



# Sarcoma Spotlight

April 2023

## Stand Up to Sarcoma Gala Returns in September

SFA's 21st annual Stand Up to Sarcoma Gala will be held on September 19, 2023, at Capitale in New York City. If it's half the fun it was last year (see pictures below), you're in for a blast that also funds critical research to find a cure for sarcoma.

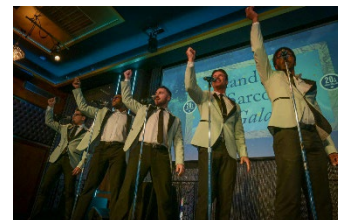
The Stand Up to Sarcoma Gala honors recipients of SFA's four international awards – the Courage Award, the Nobility in Science Award, the Vision of Hope Award, and the Compassionate Care Award.

Attendees can expect live entertainment, tasty food and libations, and an auction of unique items and experiences. It's also a special opportunity to meet with members of the sarcoma community including patients and survivors, those who are working to find treatments, and people dedicated to assisting patients during their sarcoma journey.

SFA relies on the support of donors and friends to advance our work -- funding research to find new and better therapies and, ultimately, the cure for sarcoma. We hope you will join the SFA community to honor outstanding and inspirational leaders who proudly represent SFA's important work while raising money for much-needed research.

Visit [the Gala page](#) for information on ticket purchases and sponsorship opportunities.

*From left to right: Caroline Aaron, star of the "Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" was last year's host; SFA supporters enjoying the evening's events; The Doo Wop Project had everyone rockin' and rollin'.*



## Research Roundup

by Dean Frohlich, PhD

I would like to draw a spotlight on two recently published research articles I believe will be of interest to the sarcoma community.

The first article compares two drugs which act similarly as next therapy for patients with advanced gastrointestinal stromal tumor previously treated with a drug called imatinib: "[Ripretinib Versus Sunitinib in Patients With Advanced Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor After Treatment With Imatinib \(INTRIGUE\): A Randomized, Open-Label, Phase III Trial](#)." The study found ripretinib was comparable to, but not better than, sunitinib, which is currently approved for treatment following imatinib for progression-free survival (PFS). Ripretinib demonstrates fewer adverse events than sunitinib. A longer period of follow-up time is needed to assess overall survival.

The second article of note is "[Pathologic Complete Response and Clinical Outcomes in Patients With Localized Soft Tissue Sarcoma Treated With Neoadjuvant Chemoradiotherapy or Radiotherapy The NRG/RTOG 9514 and 0630 Nonrandomized Clinical Trials](#)." This publication reported the long-term update of disease outcome from two multi-institutional preoperative radiotherapy clinical trials (RTOG 0630). It was determined that pathologic complete response (pCR), defined as 0% tumor viability in the final specimen after neoadjuvant treatment, was associated with improved survival outcomes in patients with soft tissue sarcoma (STS) treated with either neoadjuvant radiation therapy or chemotherapy and radiation therapy. Results indicate pCR should be considered a prognostic factor for clinical outcomes in future STS clinical trials.

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## Sarcoma Awareness Month Art Contest Is On



### Calling all young budding artists!

SFA is holding a [Children's Artwork Competition](#) to kick off Sarcoma Awareness Month this July. Submissions will be accepted through June 25, 2023, and the winner will be announced at the end of July. The winning entry will be featured in SFA's newsletter and appear on SFA's 2023 holiday card.

### Artwork Guidelines

- Artwork must incorporate a yellow ribbon and/or sunflower.
- Artwork can be any size and any medium.
- Artist must be 18 years or younger at the time the artwork is submitted.
- Submissions must be original artwork.

### Submission Rules

- Artwork must be postmarked by June 25, 2023.
- Please include the artist's name, age, city and state of residence, and connection to sarcoma.
- Please provide an adult contact person and contact information.
- Artwork will not be returned to the artist.

Please mail original artwork and submission form to:  
Sarcoma Foundation of America  
9899 Main St, Ste 204  
Damascus, MD 20872

*SFA reserves the right to share artwork submissions on social media, email communications, printed materials, etc. SFA will have the right to display artwork at events.*

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## Join the SFA Marine Corps Marathon Team

SFA is an official charity partner of the 2023 Marine Corps Marathon (MCM). The event will take place on October 29, 2023, in Arlington, Virginia and around the Nation's Capital. We have been awarded 50 entries to the marathon, 20 entries to the 10K and 5 entries to the 50K.



SFA will cover the cost of registration for each participant in the race. In return, each racer will be asked to raise \$2,500 and required to raise \$600 to participate in the marathon or 50K and \$250 for the 10K. You will receive an official SFA MCM t-shirt, your own fundraising page, and access to tips and tricks along the way to assist with ensuring your fundraising efforts are successful. You will also have access to a running coach, Jacky Hunt-Broersma, who will be there to help you along the way with a training plan and monthly online meetings. Jacky is one of the most accomplished adaptive ultramarathoners around, an endurance coach, mom, and Ewing's sarcoma survivor.

If you are interested in being a part of the Race to Cure Sarcoma Marine Corps Marathon Team, please email [kcook@curesarcoma.org](mailto:kcook@curesarcoma.org) or call her at 301.253.8687, ext. 109.

## SFA News

### **Gamers Raise Funds in Memory of Technoblade**



YouTuber Tubbo, a UK-based gamer, recently donated over \$250,000 to SFA in memory of Technoblade, the MineCraft influencer who died of sarcoma in June 2022.

We appreciate Tubbo's commitment to funding sarcoma research and bringing awareness about sarcoma to the general public.

A limited edition figurine featuring Technoblade recently sold out with proceeds benefiting SFA. The base of the figurine shows influencer Ph1lza surrounded by several YouTube gamers including Technoblade (see right). The figurine manufacturer YouTooz donated over \$23,000 to SFA in memory of the Technoblade and in honor of Ph1lza. Thanks to YouTooz for this generous donation!



[Donate to SFA in memory of Technoblade or a special someone in your life.](#)

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## Full 2023 RTCS Calendar

Register for the Race to Cure Sarcoma (RTCS) events in your neighborhood! RTCS are family-friendly, fun and raise dollars for sarcoma research. See the latest information below.

- **Boston** April 23, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **San Francisco** May 6, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **Seattle** May 13, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **Cleveland** June 24, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **Milwaukee** July 8, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **Washington, DC** July 22, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **National Virtual Race** July 22, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **New Jersey** August 6, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **Louisville** August 26, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **Philadelphia** September 9, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **San Diego** September 9, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **New York City** September 23, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **Chicago** October 7, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **St. Louis** October 8, 2023 Registration coming soon!
- **Denver** October 21, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **Tampa** November 4, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **Nashville** November 5, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)
- **Los Angeles** November 19, 2023 [REGISTER!](#)

Take part in an RTCS event near you! Whether you run, walk or make a donation from the sidelines, your support makes all the difference in funding leading edge research to find a cure!

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