



## About the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

### Dedicated to finding a cure

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International is the worldwide leader in funding research to cure type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly and lasts a lifetime.

JDRF sets the global agenda for diabetes research and is the largest charitable funder of and advocate for type 1 diabetes science worldwide.

JDRF's mission has been constant since it was founded four decades ago: to find a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

Until a cure is found, JDRF is also committed to working tirelessly to develop new and better treatments to improve the lives of people who have type 1 diabetes and keep them as healthy as possible.

### An urgent local need

There are 122,300 Australians with type 1 diabetes<sup>1</sup>, and with six new cases every day<sup>2</sup>, Australia has one of the highest rates in the world. The number of Australian children being diagnosed with this disease is increasing by 3% every year.

Today, people with type 1 diabetes rely on insulin to manage their disease. But insulin is not a cure, nor does it prevent the possibility of the disease's devastating effects, which can include kidney failure, blindness, heart disease, stroke, amputation, and pregnancy complications.

*"JDRF you give me hope that my precious daughter, and so many other precious people, will have a life free of type 1 diabetes and its complications. Your scientists are always in our thoughts."*

Cathy Ann, online comment

### Global Leader in Type 1 Diabetes Research

JDRF funding and leadership is associated with most major scientific breakthroughs in type 1 diabetes research to date.

JDRF is a global leader in driving science forward by funding more type 1 diabetes research than any other charity. JDRF's total research funding exceeds US\$1.4 billion globally since its founding in 1970.

### Funding Australia's best research

JDRF Australia was established in 1982. Since that time, over AU\$100 million has been invested in Australian diabetes research by JDRF. In 2008-09 JDRF Australia supported more than 40 type 1 diabetes research projects around the country.

A variety of fun events helps JDRF to raise crucial funds for type 1 diabetes research. Find out more about the Walk to Cure Diabetes, as well as the Ride and Spin to Cure Diabetes events - and many more - on our website: [www.jdrf.org.au](http://www.jdrf.org.au)

### A Backbone of Dedicated Volunteers

JDRF was founded in 1970 by parents of children with type 1 diabetes. Today, volunteers at JDRF's more than 100 locations worldwide remain the driving force behind the Foundation's success in advancing research toward a cure.

JDRF's volunteers consistently demonstrate a passionate and unrelenting commitment to the JDRF mission.

### Stay connected

JDRF is part of the type 1 diabetes community. The Foundation can help you connect to the right information about type 1 diabetes, including research news and community issues.

Find out more at [www.jdrf.org.au](http://www.jdrf.org.au)

<sup>1</sup> Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2008. Diabetes; Australian facts 2008. Diabetes series no. 8. Cat. No. CVD 40. Canberra: AIHW.

<sup>2</sup> Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Insulin-treated diabetes in Australia 2000-2007, Cat. No. CVD 45