



## SFA Spotlight - December 2017

**Welcome to our newsletter!** Please be on the lookout for this newsletter every month as a way to keep you more involved and engaged with information important to the SFA community.

Please be sure to include [sfainfo@curesarcoma.org](mailto:sfainfo@curesarcoma.org) in your address book. If you do not wish to receive this email on a monthly basis, please [contact us](#).

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### Sarcoma Foundation of America Names Richard Rumsey as Chief Executive Officer



The Sarcoma Foundation of America is pleased to announce the selection of Richard Rumsey as our new Chief Executive Officer. Rich brings to the SFA vast experience as a nonprofit executive and a vision for leading the foundation's mission to increase research, awareness and advocacy for sarcoma.

"I am excited to join the Sarcoma Foundation of America and serve at the helm of the country's leading sarcoma organization," said Rumsey. "The SFA has a rich history of serving as an advocate for sarcoma patients and has invested heavily in vitally important sarcoma research, fostering an environment leading to the development of new therapies. I look forward to building off of the successes of my predecessor, Bert Thomas, PhD, and helping to elevate the SFA's presence as a national cancer nonprofit."

Learn more about Rich at [www.curesarcoma.org/sfa-names-richard-rumsey-ceo/](http://www.curesarcoma.org/sfa-names-richard-rumsey-ceo/).

Please help us welcome Rich to the sarcoma community!

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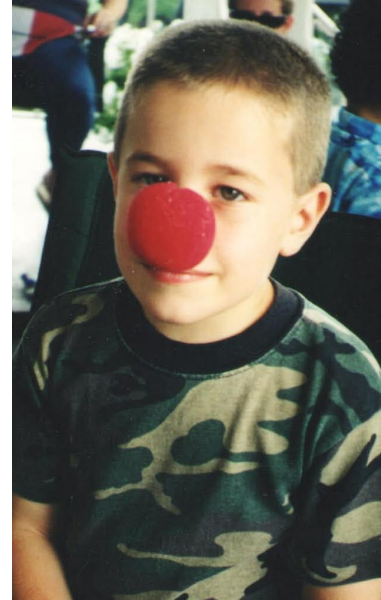
### What Do the Holidays Mean to You?

"Sarcomas are bad, bad, actors." The doctor's solemn warning still echoes in my head and reverberates through my whole body this time of year... nearly 20 years after he uttered the words.

The holiday season can bring excitement and anticipation as well as fond memories of frenzied shopping trips, festive parties, and spending time with loved ones. But for me, sketchy images from a raw, colorless day in November of 1998 also flash through my mind.

"Your son has a rare aggressive cancer called alveolar soft part sarcoma. There is no known cure." He was three. We were shattered. The holidays would never be the same again.

Because of your support, the SFA and the sarcoma community have come a long way since that bleak day so many years ago.



Read more from Sarcoma Foundation of America co-founder Tricia Thornton at [www.curesarcoma.org/year-end-blog/](http://www.curesarcoma.org/year-end-blog/).

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## Meet the Researcher: William K. Decker, PhD



Meet William K. Decker, PhD, recipient of the Sarcoma Foundation of America's 2016 Pittsburgh Cure Sarcoma Co-Founder Carl Firetto Memorial Research Award.

Dr. Decker shares a glimpse into his efforts, the insights gained from this work, and how funding from the SFA made a difference in his research.

Read more at [www.curesarcoma.org/meet-the-researcher-william-decker-phd/](http://www.curesarcoma.org/meet-the-researcher-william-decker-phd/).

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## Race to Cure Sarcoma™ Events Raise Nearly \$700,000 for Sarcoma Research



THANK YOU to all of the participants, donors, sponsors and supporters who helped to make the 2017 Race to Cure Sarcoma™ season such a success! More than 5,600 people in nine cities - and online through our virtual race - joined forces to help raise a combined \$690,000 for sarcoma research. Money raised through these races supports research nationally through the SFA's research grant program and locally through the efforts of our partner sarcoma centers.

These races depend on the support of our sarcoma community and we could not have done this without you. We look forward to seeing you all again for the 2018 season!

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## SFA Brings the Sarcoma Patient Education Conference Back to Houston



Join the SFA on Saturday, January 27 for the first conference in our 2018 Sarcoma Patient Education Conference Series. "Ask the Experts," held in partnership with the MD Anderson Cancer Center, will bring together sarcoma patients, sarcoma survivors, caregivers, and experts to discuss the leading treatments and developments in sarcoma research.

Register now for this free event  
at <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Houston/patienteducation>.

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## It's Not Too Late to Help: A Guide to Year-End Giving

Thank you to all who have so generously supported the Sarcoma Foundation of America this year! Your contributions have helped us accomplish so much in 2017. Together, we continue our work toward a cure in our time.



Thinking about making a year-end gift? There's still time. To qualify for a tax deduction in the 2017 calendar year, donation forms and checks/money orders sent by mail must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2017. Check out our [Year-End FAQ page](#) where you'll find information to answer your questions from A to Z.

- Thinking of contributing a non-cash gift such as a gift of securities? Learn more at [www.curesarcoma.org/ways-to-give/stocks-securities/](http://www.curesarcoma.org/ways-to-give/stocks-securities/).
- Did you know that you can support the SFA through vehicle donation? It's easy! Just call 1-844-SFA-AUTO (732-2886) to speak to a representative about donating your car, truck, motorcycle, or other vehicle.
- Ready to donate today? You can make a contribution at [www.curesarcoma.org/donate-year-end/](http://www.curesarcoma.org/donate-year-end/).

If you have any questions, please contact us at 301-253-8687 or [info@curesarcoma.org](mailto:info@curesarcoma.org).

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## Get Involved!

### Upcoming Events

**Friday, January 19:**  
[A CATpella Festival to Belt Out Cancer, Arlington, MA](#)

**Friday, March 16:**  
[Spring for Sarcoma, Dallastown, PA](#)



Interested in hosting an event in your area? Contact us at [events@curesarcoma.org](mailto:events@curesarcoma.org).

Looking for volunteer opportunities or other ways to get involved? Contact us at [getinvolved@curesarcoma.org](mailto:getinvolved@curesarcoma.org).

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