



CANCER RESEARCH AND PREVENTION

In January of 1993, Coach Jim Valvano met with ESPN executives who offered their support in creating a foundation that would fund cancer research; thusly, the "V Foundation" for Cancer Research was started. The 'V' Foundation's mission to find a cure for cancer is predicated on generating the requisite funds to support research, the ability to identify quality researchers, and increasing public awareness. In 1999 UNICO National formed a charitable partnership with the 'V' Foundation for Cancer Research and together we have raised significant revenue to combat this dreaded disease. UNICO chapters generate funds through various charitable events. Over the years a number of research projects have been supported for varying types of cancer, such as Hodgkin's Disease, Colon Cancer, Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and more. Hospitals and cancer research centers across the United States have received numerous grants funded through the efforts of UNICO National chapters and individual members. With our next grant (already financed) UNICO National will have contributed approximately three quarters of a million dollars to help fight this dreaded disease since 1999.

In order to expand our organizations' donor options, in 2018 UNICO National changed the name of our "V Foundation Committee" to the "Cancer Research and Prevention Committee." With cancer touching so many lives, cancer research continues to be one of UNICO's major charitable endeavors.