

Progeria is a fatal, "rapid aging" disease that afflicts children, who die of heart disease at an average age of 13 years.

PRF's mission is to discover the cure and effective treatment for Progeria and its aging related disorders.

The Progeria Research Foundation is driven by the passion, dedication and hope of thousands of people around the world. **In just one decade**, PRF has made incredible strides, but this critical work can only continue to move forward with your support.

Please continue to help in our quest to win this race against time for all children with Progeria worldwide.

Happy Holidays
and a Healthy and Peaceful
New Year!



LINDSAY AND KAYLEE SHOW OFF THEIR TROPHIES, AWARDED FOR COMPLETING THE FIRST-EVER PROGERIA DRUG TRIAL!



BEANDRI, FROM SOUTH AFRICA, RECENTLY ARRIVED IN BOSTON TO BEGIN THE TRIPLE DRUG TRIAL.

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Your generous support may help find the cure!

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You can help!
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SAM, FROM BOSTON

Before PRF was founded, children with Progeria and their families and doctors had **nowhere to go**. And virtually **nothing was known** about this fatal, rare disease. **Now** we know its **cause**, and we are in first-ever **clinical trials** with drugs that may **treat** it. From **obscurity** to **global influence**. All in just **ten years**. How **extraordinary!**

PRF is now hailed as a **model** for disease-research organizations. Our **success** in moving from the lab to treatments at a pace **unparalleled** in the scientific community is recognized as a prime example of translational research.

All of this **thanks to YOU**.
Onward... to the cure!



Celebrating Ten Years Timeline Highlights 1999-2009: Our History, Our Future



March 1999: The Progeria Research Foundation (PRF) is incorporated as a Massachusetts non-profit organization. On June 9, 1999, the Board of Directors held their first meeting.

August 1999: PRF awards its first research grant. To date, PRF has awarded 28 grants totaling nearly \$2 million that have allowed innovative research in Progeria to thrive, and have helped scientific publications on Progeria increase by over 1,000% since PRF was founded.

November 1999: PRF launches its web site, a comprehensive resource of information on Progeria for researchers, families of children with Progeria and their physicians, and others. The 300+ page site is now visited by an average of 15,000 people per month, from around the globe!

www.progeriaresearch.org



May 2000: PRF's Medical Director, Dr. Leslie Gordon's research on Progeria is featured in Scientific American's "The Quest to Beat Aging."

October 17, 2000: PRF helps secure language in the Children's Health Act that mandates the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to devise a plan to support children with Progeria. As a direct result, NIH commits to supporting Progeria research efforts spearheaded by PRF. NIH has co-funded every scientific workshop, provided first-ever funding for Progeria research, and partnered on a first-ever natural history study of children with Progeria.

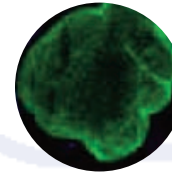


November 2001: PRF and NIH hold an historic, first-ever workshop in Bethesda, Maryland. PRF has organized five successful scientific conferences that have brought together scientists and clinicians from all over the world to share their expertise and cutting edge scientific data, and foster collaboration in the fight against Progeria. A sixth workshop is planned for April 2010.

January 2002: The PRF Genetics Consortium is formed. The goal of this group is to find the gene for Progeria, which is accomplished ten months later.

March 2002: PRF launches the Cell & Tissue Bank at Rhode Island Hospital and Rutgers University Cell & DNA Repository, so researchers have the biological tools needed to advance Progeria research. The Bank now holds an impressive 121 lines.

October 10, 2002: Using cells from the PRF Cell & Tissue Bank, PRF Genetics Consortium members Dr. Maria Eriksson and Dr. Francis Collins lead the Progeria gene discovery. The PRF Medical & Research Database is created, to help learn more about the disease and provide treatment recommendations.



June 2003: In the wake of the gene discovery, the PRF Diagnostics program begins. With a definitive way to diagnose children, earlier diagnosis, fewer misdiagnoses and early medical intervention ensure a better quality of life for the children.

August 2004: PRF awards its 10th research grant, funding the creation of a Progeria mouse.

November 2005: A record 96 scientists from nine countries meet for PRF's 4th scientific workshop in Boston, Massachusetts.



June 2006: PRF launches a public service announcement (PSA) campaign featuring the voices of long-time PRF supporters Ted Danson and Mary Steenburg. The PSA receives Ad Council endorsement and airs on the Astrovision in NYC's Times Square in November.

February/July 2006: PRF-funded studies find that FTIs – a potential new drug treatment for Progeria – prevent some signs of disease in Progeria mice. These and other studies, along with data analyzed from PRF's Medical & Research Database, pave the way for a clinical drug trial.

April 2007: Children's Hospital Boston approves the first-ever Progeria Clinical Drug Trial, funded and co-coordinated by PRF. For the first time, we have a possible treatment for children with Progeria.

May-October 2007: 28 children with Progeria from 16 countries come to Boston to enroll in the historic Clinical Trial. This trial will end in December 2009, with published results expected in April 2010.



August 2008: PRF's 7th chapter opens in Kentucky. Chapters help raise awareness and conduct local fundraising events so that PRF's goal of developing treatments and the cure will be achieved more rapidly, to win this race against time.

October 2008: In a stunning display of progress with the FTI drug, and providing further confirmation of how Progeria research may help millions with heart disease, a study finds that FTIs prevent and even reverses the most devastating effect of Progeria in mice: cardiovascular disease.

April 2009: In a spectacular show of support for children with Progeria, nearly 850 supporters make PRF's first annual campaign, called the ONEpossible Campaign, a success, surpassing our \$100,000 goal for the final stretch to fund the \$2 million clinical drug trial. They are each ONE who will make a cure POSSIBLE!



August 2009: Clinical Trial #2: Triple Drug Therapy Begins. On the heels of the end of the first treatment trial, PRF and Children's Hospital Boston begin a three-drug combination trial. Researchers have identified two additional drugs that, when used in combination with the current FTI drug being tested, may provide an even more effective treatment for children with Progeria than FTIs alone. This exciting and much larger trial includes 45 children from 20 different countries.



October 2009: PRF partners with Spectrum and GLOBALHealthPR to launch a global campaign to find all children with Progeria so they can get the support they need. www.findtheother150.org

We have come so far in just 10 years, well on our way to effective treatments. With your continued support, we WILL find the cure for children with Progeria.