## MCI Annual Report 2017

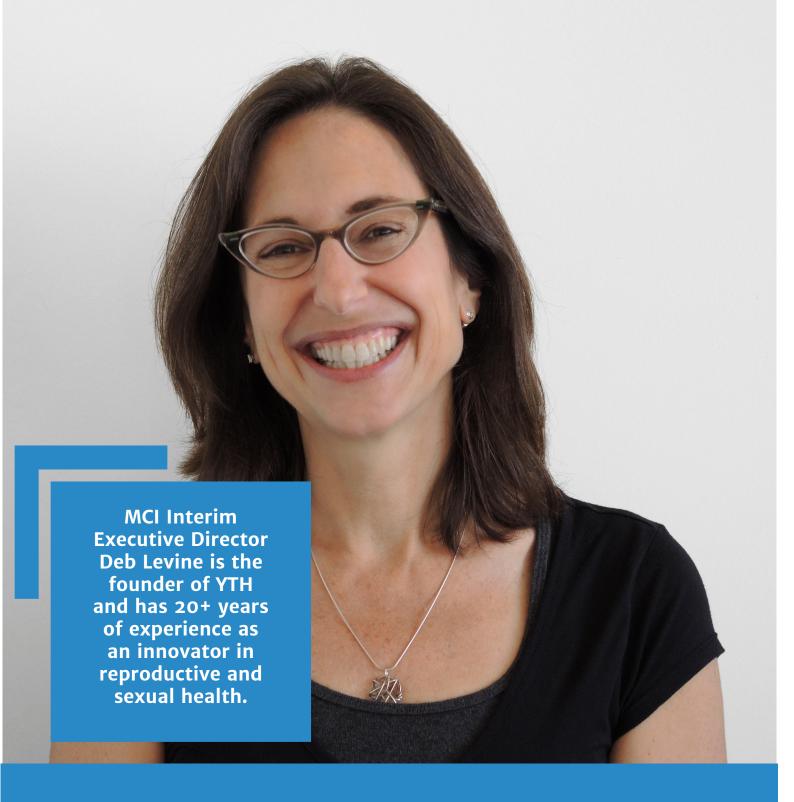
### Mission

To facilitate research & development of male contraceptives for all people around the world and to build awareness about male contraception.

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## 4 YEARS OF PROGRESS

Investing in the future of men and women

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

2017 was a bit of a whirlwind for Male Contraception Initiative (MCI). With your support, we were able to inaugurate a grant program and award \$500k to an innovative start-up based in Montana called Vibliome.

Working in partnership with Stanford University and the University of Montana, Vibliome has discovered a new family of compounds that can impact male fertility based upon a novel, focused library of inhibitors of promising kinase targets and their escape pathways. Through a bit of serendipity, they were working on a solution for certain forms of cancer, and found that the family of compounds also affect the normal action of sperm. The compound is non-hormonal, and appears to be easily reversible.

This is just one example of the exciting discoveries we're working to uncover and support at MCI. In 2017, there was a media storm about the feasibility of bringing new male contraceptives to market. Male Contraception Initiative has been quoted as experts on the topic in such prestigious media as Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio and Scientific American. And journalist requests continue to pour in.

There is so much on the horizon for 2018. Keep your eyes peeled for more award notifications, additional funding opportunities, a new name, logo and website, a pilot research fellowship program and much much more. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will be lead the global movement to provide safe, effective, reversible contraceptive options for men.

All the best,

Deb Levine, BSW, MA
Interim Executive Director



## **Featured Grantee**

Gary Flynn, PhD, is the Founder of Vibliome Therapeutics, and has decades of experience in synthetic chemistry.

James Chen, PhD, is a Professor at Stanford University, and specializes in the crossroads of chemisty and biology.

MCI awarded a \$500,000 grant in 2017 to a research team at Vibliome Therapeutics. Collaborative researchers hail from Vibliome, Montana State University, and Stanford University.

It's been discovered that male reproductive function is modulated via a protein kinase enzyme cascade. The Vibliome research team is developing a new family of therapeutics based on these promising kinase targets and their escape pathways.







Rob Goodwin, PhD, is Vibliome's CEO, with experience in pharmaceuticals, bioengineering, and business.

Tom Livinghouse, PhD, is a Professor at Montana State University, and a pioneer in the field of synthetic chemistry.

# Quotes from supporters

"Recent scientific advances suggest new approaches for developing safe and effective male contraceptives.

It's exciting to think that renewed investment in such research might produce reliable and reversible options for men in the not-too-distant future.

Our Bodies Ourselves is eager to support you on this effort."

Julie Childers,
Executive Director, Our Bodies Ourselves
and
Judy Norsigian,
former Executive Director and co-founder, Our
Bodies Ourselves



"I've consistently been impressed with the work that MCI has been able to do with their resources.

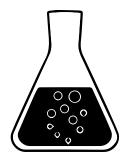
They have smartly and consistently made impacts in both research and public understanding, and show no signs of slowing down."

Chris Purdy
President and CEO
DKT International

"I'd like to see renewed research on new or better birth control products — ones that are safe and convenient, and more equitably incorporate men in pregnancy prevention."

Isabel Docampo Princeton, N.J.

## Where your support goes



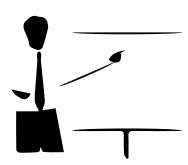
### **RESEARCH:**

MCI funds researchers directly, vetting proposals through our expert Advisory Board and ensuring that your dollars go towards the projects with the highest chance of getting male birth control to market.



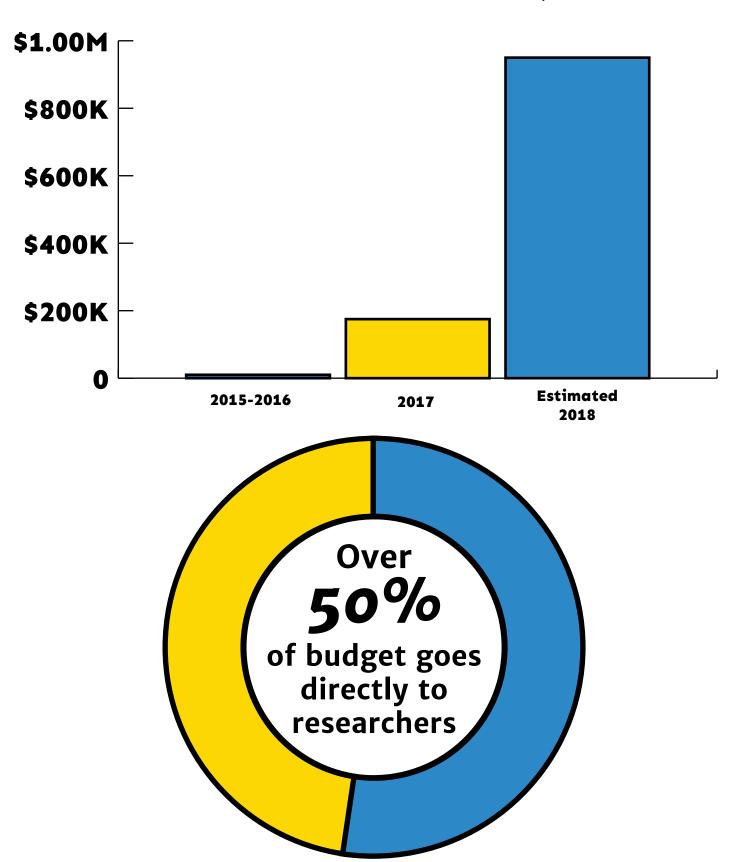
#### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

MCI is making sure there's incentive in the field for young researchers to get in the game. We're providing support for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers to develop new and exciting projects that ensure success for years to come.



#### **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS:**

MCI not only attends conferences in the field to connect with researchers directly, but we also support young researchers with Travel Grants to collaborate with like-minded professionals and stimulate the field.



# Thank you for your support

Everything we do is thanks to your donations. You are the reason why MCI is able to connect with researchers and move male contraception closer to market every day.

By supporting MCI, you're ensuring that the newest, most promising methods can move forward and change the world.

We'd like to take a moment to thank our 2017 donors.

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