

Introductory remarks

Twenty-one years ago, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International was founded by a handful of parents whose children had diabetes. Their conviction was firm: diabetes could and would be cured through research.

Today, JDF gives more money to diabetes research than any other non-governmental health agency in the world. Time and again serving as the catalyst for new research avenues, we have never stopped coming up with new ways to support diabetes research. It is therefore our great honour to have provided this unusual interdisciplinary forum for the benefit of future diabetes research endeavours and, ultimately, for the benefit of all those in this world who suffer with diabetes.

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