



The Brian E. Dancy Colorectal Cancer Endowment

BACKGROUND

Brian Eric Dancy passed away on June 5, 2025, at the age of 54 following a courageous battle with colorectal cancer. Throughout his illness, Brian's extraordinary positivity, deep gratitude, and enduring sense of humor inspired all who knew him. Sustained by the unwavering support of his family, friends, and an exceptional team of caregivers, he faced his diagnosis with humility, compassion, and resilience—leaving a lasting impression on both those who loved him and those who cared for him.

Established in his honor, the Brian Dancy Foundation carries forward his legacy by advancing compassionate patient support, promoting education and prevention, and investing in innovative research to improve outcomes in colorectal cancer. In recognition of the exceptional care Brian received—especially from Dr. Yan Feng and Lacie Burton—the Foundation is committed to ensuring that other patients and families experience the same level of expert, empathetic care.

To that end, and in furtherance of Cone Health's mission, the **Brian E. Dancy Colorectal Cancer Endowment** is established to strengthen colorectal cancer care and research. This endowed fund will provide a permanent source of support to enhance patient-centered care, empower providers in delivering compassionate and meaningful support to patients, and advance critical research around gastrointestinal cancers. Through this enduring investment, Brian's legacy will continue to impact lives, inspire caregivers, and drive progress for generations to come.

PURPOSE OF THE ENDOWMENT

The purpose of the Brian E. Dancy Colorectal Cancer Endowment is to advance the work of Dr. Yan Feng—or any successor overseeing gastrointestinal cancer—by supporting efforts related to research, prevention, and patient support around colorectal disease and other gastrointestinal cancers. The fund will be used to:

- Support professional development and staff retention by investing in continuing education focused on the latest advancements in care.
- Support patient education around prevention of these diseases.
- Support efforts to advance research and innovation in colorectal cancer.
- Acquire technologies and other resources that strengthen the capabilities of the gastrointestinal cancer care team at Cone Health.

ENDOWMENT CREATION

To establish the Brian E. Dancy Colorectal Cancer Endowment and its corresponding fund, the Brian Dancy Foundation has made an initial contribution of \$50,000. Additional contributions may be made at any time by the donors or other members of the community who wish to support gastrointestinal cancer.

The commitment is to be allocated as follows:

- **2026** – \$50,000 to the endowment