Wescoe Foundation For Pulmonary Fibrosis

2025 ANNUAL **IMPACT REPORT**

A Letter from the Executive Director

2025 in Review; Milestones, Growth and our vision for 2026

After losing my father 20 years ago to pulmonary fibrosis, my goal has been to connect patients suffering from the same disease to as many resources as possible so they will never feel like they are walking alone. At that time there were few support networks, little educational resources, and my family and I felt like there was no place to turn and no one understood. The Wescoe Foundation was born out of that heartbreak.

I am so proud of what we have accomplished in 2025! We made contributions in patient and care partner education, continued to raise awareness in the community and beyond, build more our corporate partners, and engaged donors as partners alongside clinicians, researchers and advocacy leaders.

Because of people like you, The Wescoe Foundation has grown into one of the most impactful Pulmonary Fibrosis support organizations in the country. There are so many groundbreaking advancements to help patients with pulmonary fibrosis and we are part of that development.

We have an exciting year ahead and look forward to your continued support and collaboration.

Jennifer H. Wescoe, M.Ed., NCC
Founder, Executive Director
Wescoe Foundation for Pulmonary Fibrosis

OUR MISSION

The **Wescoe Foundation for Pulmonary Fibrosis** provides support, education, advocacy, and resources for patients living with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) as well as the care partners and families, in order to sustain the highest quality of life.

OUR VISION

TO UNITE THE PULMONARY FIBROSIS COMMUNITY

2025 NUMBERS

750 Patients served across all support groups

140 Care Partners served across all support groups.

20 Veterans served across all support groups.

20 Healthcare professionals provided input across all support groups.

25 States/countries represented across all support groups.

78 Countries world wide represented in PF Podcast reach.

200 Attendees of Quarterly Education Seminar.

300 Downloads of Wescoe Educational Resources.

10+ Professional disciplines represented for PF Podcast & support groups.

2000 Attendees at 3 Community Awareness events.

9518 Downloads for the Pulmonary Fibrosis Podcast

VOICES *FROM THE COMMUNITY*

*The voices on this page are **the reason we exist**. Patients, care partners, and health care providers inspire our mission daily—and remind us that **education, advocacy, and support change lives***

*"The Wescoe Foundation has helped me understand my IPF. They have multiple support groups that have made me feel I am not alone. If I have any questions I can go to the website or contact Jennifer. They have been a godsend to me, I feel much more confident with my diagnosis. **I know what questions to ask my pulmonologist.**"*

-Ginny D. *Patient living with PF*

*"The Wescoe Foundation became a tremendous source of valuable information and support for us as Mitzi's disease progressed as well as for myself through numerous Care Giver support group meetings with our spouses to care for an IPF patient. Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis is a difficult disease and all through the disease, and her single lung transplant, **the Foundation's continuing support was a great help to us both.**"*

-Tim O. *Care partner*

PULMONARY FIBROSIS PODCAST

OUR PODCASTS ENCOMPASS A WIDE RANGE OF VALUABLE TOPICS FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES LIVING WITH PULMONARY FIBROSIS.


"CONVENE PF & PATIENT ENGAGED RESEARCH"

Ilene Hollin, PhD, MPH, and John Marshall
Temple University College of Public Health

"ADVANCING PALLIATIVE CARE TO BETTER CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH SERIOUS ILLNESS"

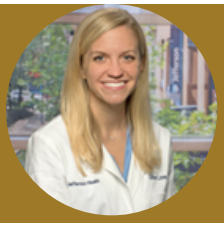
Kathleen Lindell, PhD, RN, ATSF, FAAN
Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

"LUNG TRANSPLANT JOURNEY"

Marion Marin
Lung Transplant Recipient

"WOMEN & ILD"

Rachel Criner, MD
Temple Lung Center



"COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR PALLIATIVE CARE IN ILD"

Gillian Love, MD
Jefferson Health

"HELP. HOPE. LIVE"

Katherine Lacouture, MSW
Help. Hope. Live

"2025 RECAP, LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026"

Jennifer Wescoe, M.Ed., NCC
Executive Director
Wescoe Foundation for Pulmonary Fibrosis

SUPPORT GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

"It is the Wescoe Foundation that ***grounded us, supported us and provided us with knowledge and connections to help ease our pain*** *and* ***help us to find the best possible medical care*** *for Brian. Over the past 17 years Jen and the Wescoe Foundation have walked with us in times of joy, uncertainty and confusion. We look forward to many, many years of walking with Jen and the Wescoe Foundation, not just for the help given to us, but to give help to others! Thank You Jen and* ***The Wescoe Foundation for being a bright light in all of the journeys of the many people you have touched and will touch."***

-KYM Z.B. *CARE PARTNER*

SUPPORT GROUPS IN 2025

All of our support groups play a vital role in advancing our mission to support those affected by pulmonary fibrosis, including programs on **disease progression, lung transplantation, Women & ILD, Veterans & ILD**, and **grief** after the loss of a loved one, each addressing important clinical and emotional needs across the PF journey.

This year, we especially highlighted **Coffee with Care Partners**, which gives care partners a space to connect, share experiences, and find strength. Supporting a loved one can be overwhelming, but learning from others facing similar challenges helps reduce isolation, build resilience, and encourage self-care.

2025 AWARENESS EVENTS

COOPERSBURG 5K RUN/WALK FOR PULMONARY FIBROSIS

We closed out our **last 5k in May 2025** with just about 500 participants! We gathered for the last time under The Wescoe Foundation sponsorship of the race after **raising $16,500** to continue our mission. For 19 years, the community gathered to be present for families and patients facing IPF. ***Thank you to everyone for your support over the last 19 years.***

2025 AWARENESS EVENTS

PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS GOLF OUTING

We gathered in September under beautiful sunny skies to support one of our major fundraisers for 2025. **We raised $27,000** with loyal and new participants who so graciously donated to our mission. We heard from community members and our executive director about the importance of this event and **the impact that Wescoe continues to have with patients and their care partners.**

2025 AWARENESS EVENTS

WESCOE WALK FOR PULMONARY FIBROSIS

Fantastic event on **October 26, 2025** when The Wescoe Foundation held **our 20th Annual Wescoe Walk**. It was a cold windy day but that did not keep our devoted walkers from joining us in the walk and to celebrate our accomplishments over the past 20 years. This has become a yearly event that brings past and present together. **We raised an incredible $8,500** from raffles and donations which help to support our education programs for individuals and families living with pulmonary fibrosis.

TOGETHER

*WE ARE **STRONGER.***

In 2025, the Wescoe Foundation strengthened longstanding corporate partnerships while cultivating new, dynamic collaborations, all with the goal of:

- ***EMPOWERING** PATIENTS AND CARE PARTNERS BY SHARING MEANINGFUL CHANGE THROUGH PIONEERING PROGRAMS, COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS.*
- ***BUILD** KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE IN PATIENTS AND CARE PARTNERS BY DEMYSTIFYING CLINICAL TRIALS*
- ***PROVIDE** VIRTUAL RESOURCE CENTERS WITH PLAIN-LANGUAGE EXPLANATIONS OF ONGOING AND UPCOMING TRIALS*
- ***LEAD** QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS FEATURING MEDICAL EXPERTS TRANSLATING SCIENCE INTO EVERYDAY LANGUAGE.*

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QUARTERLY EDUCATION SERIES

THESE QUARTERLY EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS FEATURE EXPERT SPEAKERS THAT PROVIDE INVALUABLE INSIGHT TO EMPOWER ATTENDEES WITH KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES.

MARCH 2025

"Understanding Pulmonary Hypertension/Interstitial Lung Disease (PH-ILD)"

Sheila Weaver, DO

Temple Lung Center, Professor, Thoracic Medicine and Surgery
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
Director, Sleep Fellowship Program, Temple University Hospital

JUNE 2025

"Advancing Palliative Care to Better Care for Patients with Serious Illness"

Kathleen Lindell, PhD, RN, ATSF, FAAN

Mary Swain Endowed Chair in Palliative Care
Health Associate Professor College of Nursing
Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC

SEPTEMBER 2025

"Open Forum Discussion on Patient Lived Experience"

Jennifer H. Wescoe, M.Ed., NCC

Founder, Executive Director
Wescoe Foundation for Pulmonary Fibrosis

NOVEMBER 2025

"Understanding Cough: What Patients Need to Know about Causes, Management, and Advances in Treatment"

Gerard Petersen, MD

Pulmonologist, Lehigh Valley Health Network and Jefferson Health

PRESENTATIONS & EDUCATION

In June 2025, our Executive Director, Jennifer Wescoe, presented at the **Pennsylvania Society of Respiratory Care Conference** in Harrisburg, PA. This was an opportunity to share our national and international presence to more than 1200 respiratory therapists as part of our long term strategic plan to share our services with respiratory therapists who care for pulmonary fibrosis patients daily.

The Annual **Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Summit** was held this year in Chicago, IL in November 2025 where our Executive Director, Jennifer Wescoe, presented a poster on ***"Living with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: Unpacking the Shared Realities of Daily Life, Emotional Burden, and Finding the Way"***. Avalyn pharmaceutical company, one of our corporate partners sponsored the poster presentation.

On **October 7, 2025**, The Wescoe Foundation was highlighted as an Educational Partner at the **CME PH-ILD Webinar - Practice Point at Rush University**. Dr. Marilyn Glassberg, Chair, Department of Medicine at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine shared at the webinar about our organization.

Wescoe, a direct partner with Lung Transplant Foundation, launched its first **"LUNG TRANSPLANT AWARENESS DAY"** on Thursday, October 9, 2025. **USA TODAY** article featured a double lung transplant that Wescoe facilitated.

EDUCATION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE

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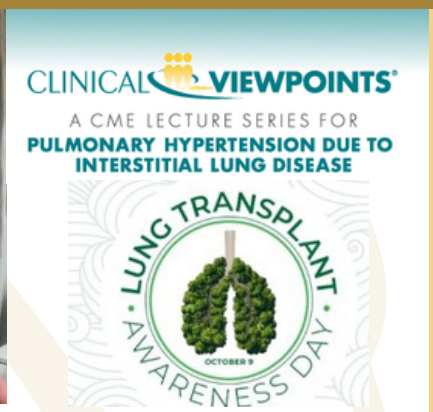
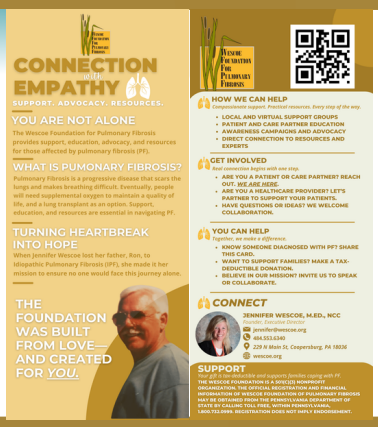
6ABC NEWS + Wescoe segment of benefits of Wescoe Foundation and pulmonary fibrosis community. ***"Support patients and families through an incurable progressive lung disease"***





A ***brand new look for our rack cards*** has been created for health care providers, respiratory therapists and physician offices to share information about Wescoe Foundation and the services we can provide to their patients.

September is Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month and in 2025, Wescoe successfully launched a campaign to have fourteen different landmarks participate in the lighting up of their facility to raise awareness. Thank You!

- **CITIZENS BANK PARK,** *PHILADELPHIA, PA*
- **ENCOMPASS HEALTH TINTON FALLS & TOMS RIVER,** *TOMS RIVER, NJ*
- **LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL AND HEALTH NETWORK,** *ALLENTOWN, PA*
- **PECO CROWN LIGHTS,** *PHILADELPHIA, PA*
- **CENTRE SOUTH,** *PHILADELPHIA, PA*
- **GULF TOWER,** *PITTSBURGH, PA*
- **KOPPERS BUILDING, DRAXX MANAGEMENT,** *PITTSBURGH, PA*
- **PITTSBURGH CITY-COUNTY BUILDING,** *PITTSBURGH, PA*
- **BEN FRANKLIN BRIDGE,** *PHILADELPHIA, PA*
- **ST. LUKE'S UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK,** *BETHLEHEM, PA*
- **LOWER TRENTON, DRJTBC,** *TRENTON, NJ*
- **NEW HOPE-LAMBERTVILLE, DRJTBC,** *NEW HOPE, PA*
- **NORTHAMPTON STREET BRIDGES, DRJTBC,** *EASTON, PA*
- **PA CAPITOL, DEPT. OF GENERAL SERVICES,** *HARRISBURG, PA*

BRIDGING THE GAP

"IDENTIFYING GAPS IN CONNECTING THE PULMONARY FIBROSIS COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT GROUPS" SURVEY

Wescoe Foundation For Pulmonary Fibrosis

Dear Wescoe Partner,

On behalf of the Wescoe Foundation for Pulmonary Fibrosis, I would like to extend our gratitude for the extraordinary care and commitment you provide every day to patients living with pulmonary disease. We recognize the tremendous demands on your time, and it is with deep appreciation that I share this important message.

The Wescoe Foundation for Pulmonary Fibrosis is a nationally and internationally recognized organization dedicated to providing hope, education, and compassionate support for patients and families impacted by pulmonary fibrosis. Our mission is grounded in creating a caring space where individuals and their loved ones can connect, learn, and find strength together. One of the most impactful ways we live out this mission is through our patient and family support groups, which continue to be a vital resource for so many navigating this arduous journey.

As September comes to a close, and the spotlight of Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness month begins to dim, we are reaching out for your help to keep the light shining. Whether it is lighting up buildings and bridges across the Commonwealth for #BLUEUP4PF or recognizing September 21 through 28 as Pennsylvania's Pulmonary Fibrosis Research & Awareness week, these observances provided a powerful opportunity to highlight the importance of early diagnosis, patient and care partner support, and increased awareness.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find flyers and information cards about the Wescoe Foundation for Pulmonary Fibrosis. Please consider placing these materials in areas where your patients and their families can access them. By doing so, you will help connect those who may feel isolated with a supportive community that understands their challenges.

Additionally, **we invite you to complete a brief assessment survey**, which can be accessed through the QR code included with this letter. Your feedback will help us expand and strengthen our services to patients and families across the state.

Please know that I am available as a resource to you, your patients, and their families. It is our privilege to stand alongside you in this shared effort to bring comfort, support, and awareness to the pulmonary fibrosis community.

With warmest regards,

Jennifer Wescoe, M.Ed., NCC
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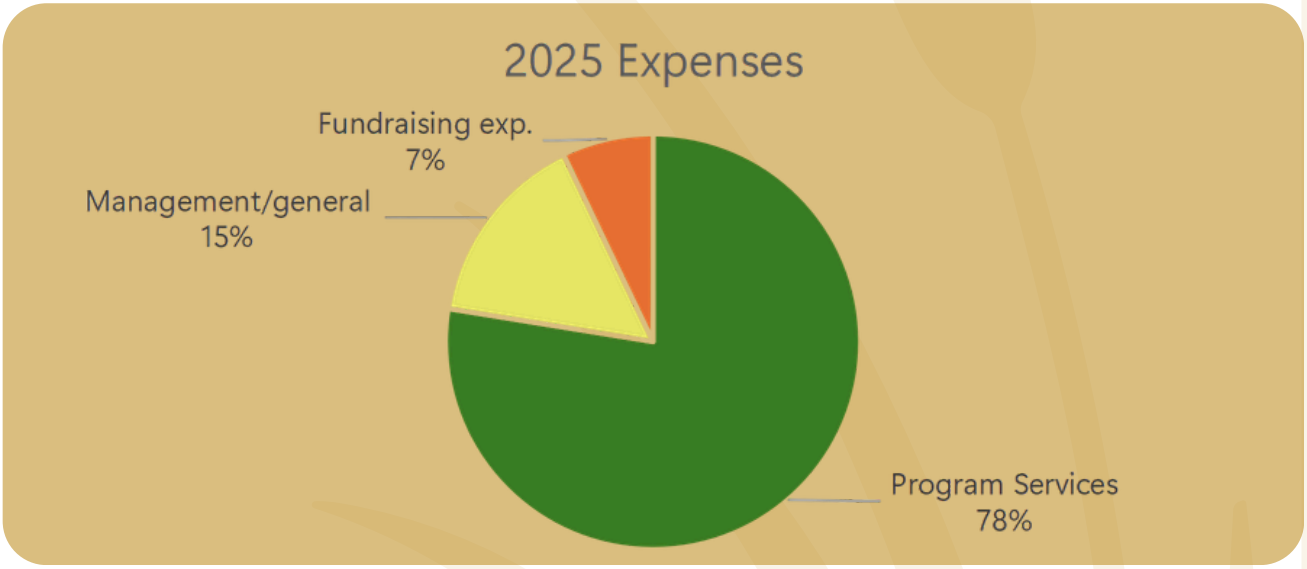
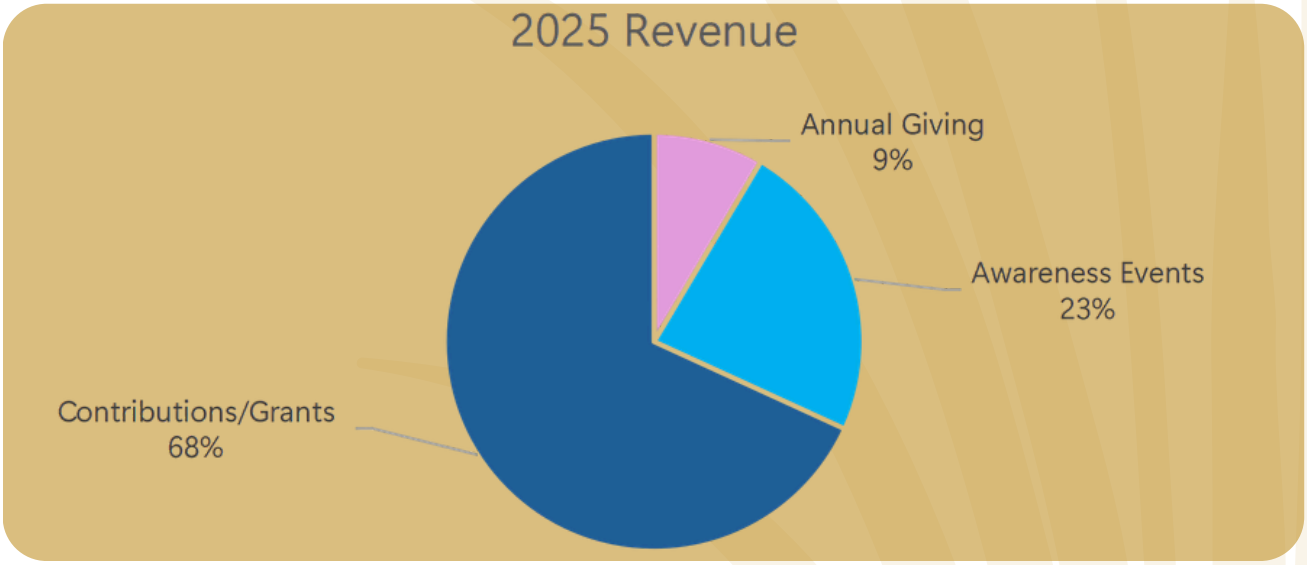
Community is at the heart of everything we do so we asked our community across the country to participate in a survey to help us better understand how to share information about our support group offerings and reach those who need it the most. **We launched this survey mid-year 2025** and continue to receive valuable feedback that we are using to broaden our network and enhance our communication.

2025 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

At the Wescoe Foundation, our financial stewardship reflects a strong commitment to the pulmonary fibrosis community. As a trusted resource for patients, care partners, clinicians, researchers, academia, and industry, we direct every dollar to expand access, reach, and impact. In 2025, we deepened our impact by advancing supportive care programs, expanding educational seminars and national conference presentations, and launching a Needs Assessment Survey to identify gaps and better serve those navigating the complexities of pulmonary fibrosis.

By maintaining low overhead, the majority of our funding is reinvested into these critical resources, strengthening connections to the care, education, and support our community deserves.





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NEW BOARD MEMBER **WELCOME MEGAN KINTZER**

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE **MEGAN KINTZER, MPA** JOIN OUR BOARD IN OCTOBER 2025. MS. KINTZER IS CURRENTLY A SENIOR DIRECTOR OF DONOR RELATIONS, STEWARDSHIP, AND PRESIDENTIAL LIAISON AT LAFAYETTE COLLEGE. WE WELCOME CAPITALIZING ON HER KNOWLEDGE IN THE DONOR WORK AND HER EXPERTISE THAT SHE WILL BRING TO THE BOARD.

Wescoe Foundation For Pulmonary Fibrosis

MEET OUR STAFF

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WESCOE FOUNDATION FOR PULMONARY FIBROSIS

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EVERYDAY GIVING CAMPAIGN

WESCOE CONTINUES TO BE THE RECIPIENT OF DONORS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE. THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING US TO STEWARD YOUR GENEROSITY.

2025 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN
HOPE. ACTION. VISION
YOUR GENEROSITY ALLOWED US TO RAISE $21,560 DURING OUR ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!