

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**



Dear Friends,

It's tempting to suggest 2023 was a year like any other. The fanfare of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022 had subsided, the intensity of the COVID-19 pandemic was fading, and PeDRA had a full year to grind away on routine business. Yet in the end, our 2023 impact was far from routine. Thanks to the dedication, creativity, and hard work of our leaders, members, collaborators, and staff, 2023 was a year full of novelty and accomplishment. We advanced the field and strengthened PeDRA's capacity to make an impact on patients whose lives we strive to improve through research.

Three highlights from 2023 excite me the most. They demonstrate PeDRA's capacity to react quickly, to offer appreciation of our evolving community, and to operate thoughtfully in support of long-term objectives.

First, in 2022 we identified a need to offer short-term mentored research opportunities to medical students from diverse backgrounds who might otherwise be unable to gain experience in the field. In response we mobilized four PeDRA committees, secured funding from two industry allies, and launched the Emerging Investigator Research Grant program less than six months later. In the program's first year we gave an astonishing 10 grants.

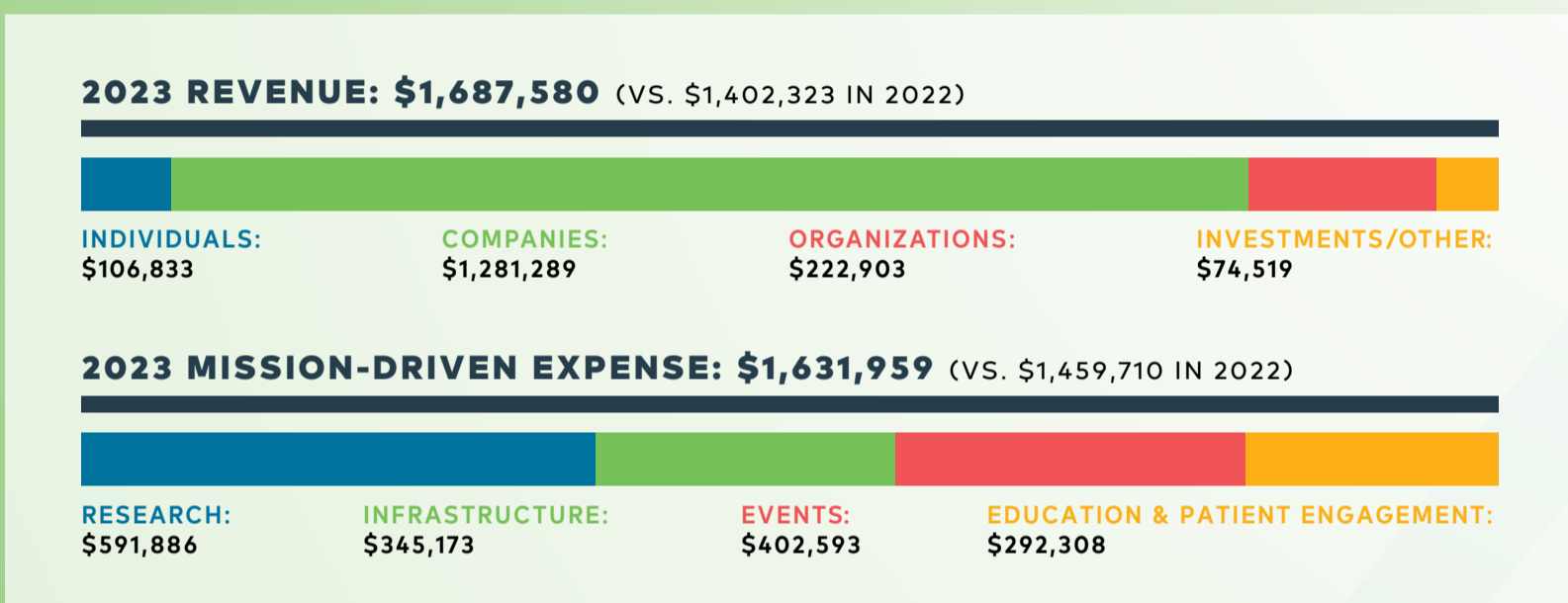
Second, to recognize outstanding contributions from individuals who make up the fabric of our community, we launched the PeDRA Awards Program. I was thrilled by the health of the process to nominate and select awardees and the strengths of our first Volunteer of the Year, Mentor of the Year, and Community Member of the Year.

Finally, in 2023 PeDRA implemented a set of core values centered on integrity, collaboration, mentorship, curiosity, innovation, equity, diversity, and inclusion, and patient-centricity. While I've always taken pride in our community's ability to pursue its mission without needing a recipe for success, the core value statements resonate deeply with what I believe PeDRA to be and will provide a firm foundation for PeDRA's efforts for many years to come.

I hope you enjoy this report's brief snapshot of other 2023 accomplishments and take them as inspiration to contribute to PeDRA's impact in 2024. Thank you for being part of the PeDRA community!

Most Sincerely,

Anna Bruckner, MD  
University of Colorado School of Medicine  
PeDRA President



2023  
by the numbers

**\$578,000**

given in support of 32 PeDRA Grants and Fellowships including the inaugural Emerging Investigator Research Grant program and 2023 HS Pilot Grant.

**1**

new Focused Study Group added, marking the 11<sup>th</sup> collaborative research group in the PeDRA network. The new FSG will be dedicated to education research.

**337**

attendees at the 11<sup>th</sup> PeDRA Annual Conference in Atlanta. More than 100 new projects were discussed, more than 130 posters were displayed, and the karaoke reception was as lively as ever.

**660+**

members across PeDRA's four membership categories including 75 Community Members from the patient and caregiver audience.

**7**

core values defined as guiding principles for PeDRA's second decade: integrity; collaboration; mentorship; curiosity; innovation and discovery; equity, justice, diversity, and inclusion; and patient-centricity.

**28**

pairings began terms as part of the 2023-24 PeDRA Mentorship Program. New in 2023, three mentorship groups were dedicated to special topics: basic science, translational research, and industry-sponsored research.

**11+**

hours of mission-driven education reaching a broad audience including more than 400 podcast downloads per month by year end.

**25**

guests attended the first-ever stand-alone Corporate Council Meeting in Bethesda, MD, including industry allies, patient advocacy partners, and PeDRA leaders.

**4-star**

rating received from Charity Navigator in recognition of PeDRA's strength and transparency as an organization.



**\$46,185**

received from 98 individual donors in support of PeDRA's mission and vision. Thank you to every individual, organization, and company who supported PeDRA in 2023!

As the first year of PeDRA's second decade, 2023 was dedicated to strengthening our foundation in an unwavering commitment to create, inspire, and sustain research to prevent, treat, and cure childhood skin disease.

Thank you to everyone who supported PeDRA in 2023. Visit [PeDRAresearch.org/donate](https://PeDRAresearch.org/donate) to join the effort in 2024!

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