

RIVKIN CENTER

# annual report

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2021

## OUR MISSION

The Rivkin Center strives to improve women's health by helping them prevent, detect early, and survive ovarian and breast cancer.

We do this by:



Investing in cutting-edge research to prevent, detect, and cure ovarian cancer, a deadly and underfunded disease



Educating individuals to prevent and detect ovarian and breast cancer as early as possible



Fostering an ever-growing community of survivors, patients, researchers, clinicians, advocates, and supporters

## OUR VISION

We envision a world where women live longer and healthier lives because cancers are prevented, caught early, or cured.



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# A LETTER FROM RIVKIN LEADERSHIP

To the Rivkin Center Community:

We have so much gratitude for all of you.

It was another challenging year in virtual mode and in making hard decisions to keep everyone safe, but your commitment to the Rivkin Center and the ovarian and breast cancer communities never wavered. In fact, we finished 2021 financially stronger than anticipated.

Some 2021 highlights:

- **Science:** Invested more than \$500k in new ovarian cancer research and new researchers.
- **Education and Awareness:** Virtually reached almost 6,000 people with our breast and ovarian cancer education and awareness program and introduced more inclusive language and deeper information and data about how these two cancers affect populations differently.
- **Fundraising:** Raised \$450k as part of the 28th Annual SummeRun and Walk for Ovarian Cancer, \$530k at the annual Family & Friends Auction, and almost \$900k from individual donors, corporations, and planned gifts.

We also moved our offices and readied for two significant transitions at the Rivkin Center. On Jan. 1, 2022, we said goodbye to retiring longtime executive director Joe White and changed leaders. We also officially became a fully independent non-profit. We're grateful to Swedish Hospital for giving the Rivkin Center a home and a place to grow for 25 years. We believe becoming an independent organization creates the best opportunity for the Rivkin Center to be a long-term leader, partner, and resource for the ovarian and breast cancer communities and a continued key investor in ovarian cancer research throughout the world. We're especially excited to form new partnerships with cancer centers, companies, and communities.

We know annual reports are about looking back, but we're beyond ready to look forward.

A lot is planned for an almost-normal 2022 that we hope allows us to celebrate, care, and connect in person – and grows our community in every way possible. We fully plan to see all of you at the 29th SummeRun and Walk for Ovarian Cancer on July 17 and the Family & Friends Auction on Nov. 5! While we put on these signature events with immense pride, your financial support throughout the year – monthly giving, employee matches, stock and estate gifts – is essential to our ongoing work to educate, invest in research, and help more women survive ovarian and breast cancer.

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We are honored to lead this organization and serve this community. Thank you for trusting us.

**KATERIE LAUGHLIN SCHEI**  
President, Board of Directors

**MOLLY O'CONNOR**  
CEO



# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

## 2021 by the numbers

- 3 Pilot Study Awards
- 1 Scientific Scholar Awards
- 1 Bridge Funding Award

The Rivkin Center received 129 applications for Pilot Study and Scientific Scholar Awards for the 2021 funding period. We granted more than \$500k. Ovarian cancer is underfunded by federal funding agencies when compared to other cancers, despite being the most deadly gynecological cancer. Our funding matters. The Rivkin Center's grant program is known throughout the world for launching new research and new researchers.

*The Rivkin funding provided necessary support to get my ovarian cancer research program started in my independent lab. We now have multiple projects aimed at identifying therapeutic strategies to improve outcomes in ovarian cancer. Without funding and support from Rivkin, this work would not be possible. Thank you!*

Dr. Erinn Rankin, Stanford University  
2016 Pilot Study Awardee

► **\$15.3M** Amount Awarded since 1996

# 15x

For every dollar invested by the Rivkin Center, our awardees leverage an additional \$15 from other funding sources to further their ovarian cancer research.

This allows researchers to continue their careers in ovarian cancer research, driving for better treatments, early detection, or a cure.

## RIVKIN IMPACT - THEN & NOW

*Rivkin funding allowed me to attract investment to co-found a start-up company, Ensoma, and allowed this company to secure funding of \$70M for the clinical translation of the therapeutic approach.*

Dr. Andre Lieber, University of Washington  
2016 Challenge Award

The Rivkin Center supported Dr. Lieber with a \$150k Challenge Award in 2016. After 5 years, the project has been such a success that he secured \$70M in seed funding to found a company for clinical translation of the therapeutic approach that he developed.

► **225** Grants Awarded since 1996



# EDUCATION PROGRAM

2021 by the numbers

**136** virtual workshops

**5.8k+** people educated

**45** Rivkin EDU team members

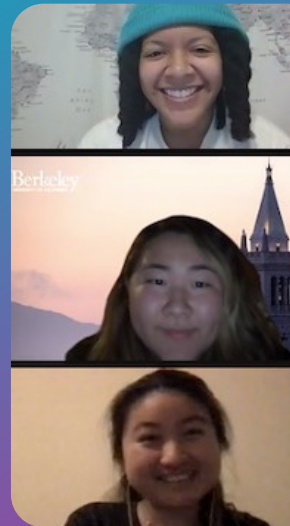
**3** non-English speaking workshops

The Rivkin EDU team continues our commitment to providing equitable access to education about ovarian and breast cancer. With the help of our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council, our EDU instructors and survivors, clinicians, and trusted community partners, we are creating more detailed resources that look at different populations, their risk for being diagnosed with ovarian and/or breast cancer, and what often leads to these disparities. The Rivkin EDU program empowers people to know their bodies, identify their risk, and take action, so, if necessary, they get earlier treatment and have better outcomes.



## WE DO THIS BY:

- Enhancing our Rivkin EDU team with people who have different lived experiences and perspectives
- Updating our curriculum to better communicate how ovarian and breast cancer affect different populations and people



## IMPACT

**94%**

of attendees know the risk factors for ovarian and breast cancer

**89%**

of attendees are likely or very likely to go to their healthcare provider for health concerns and care

**92%**

of attendees can identify the signs and symptoms for ovarian cancer



*This program allowed for women to have a safe space to talk about our health. It was very encouraging and educational. I never really thought about ovarian or breast cancer before, but now I feel like I am more aware of it.*

- Workshop Attendee



# SIGNATURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

2021 by the numbers

**500+**

SummeRun participants

**\$1,012,302**

raised at signature  
events

## SUMMERUN & WALK

The 28th Annual SummeRun and Walk for Ovarian Cancer continued our virtual event trend into 2021. On July 11, we had more than 500 people and 58 teams across the country celebrate the SummeRun and **raise \$450k**.

A special thank you to our wonderful emcee, Dana Manciangli, along with presenting sponsor Kaye-Smith and dream sponsor Eric and Gloria Bensussen, as well as these wonderful sponsors: BizX, CellNetix, Epic Systems Corporation, FTI Consulting, Myriad Genetics, Sound Credit Union, RBC Wealth Management, and Washington Trust Bank. Their support allowed 100% of funds raised to support our research and education programs directly.

Gail Fay, an ovarian cancer survivor, graciously shared her inspiring story and our treasured survivors received t-shirts and a string of beads for each year since their diagnosis. The pandemic continues to remind us that we are strong, and the need to fund research is as critical as ever!

Please join us — back in person at our new venue, Seward Park — on Sunday, July 17, 2022, for our 29th Annual SummeRun and Walk for Ovarian Cancer.

**Learn more at [www.summerun.org](http://www.summerun.org).**

## FAMILY & FRIENDS AUCTION

The Rivkin Center's Family & Friends Auction took place on Friday, November 5, 2021, with a virtual event and raise the paddle. Some guests celebrated at house parties throughout the area.

A heartfelt thank you to our auction chair, Mahmood Ghassemi and event sponsors Acme Food Sales, BizX, CBRE, DNA, Brotherton Cadillac, First Sound Bank, Cookie's Dream Team, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, Gebbers Farms, Kaye-Smith, Laughlin Supply Company, North Coast Electric Company, Richmark Label, Overlake Obstetricians & Gynecologists, Seattle Sun Tan, Sequoyah Electric, ShedRain, Unify Consulting, and Washington Trust Bank, as well as our Raise-the-Paddle supporters, for making this special night possible.

With the support of donors and sponsors, the Family & Friends Auction **raised more than \$530k**. The auction kicked off the Fall Campaign, which helped us reach \$2M in revenue for 2021.

We hope you can join us on Saturday, November 5, 2022, for this year's Rivkin Center Family & Friends Auction at the Bellevue Hyatt.

**2021**

**Honored Awardees**

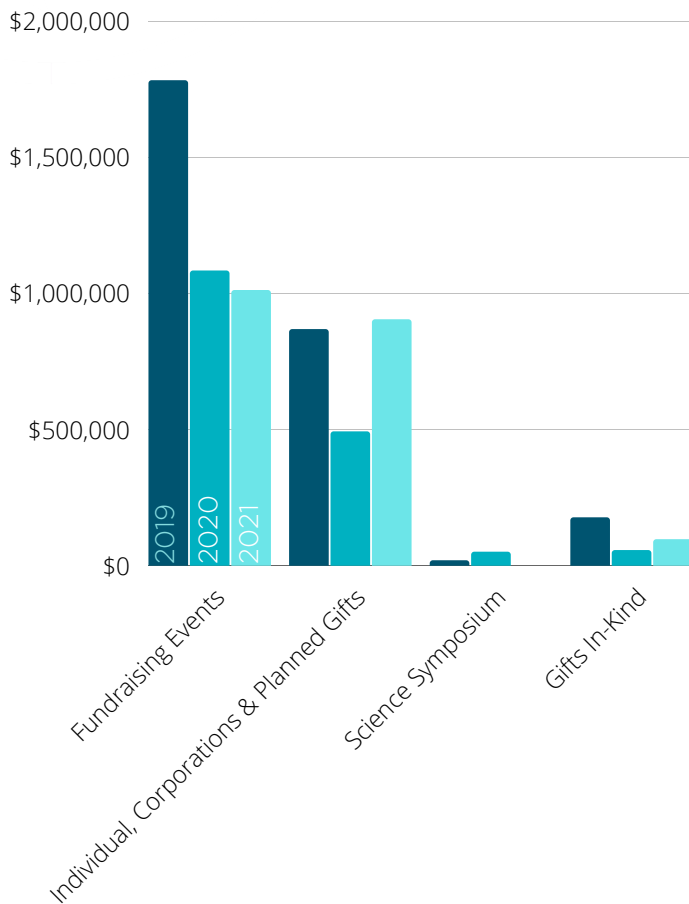
Alex Smith  
Babs Fisher Valor Award

Katrina Cathcart [Watch video](#)  
Courage for Life Award

# 2021 FINANCIALS

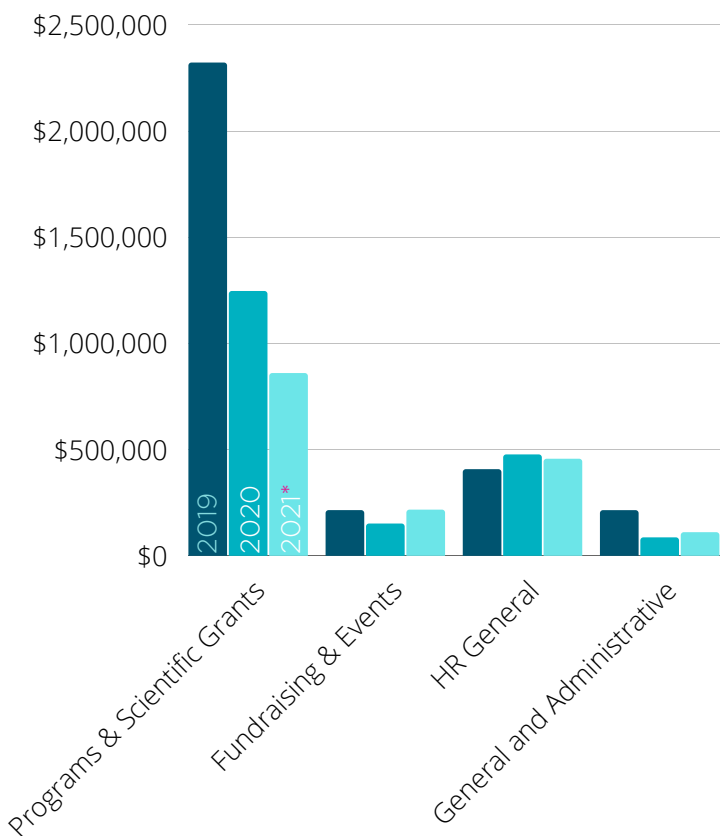
## REVENUE

Total: \$2,013,153

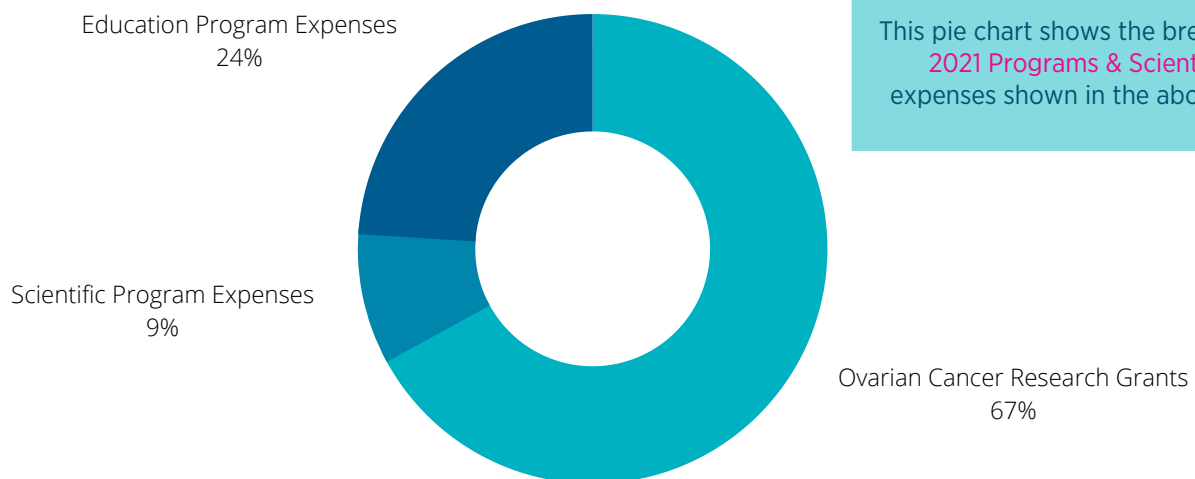


## EXPENSES

Total: \$1,641,021



## PROGRAM EXPENSES BREAKDOWN



This pie chart shows the breakdown of the **2021 Programs & Scientific Grants** expenses shown in the above bar chart.\*

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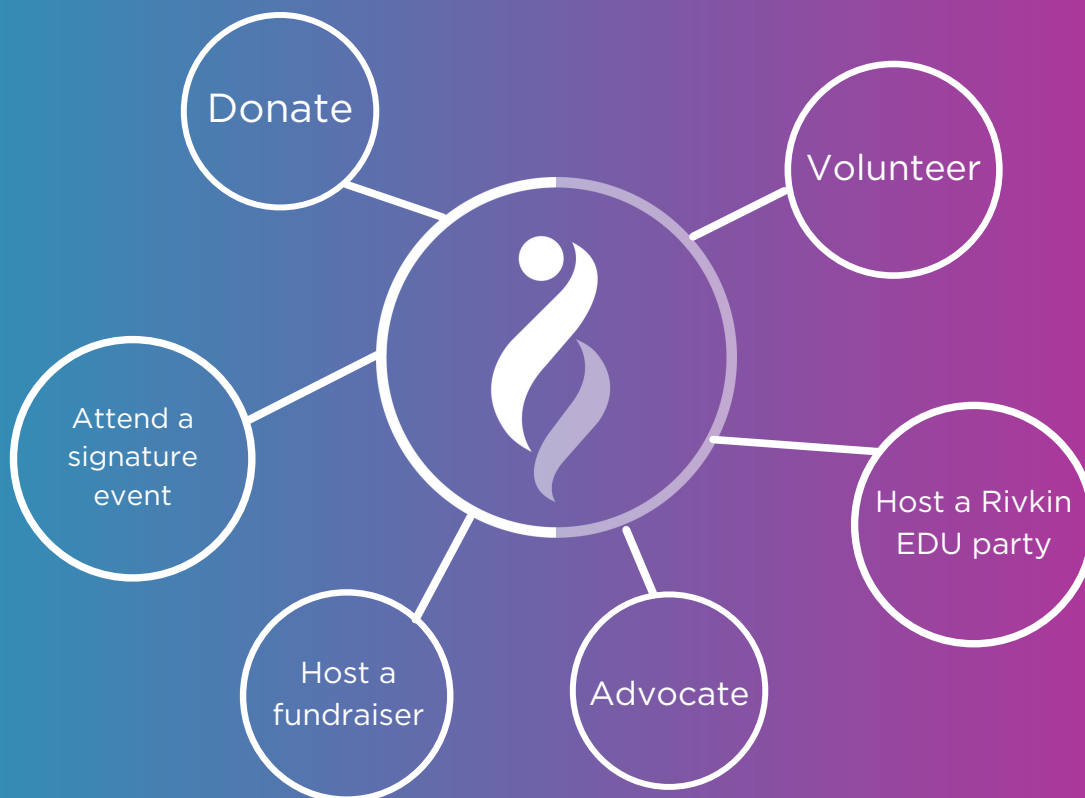
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