

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

DR. STEVEN UNGERLEIDER

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our founder Dr. Steven Ungerleider after his eight-month-long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Dr. Steven Ungerleider was an accomplished author, renowned sports psychologist, film producer, and advocate for sport. He founded The Foundation for Global Sports Development (GSD) in 1996 to leverage the power of sports to enrich lives and make the world a better place.

To this day, Steven continues to receive thank you notes from youth who have been impacted by GSD's generosity and has changed the course of their lives.

Through grants, scholarships, films, and programming, Steven has dedicated his life's work to creating lasting impacts through funding, education, and mentorship. For the last 27 years, Steven has been instrumental in awarding scholarships to high school seniors through GSD's Exceptional Youth Scholarship,

donating vital funding to

support non-profit organizations via GSD's grant and Humanitarian Award programs, and gifting grants to exceptional athletes who uphold the values of good sportsmanship and fair play both on and off the field.

To spread the impact of his message to millions, Steven co-founded the Foundation's nonprofit production arm, Sidewinder Films. Throughout his career, Steven was nominated for an Emmy for his research on the 2016 documentary short Munich '72 and Beyond, he received two Emmy nominations: Best Documentary and Outstanding Investigative Documentary for At the Heart of Gold: Inside the USA Gymnastics Scandal, and received an Oscar nomination for his work on the documentary short, End Game.

Steven wrote several books on Olympic topics, including the best-selling Faust's Gold: Inside the East German Doping Machine which examined the 30-year doping activities of the late East German regime. He also served on the Education and Ethics Committee of the World Anti-Doping Agency and the National Advisory Panel of the American Psychological Association. In 2009, he cofounded the Texas Program in Sports and Media (TPSM) at the University of Texas, Austin.

memory through its charitable mission, programming, and media division.









Steven is survived by his loving family, including his partner Joanna Rice (far right), his daughters Shoshana Ungerleider (second from left) and Ariel Ungerleider Kelley (far left) and their husbands Ed and Tim, and his grandchildren, Mackenzie and Jacob.











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