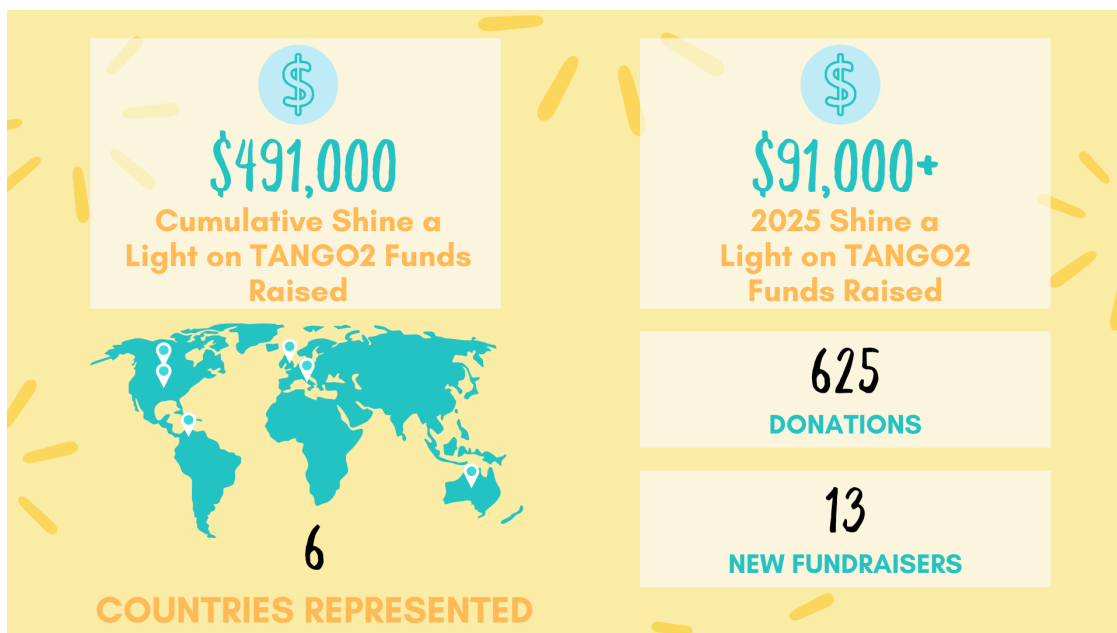


Monthly Updates



Thank You for Helping Us Shine a Light on TANGO2!

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in this year's Shine a Light on TANGO2 fundraiser and attend this year's Shine a Light Celebration! Thanks to you, we raised over **\$91,000**, with even more fundraisers planned in the coming months!



Thank you so much to all of our team captains and fundraisers for another amazing year of community, compassion, and impact!

Missed the Shine a Light Celebration? You can view the recording on our YouTube channel!

[Watch Celebration](#)

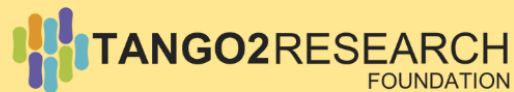
Fueling Research, Fueling Hope

What makes our foundation unique is the dedication of our community. It's what drives breakthroughs and brings hope to TANGO2 families around the world. Thanks to your continued support, we're awarding **\$193,500** this cycle!

After reviewing numerous letters of intent, the Foundation invited seven researchers to submit full proposals for Cycle 5 of our T2RF Research Grant Program. Following a rigorous review process, we are proud to fund four outstanding and highly competitive projects.

This year, we also introduced a Special Interest Grant mechanism, a new funding stream created to support research based on the priorities shared by our community.

We are thrilled to support the following individuals through our Cycle 5 Research Grant Awards and Special Interest Grant!



T2RF Cycle 5 & Special Interest Research Grant Award Recipients

Thanks to YOUR support, we are able to fund the following researchers and their projects!



Lina Ghaloul Gonzalez, MD & Scott Lovell, PhD



Donna McDonald-McGinn, MS, LCGC & Beata Nowakowska, PhD



Andreas Roos, PhD & Bert Klebl, PhD



Christina Miyake, MD, M.S. & Mousumi Bose, PhD



Georgia Sarquella-Brugada, MD

Hero Highlight: The Swetek-Jones Family

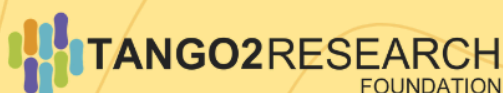
This month, we are highlighting our 2025 Ambassador Family, the Swetek-Jones family! Veronica and Tyson have been a vital part of the TANGO2 community since the beginning. Following the diagnosis of their daughter, Thea, they created the TANGO2 Family Facebook group—a vital space offering connection, information, and support for families impacted by TDD around the world.

Veronica was our overall top Shine a Light fundraiser, raising an impressive **\$21,000!** Her passion and determination inspire us all, and her efforts have directly accelerated our mission to fund research, connect families, and move closer to a cure. We are so grateful for the Swetek-Jones family's unwavering commitment, leadership, and love for the TANGO2 community. Their story reminds us of the power of family, advocacy, and hope.

HERO HIGHLIGHT

The Swetek-Jones Family

"Through the TANGO2 Research Foundation's work we hope to continue to learn more about the disease and how to provide the best care for our daughter."



You can learn more about their story on our YouTube channel!

Watch Veronica & Tyson's Story

Michael E. DeBakey Awards for Excellence in Research

Congratulations to **Drs. Lilei Zhang and Na Li** from Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital, previous T2RF research awardees, on receiving the prestigious Michael E. DeBakey Award for Excellence in Research. We are proud to have you as part of the TDD community and truly grateful for your continued dedication to advancing research for TANGO2 Deficiency Disorder!



Have a Question about TANGO2?

Join our Conversations on the [Research Learning Network](#)! Here are some conversations that are going on right now:

Increased B9 dosage- noticeable improvements in speech ⁷

■ Research [research](#) , [signs-and-symptoms](#)

Hello everyone. My daughter (2.5y/o) recently received her Varicella vaccine and as per her Metabolic doctors recommendation, we increased her B9 from 440mcg per day to 840mcg per day. We did this for about a week follow... [read more](#)

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Probiotics safe/beneficial? ²

■ General

Hi there, I was thinking about possibly starting my daughter on a probiotic and I came accross the information here in these articles. I was wondering if maybe a researcher or doctor would have some input on wheith... [read more](#)

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