## PARKER INSTITUTE

for CANCER IMMUNOTHERAP

## **ABOUT SEAN PARKER – CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER**

Sean Parker is a philanthropist and entrepreneur with a record of launching genre-defining companies. He is the president of the Parker Foundation which focuses on three areas: Life Sciences, Global Public Health and Civic Engagement. In 2015, Parker announced a \$600 million contribution to launch the foundation.

Parker has been recognized for his leadership in funding and promoting research into the relationship between the immune system and cancer. Parker helped to establish the Stand Up 2 Cancer (SU2C) and Cancer Research Institute's (CRI) Immunotherapy Dream Team. In 2013, he was honored by CRI with the Oliver R. Grace Award for Distinguished Service in Advancing Cancer Research. In April 2016, Parker and the Parker Foundation announced a \$250 million gift to establish the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy.

Parker was the co-founder of Napster at age 19 and Plaxo at 21. In 2004, he joined with Mark Zuckerberg to develop the online social network Facebook and served as Facebook's founding president, and in 2007 he co-founded Causes on Facebook, which registered 180 million people to donate money and take action. In 2014, he announced a new initiative called Brigade, an online platform for civic engagement.

Parker is also chairman and founder of the Economic Innovation Group, based in Washington, D.C.