47

★ TEAM DOLLARS RAISED ★

\$12,906



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• LOVED ONES

★ TOP FUNDRAISERS ★



Kayla Capobianco

\$2,761



Chris Ganser Jr.

\$1,621.60



Tarryn Carlton

\$1,495.84

NEW YORK



WENDY HARPP *CLIMB HOST*

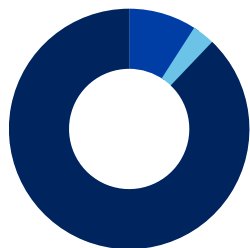
“In 2020, just three days after receiving chemo, I did my first Climb. This year is my fourth year participating in Climb for a Cure and my third year hosting an event! I climb to spread awareness and share my journey with others walking the same path I’ve walked while lending support to those who need it. It’s so comforting to know you are not alone.”

★ PARTICIPANTS ★

80

★ TEAM DOLLARS RAISED ★

\$21,471



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★ TOP FUNDRAISERS ★



Amy Salzone
\$2,740



Wendy Harpp
\$1,915



Kim Rosselle
\$1,728

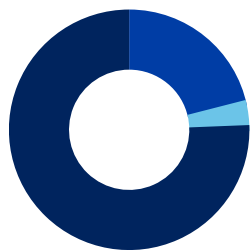


★ PARTICIPANTS ★

138

★ LOCAL DOLLARS RAISED ★

\$53,043



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★ TOP FUNDRAISERS ★



Sylvia Martorell

\$5,031.65



Jameelah Mahmoud

\$3,888.00



Jessica Fox

\$2,913.39



NORTH CAROLINA



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