



*Take Action Today.  
Breathe Better Tommorrow.*



## Let's improve the lives of those affected by COPD

### **WHAT IS COPD?**

COPD is Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; a group of lung diseases that block airflow and make it difficult to breathe. It is the third leading cause of death in the United States and affects over 30 million individuals.

### **ABOUT US**

We're a community-based organization dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by COPD. The COPD Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit created in 2004.

The COPD Foundation's mission is to prevent and cure Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and to improve the lives of all people affected by COPD.

### **OUR HISTORY**

The COPD Foundation was created in 2004, by John W Walsh, a COPD patient. Mr. Walsh saw the need to build an infrastructure to support the millions of people living with COPD.

He sought to unify COPD patients, caregivers, loved ones, and healthcare professionals into a single voice for COPD.

Up until this time, much of the focus surrounding respiratory disease was focused on tobacco control and clean air. COPD was the 4th leading cause of death in the United States and yet no one was talking about it!

The COPD Foundation quickly produced publications, educational materials, and resources for COPD patients at no charge.

Over our tenure, advocacy, early testing and research programs continue to be added to the COPD Foundation's programs in order to maximize our service to the community.

**PLEASE FLIP THIS CARD TO READ MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS AND HOW YOU CAN CHANGE LIVES!**

87% OF EVERY DONATION GOES TO

## OUR PROGRAMS

### EDUCATION

We provide free educational materials, resources and support to thousands of COPD patients throughout the nation.



### SUPPORT

Living with COPD? You are not alone. Talk to patients and caregivers at (866) 316-COPD (2673) or meet others affected by COPD at our online community, [COPD360social.org](http://COPD360social.org).



### RESEARCH

Our COPD Patient-Powered Research Network will be a network of over 75K COPD patients sharing vital information for COPD research into therapies and cures.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP TODAY TO HELP OUR COPD COMMUNITY

When you support the COPD Foundation you make possible cutting edge research and all the vital service programs that benefit people in our community. Help us improve the lives of all people affect by COPD and work towards a cure!

**It's easy to donate.**

Visit [copdfoundation.org/donate](http://copdfoundation.org/donate) today or call (866) 316-COPD (2673).