







SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021 | 6:00 PM CT | VIRTUAL EVENT

The storied Annual Ball is the GI Research Foundation's premiere fundraising event. Hundreds of volunteers, friends, grateful patients, and medical professionals come together to raise funding for groundbreaking research and exceptional patient care at the University of Chicago Medicine Digestive Diseases Center. The GI Research Foundation transformed the 59th Annual Ball into its first-ever virtual fundraiser. Despite challenging times and a new platform, the Virtual Ball exceeded expectations, marking the most successful Ball to-date. More than 1,000 households tuned-in for the live show, which raised more than \$1.3 million.

The GI Research Foundation Diamond Anniversary Ball celebrates 60 years of transforming lives.



BEATRICE G. CRAINJoseph B. Kirsner Award



NANCY & SY TAXMAN
Partner in Science Award

<u>Peaturing</u>

OZ PEARLMAN

Emmy-Award winning mentalist

MAGGIE SPEAKS

Internationally renowned band

... AND MORE!





This year, more than 62 million Americans will be diagnosed with a digestive disease—ranging from daily disease management to chronic, debilitating pain to incredibly difficult diagnoses. The GI Research Foundation proudly partners with the renowned University of Chicago Medicine Digestive Diseases Center to transform their lives.

GIRF-FUNDED RESEARCH

GROUNDBREAKING ACHIEVEMENTS

- Discovery of the first gene associated with Crohn's disease (NOD2).
- Discovery of a new type of "deep remission" in IBD that may allow some patients to stop therapy.
- 💸 The first animal model of Celiac Disease.
- Established international clinical trials which led to a cure for Hepatitis C.
- Performance of the first living donor liver transplant from parent to child.
- A new treatment for severe ulcerative colitis now used around the world.

CONTINUING BREAKTHROUGHS

- Funding a groundbreaking study to discover the cause of ulcerative colitis.
- Established international clinical trials leading to a cure for Hepatitis C.
- Examining hereditary screening protocols as well as precision treatment and prevention of colorectal cancer.
- Developing breakthrough treatments for food allergies and to induce tolerance to gluten in patients with Celiac.

WITH GRATITUDE TO THE 2020 VIRTUAL BALL ANGEL SPONSORS

DIAMOND ANGELS

Nancy & Sy Taxman THE TAXMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION



Yekaterina Chudnovsky & Family





PLATINUM ANGELS



GOLD ANGELS











SILVER ANGELS

Deb & Michael Cogan and Lori & John Power / Cogan & Power, P.C.

BRONZE ANGELS

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MISSION STATEMENT: The GI Research Foundation (GIRF) is a non-profit 501(c)3 dedicated to raise funds to support the physicians and scientists at the University of Chicago Medicine Digestive Diseases Center in their efforts to provide outstanding care, train future leaders and perform innovative clinical and laboratory research in order to treat, cure, and prevent digestive diseases.





GI RESEARCH FOUNDATION DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY BALL ANGEL LEVELS

	DIAMOND ANGEL \$100,000	PLATINUM ANGEL \$75,000	GOLD ANGEL \$50,000	SILVER ANGEL \$25,000	BRONZE ANGEL \$15,000	ANGEL \$10,000
Opportunity to tailor sponsorship package.		_	_	_	_	_
"Ball Boxes" for guests to enjoy during virtual event.	10 BOXES up to 20 guests	10 BOXES up to 20 guests	5 BOXES up to 10 guests	5 BOXES up to 10 guests	5 BOXES up to 10 guests	5 BOXES up to 10 guests
VIP Meet & Greet UChicago Medicine physician-scientists.					_	_
Spotlight video during the Ball's virtual presentation.	30-SECOND VIDEO	30-SECOND VIDEO	15-SECOND VIDEO	15-SECOND VIDEO	_	
Feature article in Gut Instincts e-Newsletter.		_	_	_	_	_
Recognition throughout the Ball's program.	DIAMOND Logo	PLATINUM LOGO	GOLD LOGO	SILVER LOGO	NAME LISTING	NAME LISTING
Listing on virtual save the date* and invitation**.	DIAMOND LOGO	PLATINUM LOGO	GOLD LOGO	SILVER LOGO	NAME LISTING	_
Digital recognition: website, emails, social media.	DIAMOND LOGO	PLATINUM Logo	GOLD LOGO	SILVER LOGO	NAME LISTING	NAME LISTING
Recognition in the Ball's printed Program Book.	FULL-PAGE AD	FULL-PAGE AD	FULL-PAGE AD	FULL-PAGE AD	HALF-PAGE AD	NAME LISTING

BALL BOX SPONSOR In-Kind Donations \$7,500+

Special recognition in Ball Boxes curated selection of items for special guests of sponsors to enjoy during the ball. Half Page Program Book Ad.

GRATEFUL PATIENT VIDEO SPONSOR \$5,000

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†Only one opportunity available.



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ANGEL LEVELS

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE:

DIAMOND ANGEL	\$100,000
PLATINUM ANGEL	\$75,000
GOLD ANGEL	\$50,000
SILVER ANGEL	\$25,000

BRONZE ANGEL	\$15,000
ANGEL	\$10,000
BALL BOX SPONSOR	\$7,500
GRATEFUL PATIENT VIDEO SPONSOR	\$5,000

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GI Research Foundation 1954 First Street, Suite 167 Highland Park, IL 60035

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- ☐ Please send an invoice.
- ☐ Credit card.

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- ☐ Check enclosed.

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For more information, please contact Deborah Barnard, Director of Major Gifts at 312-724-9150 | dbarnard@girf.org

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