



# IMPACT REPORT

---

2016-2017



# CONTENTS

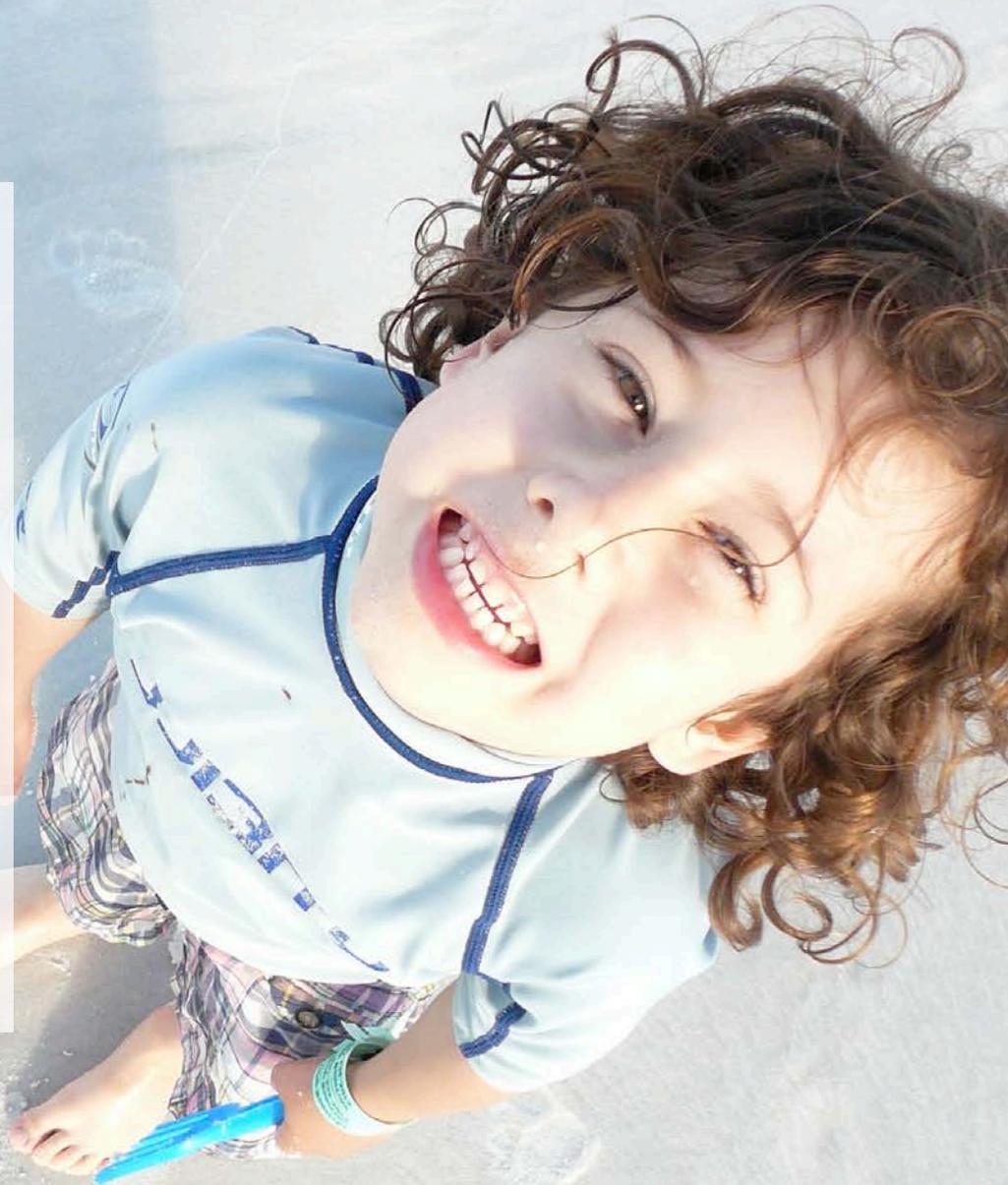
- 3 OUR LOVE STORY
- 5 POWERED BY PABLOVE
- 6 LATEST SUCCESS STORY
- 7 PABLOVE SHUTTERBUGS
- 8 PABLOVE SHUTTERBUGS CITIES
- 9 ALUMNI SUMMER CAMP
- 10 GALLERY SHOWS
- 11 PABLOVEPRINTS.COM

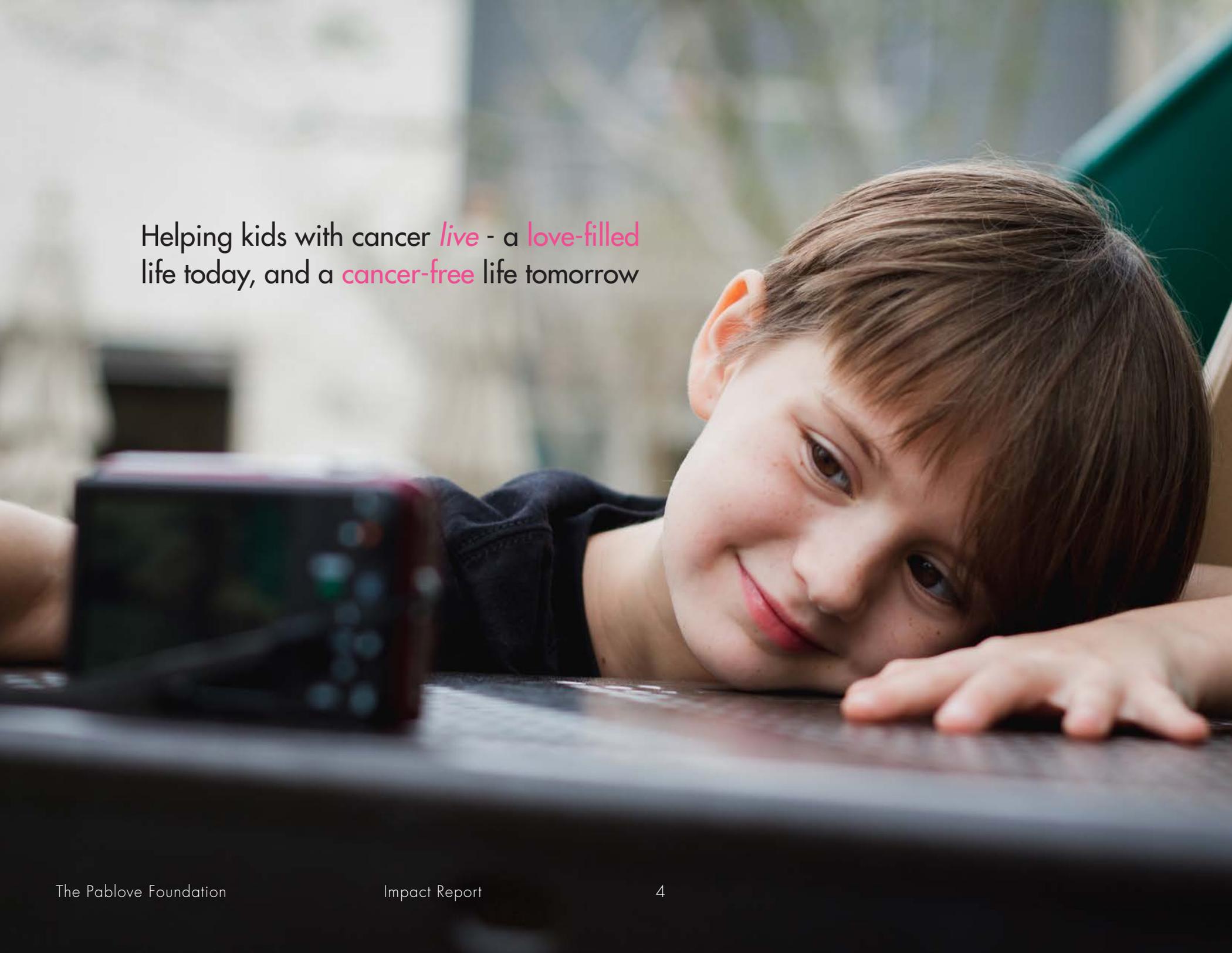
## OUR LOVE STORY

The Pablove Foundation is named after Pablo Thraikill Castelaz, the son of Jo Ann Thraikill and Jeff Castelaz, and the little brother of Grady Gallagher. Pablo was six years old when he passed away from bilateral Wilms Tumor, a rare form of kidney cancer.

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, an entire community is impacted: parents, siblings, classmates, and friends are all affected by the upheaval that childhood cancer leaves in its wake. As a result of the outpouring of love and support we received from our community, The Pablove Foundation was born in 2010, and we've been fighting childhood cancer with love ever since.

Our mission is to invest in underfunded, cutting-edge pediatric cancer research, and improve the lives of children living with cancer through the arts. Our mission is fueled by our impassioned desire to find a cure, and to allow kids living with cancer to still be kids while undergoing treatment.



A young child with brown hair is lying on a dark table, looking at a smartphone. The child is smiling slightly and has their hand resting on the table. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with a green structure.

Helping kids with cancer *live* - a *love-filled* life today, and a *cancer-free* life tomorrow

# POWERED BY PABLOVE

Our Powered by Pablove childhood cancer research grants program is focused on awarding \$50,000 seed grants to daring investigators, giving them the opportunity to prove their theories and leverage their findings for additional funding. Our dream is to ensure that no brilliant, promising scientist goes unfunded in their initial phase of research, because we know that there are kids waiting for the cures they will uncover.

In 2017, we had over 100 grant applications from all over the world. Our Scientific Advisory Committee, comprised of esteemed scientists from childhood cancer research institutions, recommended four breakthrough researchers for seed grant funding.

## 2017 AWARDEES

**GREGORY AUNE, MD, PHD**

University of Texas at San Antonio

**AUSTIN BROWN, PHD**

Baylor College of Medicine, Houston

**THEODORE NICOLAIDES, MD**

University of California, San Francisco

**ALISA LEE SHERICK, MD**

University of Colorado, Denver



# LATEST SUCCESS STORY: DR. GREGORY AUNE

Dr. Gregory John Aune is a Stephanie Edlund Distinguished Professor in Pediatric Cancer Research. He earned his Ph.D. and M.D. from University of Texas Health Science Center. Personal and professional experiences in pediatric cancer fueled his interest in childhood cancer research. He is a long-term survivor of Hodgkin's lymphoma. Dr. Aune is a two-time Powered by Pablove grant recipient, as well as the recipient of the first grant fully funded by proceeds raised by Pablove Shutterbugs students through the sale of their artwork.

Dr. Aune is currently researching a preclinical evaluation of Anthracycline Equivalency. The overall goal of his research is to understand how pediatric cancer treatments damage the heart, and develop new strategies to decrease heart disease in long-term survivors of childhood cancer. His long-term career goal is to identify the mechanisms that cause cardiac disease in childhood cancer survivors.



# PABLOVE SHUTTERBUGS

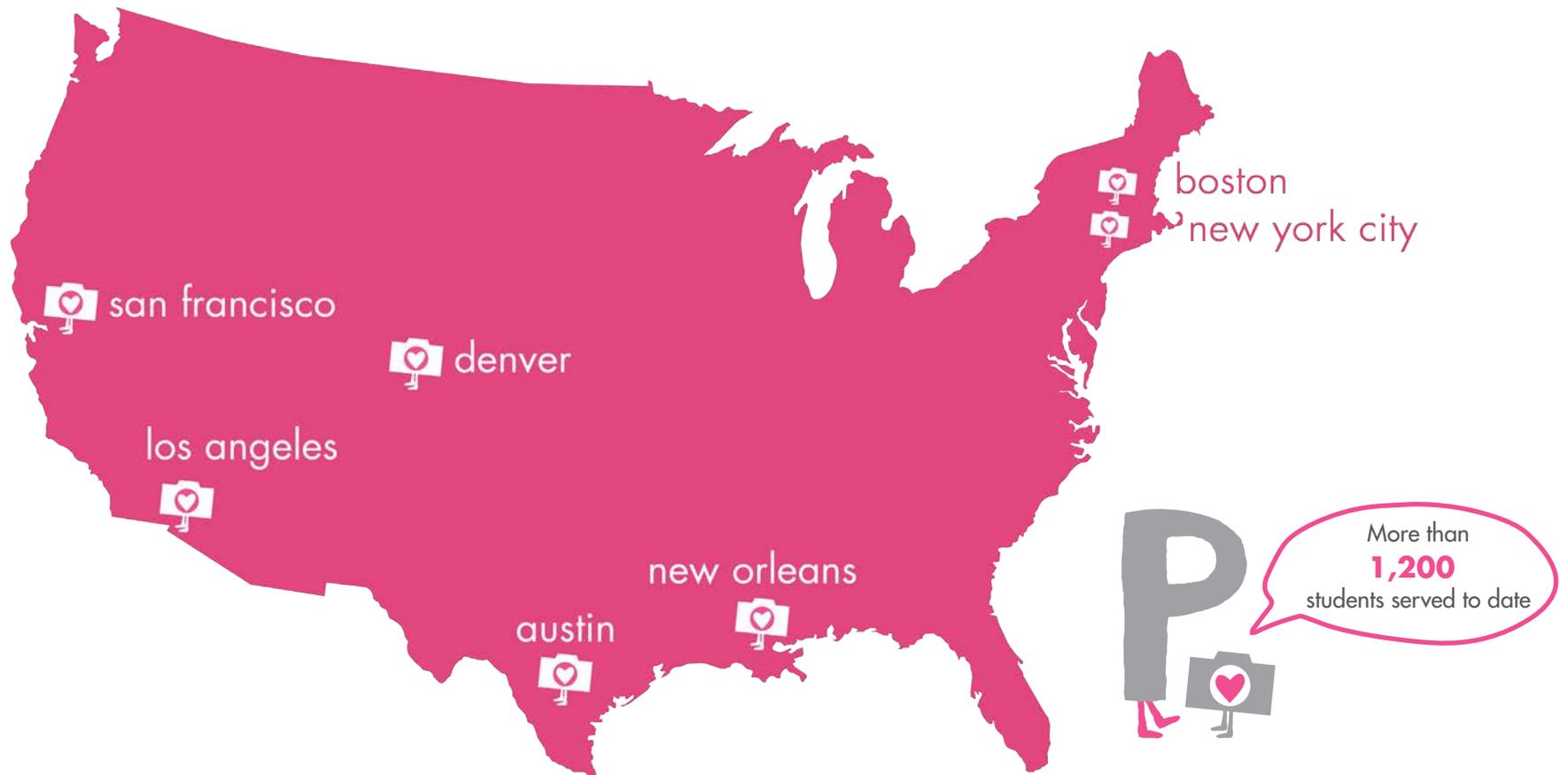
Living with cancer is no fun – especially for a child. Days are filled with doctor’s appointments, and kids are pulled out of school, limiting their contact with the outside world. That’s where Pablove Shutterbugs comes in. The Pablove Foundation’s arts education program lets kids just be kids and find their creative voice through photography. We fight childhood cancer with love by partnering with art institutions such as The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in NYC and The Getty Center in Los Angeles, and encouraging our Shutterbugs and their families to become lifelong patrons of the arts.

The Shutterbugs program guides students through the basic principles of photography, including composition and lighting, in a supportive and fun environment. Each week a project is assigned, giving the students an opportunity for an increased sense of accomplishment and confidence. Every Pablove Shutterbugs session culminates in a graduation and yearly gallery show at a professional gallery space.

Pablove Shutterbugs is currently in seven cities across the country, including two new locations, Denver and Boston. This Fall, we also launched our first advanced photography class in Los Angeles.



# PABLOVE SHUTTERBUGS CITIES



# ALUMNI SUMMER CAMP

Our 3rd annual Pablove Shutterbugs Alumni Summer Camp took place from June 13 - 16 at the UCLA Conference Center in Lake Arrowhead, CA. Thirtyfour Pablove Shutterbugs Alumni, ages 8-19, came together to learn intermediate photography concepts and participate in exciting camp activities. 2016 was the first time we were able to welcome out-of-town campers, and cover all of their travel expenses. This past summer, we were thrilled to serve fourteen kids from New York, New Orleans, Austin, Miami, San Francisco, and Tacoma. We are looking forward to next year!



# GALLERY SHOWS

The 2016/2017 Gallery Show season was a success! We partnered with galleries in all seven Pablove Shutterbugs cities, bringing together thousands of students, families and their communities to celebrate our young photographers. All sales at our annual gallery shows directly support the Powerd by Pablove childhood cancer research grants program.



# PABLOVEPRINTS.COM

In September 2015, The Pablove Foundation launched Pablove Prints, an e-commerce site showcasing the work of our inspirational Shutterbugs photographers as fine art. 100% of the proceeds from the site go directly to funding childhood cancer research grants.



# CONTACT US



[pablove.org](http://pablove.org)



[pablovefoundation](https://www.facebook.com/pablovefoundation)



[@pablove](https://twitter.com/pablove)



[@pablovefoundation](https://www.instagram.com/pablovefoundation)

[pablove.org](http://pablove.org) | 323-657-5557 | 6607 Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90028