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**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022 | THE GERAGHTY CHICAGO**

The storied Annual Ball is the GI Research Foundation's premiere fundraising event. Hundreds of contributors, 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.

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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.

## WE HAVE DELIVERED THESE LIFE-CHANGING ACHIEVEMENTS



### SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

- The first gene associated with Crohn's disease (NOD2)
- The immune factors related to celiac disease
- The first animal model of celiac disease
- The impact of high-fat diet on the microbiome
- A unique genetic variant in African Americans with colon cancer

### CLINICAL BREAKTHROUGHS

- The first living donor liver transplant from parent to child
- Lifesaving Hepatitis-C positive liver transplants
- A new treatment for severe ulcerative colitis now used around the world
- Successful long-term home parenteral nutrition protocols and management of Short bowel syndrome/intestinal failure
- Population-specific colon cancer screening protocols to reduce mortality
- Treatment targets that allow some IBD patients to stop medical therapy
- International guidelines on the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease during the COVID-19 pandemic

### LOOKING DEEPER

- Exploring the use of intestinal microbiota transfer for digestive diseases
- Funding a groundbreaking study to discover the cause of ulcerative colitis
- Established international clinical trials leading to a cure for Hepatitis-C
- Investigating the circadian clock of the gut microbiome and its impact on digestive function
- Examining hereditary screening protocols as well as precision treatment and prevention of colorectal cancer
- Studying tissue and microbiome changes in small bowel following J-pouch surgery
- Developing breakthrough treatments for food allergies and to induce tolerance to gluten in patients with celiac

**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.



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| Feature article in Gut Instincts e-Newsletter.           |  | —                             | —                         | —                           | —                           | —                 |
| Included number of tickets to the 61st Annual Ball.      | 20<br>PREFERRED SEATING   | 10<br>PREFERRED SEATING       | 10<br>PREFERRED SEATING   | 10<br>PREFERRED SEATING     | 10                          | 10                |
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| Recognition during the Ball's program.                   | DIAMOND LOGO  | PLATINUM LOGO                 | —                         | —                           | —                           | —                 |
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\*Save the date deadline: February 1, 2022; \*\*Invitation deadline March 1, 2022.



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