



**FOR RESEARCH AND CARE.
FOR A CURE. FOR WISCONSIN.**

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Although we have always philanthropically supported cancer research, we did not truly understand the magnitude of the disease until it became excruciatingly personal to us. Greg's father, Glen Gard, passed away in October 2015 after a six-month battle with glioblastoma multiforme, a form of brain cancer. A few months after his death, we began reflecting on our journey and having conversations about how to embrace and carry forward the lessons we had learned. We considered the best ways we could use our experience to help other people while honoring Greg's late father. Through this process, it became clear to us that we wanted our impact to be across the state of Wisconsin — our presence to be felt by patients and researchers from border to border. Thus, our Garding Against Cancer (GAC) initiative was born.

Since the December 2016 launch of GAC, we have successfully raised more than \$6.5 million. Thanks to the support of so many friends of our mission, GAC has taken on an exciting life of its own. Together we are making a difference in the lives of researchers, patients, and families throughout the state. Along with amazing research happening at the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center, we've also been able to offer support for a variety of patient-focused initiatives in and around the local communities of Menomonie, Wisconsin Dells, Wausau, Oshkosh, La Crosse, Whitewater and Janesville.

As part of the Wisconsin Men's Basketball exhibition game against UW-Eau Claire this year, we're pleased to host **Garding Against Cancer Eau Claire**. All proceeds from this event will stay in the area and will support the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, Joshua's Camp and the UW-Eau Claire Cancer Recovery and Fitness Programs. The evening will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, hosted cocktails, a silent auction, raffle, and live entertainment.

Please join us on Monday, September 12, 2022 at the Pablo Center at the Confluence! You can become a sponsor of this important event in the fight against cancer in your community. Attached are the sponsorship opportunities and benefits. Single tickets will also be available for purchase. Please visit gardingagainstcancer.org/events for more details.

We hope to see you in September!

Coach Greg and Michelle Gard