

NEW BLOG

Doctors Find New
Clue About What’s
Causing Colon Cancer
In Young People

Colon and rectal cancer has traditionally been a disease of older adults. As a matter of fact, the majority of cases of colorectal cancer (CRC) is diagnosed in people over 60 years of age. Luckily, the rate of CRC in people over 50 years old has been going down steadily over the past several decades. This trend is thought to be due to increased screening and awareness of symptoms.

Unfortunately, the rate of CRC is going in the opposite direction in younger people. What’s even more alarming is that CRC in young adults tends to be more advanced at the time of diagnosis. The cancer is oftentimes more aggressive, as well, meaning that it can have a worse outcome.

Doctor’s have worked to figure out why this disturbing trend is happening. A recent study published in the medical journal, Nature, found a new characteristic of CRC in young people that isn’t seen frequently in cancers of people over 70.

[Let’s take a look at the report and what it means.](#)



AIKG’s Grand Opening – Oklahoma City

Huge shoutout to our friends at AIKG on the grand opening of their brand-new [Oklahoma City location!](#)

We’re incredibly thankful for their ongoing partnership and the support they continue to show CheckIt4Andretti and our mission.

If you’re local or passing through, be sure to swing by and show them some love!



24th Annual – 24 Hours of Booty

2025 marked a huge milestone — the 24th year of 24 Hours of Booty — and CheckIt4Andretti was proudly along for the ride.

Our longtime friend and foundation supporter Rich Carter led an incredible team who showed up in a big way, riding in honor of those affected by cancer with CheckIt4Andretti displayed on their t-shirts. We also spotted Grayson Smith, Rich’s daughter and a former intern who’s done so much for our foundation, showing her support in a CheckIt4Andretti tee — a reminder of how much heart this family brings to the mission.

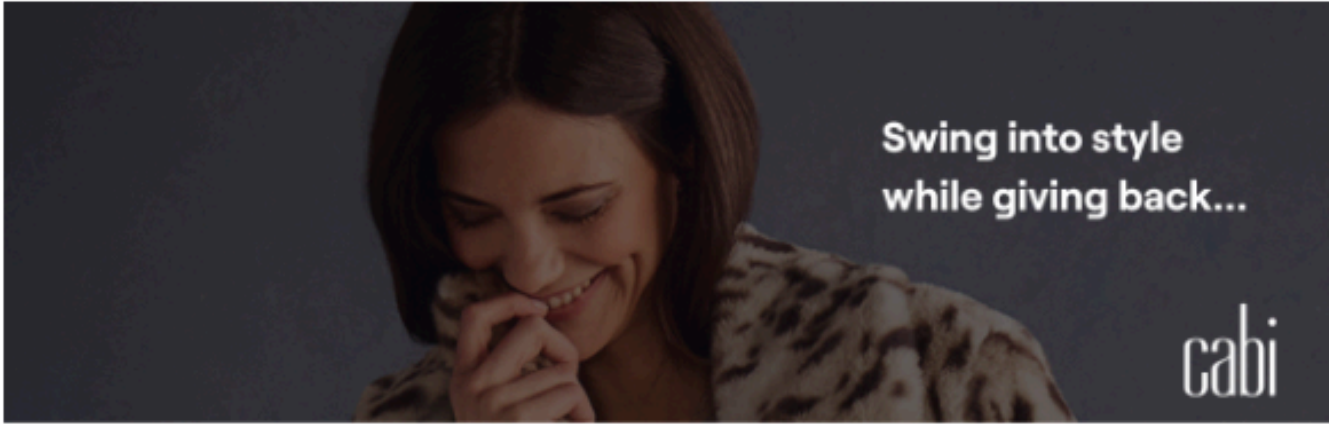
This year’s event has raised over \$1.7 million!

The 24 Foundation helps fund organizations and programs that guide patients through the overwhelming maze of appointments, tests, and treatments after a cancer diagnosis — and increases quality of life for survivors for years to come. To the Carters, their incredible team, every rider, sponsor, and supporter — thank you for riding (and showing up) with purpose.



4th Annual Golf Outing – Sept 27th

The 4th Annual 500 Breakfast Club Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at The Pines at Eagle Creek Golf Club — in benefit of CheckIt4Andretti and the fight against colon cancer. A day of golf, prizes, contests, food, drinks, and more — all while supporting life-saving screenings and awareness.



From Greens to Glam – Sept 27th

While the golfers hit the greens at the 500 Breakfast Club 4th Annual Golf Outing, we’ll hit the racks!

- 📍 Eagle Creek Golf Club: 8802 W 56th St. Indianapolis, IN
- 🕒 Saturday, September 27th from 9am-3pm
- 🛍️ Let’s tee up some style from the latest cabi Collection
- 💖 All net proceeds to benefit CheckIt4Andretti Foundation

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The Community Free Clinic
Health Happens Here

For over 30 years, [The Community Free Clinic](#) has been a vital healthcare lifeline for uninsured adults in Cabarrus County.

Founded in 1994 by Dr. George Liles and Dr. David Lockhart, the clinic has grown from a small operation into a full-scale facility offering acute, preventive, and specialty care—all at no cost to patients. Today, with the help of 300+ incredible volunteers, they continue to meet the evolving needs of their community.

Through our partnership, CheckIt4Andretti provides free colonoscopies to eligible patients referred by The Community Free Clinic—helping expand access to preventive care where it’s needed most.

Donate to Support Our Mission

Share your #CheckIt4Andretti story with us.

Did you get your colonoscopy because of John? Were you inspired to talk to your doctor about getting screened? We want to hear your #CheckIt4Andretti Story. Email us at info@checkit4andretti.org.



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