News from the Hereditary Disease Foundation

Nancy Wexler, HDF President, was busy last week!

On Wednesday, November 6, Nancy received the prestigious 2019 Double Helix Medal from Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory for her extraordinary work leading to the discovery of the location of the gene that causes Huntington’s disease. Boomer Esiason, former NFL quarterback, was the second recipient for his tireless work raising awareness of cystic fibrosis.

Herbert Pardes, Lesley Stahl, Nancy Wexler and Alice Wexler
Watch [here](#) to see about WHY Nancy received the 2019 Double Helix Medal. She’s put her life into her work and is so deserving!

On Thursday, November 7, she received the New York Academy of Medicine 2019 Award in Biomedical Science for her important scientific work in discovering the location of the gene that causes Huntington's disease and her ongoing work to find treatments.

In addition, Nancy was featured in the story “It Takes A Village” which focuses on collaboration, team work and hope from the early days of Huntington's disease research in Venezuela to the continuing scientific partnerships.

**Nancy, congratulations on all you’ve achieved in your many decades of dedication and hard work!**

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