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Dear Friends of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network,

We have sadly learned that Steve Jobs, Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board of Apple, Inc., has passed away from pancreatic cancer. Steve Jobs had battled a rare form of pancreatic cancer since 2004.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, its National Board of Directors, Scientific Advisory Board, Medical Advisory Board and our entire staff, extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Steve Jobs, his friends and colleagues, and the entire Apple community. He was an American icon and one of the greatest visionaries of our time.

Although Steve Jobs battled a rare form of pancreatic cancer ([pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors](#) account for less than 5% of all pancreatic cancer tumors), his passing from pancreatic cancer is a harsh reminder of the relentlessness of this deadly cancer and the lack of pre-screening methods and effective treatment options. It is also a stunning reality that even those who have unlimited access to the highest level of care available cannot defeat this insidious disease.

Whenever we lose a high profile person to pancreatic cancer, it ironically builds awareness and interest about a disease that not many know, or understand. To make progress against this disease, it is critical to know it and fight it, so one day we can end it.

If you would like more information about pancreatic cancer please go to www.pancan.org/learnaboutpc. To read our official statement [click here](#).

Sincerely,

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