



## SFA Spotlight - January 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.

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### Bert's Blog

*This post was written by Bert E. Thomas IV, PhD, MBA, CEO of the Sarcoma Foundation of America.*

There was a long period of time where there seemed to be little to no progress in finding ways to battle the forgotten cancer known as sarcoma. This period of time lasted for decades, though it probably felt more like centuries to the patients and families that were desperately looking for treatment options that never seemed to come. And while sarcoma still takes too many of our loved ones from us, progress in our fight against this terrible disease is finally being made.

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**Save the Date!**  
**A Celebration of Life 2017**



Join us for our annual celebration featuring a silent auction, dining and dancing!

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017**

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**GUASTAVINO'S**

409 E 59th Street

New York City, NY

Please visit <http://www.curesarcoma.org/nyccelebration/> for more information on how to become a [sponsor](#), purchase [tickets](#) or [journal ads](#), or to [make a gift](#).

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## Patient Stories Needed for Rare Disease Week on Capitol Hill

During the last week of February, hundreds of rare disease advocates will join forces in Washington, DC, for Rare Disease Week on Capitol Hill.

Patients, families, caregivers and supporters will make a difference by sharing their stories and experiences with Members of Congress and legislative staff. The Sarcoma Foundation of America is pleased to once again be a part of this inspiring week of advocacy.

**RARE**  
**DISEASE WEEK**  
ON CAPITOL HILL

You can be a part of this effort even if you can't be in DC for Rare Disease Week. Rare Disease Legislative Advocates (RDLA), the organizers of the legislative conference and lobby day, invite you to share your story at <http://rareadvocates.org/rdw-old/patientstories/>. Stories submitted will be hand-delivered to Members of Congress. By sharing how your life has been impacted by sarcoma, you have the power to help legislators understand the impact that rare diseases have in their communities.

You can learn more about Rare Disease Week at <http://rareadvocates.org/rdw/>.

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## Race to Cure Sarcoma Expands to New Cities in 2017



The Race to Cure Sarcoma race series keeps growing! Thanks to the support of volunteers, doctors, and partner sarcoma centers, the Race to Cure Sarcoma has expanded to include several new cities in 2017.

### **2017 Race Cities and Dates**

**Pittsburgh, PA:** July 8  
**Milwaukee, WI:** July 16  
**Denver, CO:** September 16  
**St. Louis, MO:** October 8  
**Richmond, VA:** October 14  
**Chicago, IL:** October 28  
**Nashville, TN:** November 4  
**Miami, FL:** November (date TBA)  
**Philadelphia, PA:** Date TBD

Be on the lookout for more information on registration, fundraising, and sponsorship opportunities over the next several weeks at [www.racetocuresarcoma.org](http://www.racetocuresarcoma.org). Be sure to follow the SFA on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the latest information as it becomes available.

**Questions about the Race to Cure Sarcoma series or interest in serving as a volunteer?** Contact us at [race@curesarcoma.org](mailto:race@curesarcoma.org).

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## **A CATpella Festival to Belt Out Cancer**



Nearly 900 people packed into Arlington High School's auditorium on January 20 to celebrate the life of Catherine Malatesta. The A CATpella Festival to Belt Out Cancer, organized by Catherine's family and friends, raised nearly \$40,000. Proceeds

from the evening will benefit both the SFA and the Catherine J. Malatesta Scholarship fund.

Catherine was diagnosed with Stage IV Epithelioid Sarcoma just after her 16th birthday. Mentioned many times throughout the night was the incredible legacy that Catherine left behind. The evening was filled with spectacular performances by local a cappella groups, including Catherine's former group, the Arlington High School's Madrigal Singers. The SFA thanks the Goodwin/Malatesta family for letting us be a part of such an inspirational night.

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## Support the SFA Through AmazonSmile this Valentine's Day



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## Get Involved!

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).



An easy way to make a difference is to share your Sarcoma Story with us. Your story could be selected to be shared through social media and on our website. To share your story, please visit <http://www.curesarcoma.org/get-involved/share-story/>.

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