



SFA Spotlight - October 2016

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Filling the Research Gap

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

At the heart of the Sarcoma Foundation of America's (SFA) mission is research. The needs of the sarcoma community are many - the need for more awareness, more education, and more resources is unquestionable. And while the SFA places a high priority on those needs, we know that one of the greatest needs of all is for increased research.

Nothing will ultimately change for sarcoma patients and their families without increased and sustained research.

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Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Last month, the childhood cancer community came together to honor Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. During September, the SFA took part in several events designed to bring more attention to the needs of childhood cancer patients and survivors.

- The SFA was there as the [Childhood](#)

Cancer Research Landscape

Report, a comprehensive report on the state of research and treatment for childhood cancer, was unveiled on Capitol Hill. This report was a product of the Alliance for Childhood Cancer, of which the SFA is a member, and the American Cancer Society.

- Once again, the SFA was honored to represent the childhood sarcoma community at a White House briefing on Childhood Cancer.
- The SFA took part in the 6th Annual Childhood Cancer Summit hosted by the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus.
- In an effort to raise more awareness, the SFA was a featured guest for a childhood cancer Twitter Chat hosted by the National Organization for Rare Disorders. During the chat, the SFA fielded questions, shared resources, and urged for the support of the Childhood Cancer STAR Act.



While the calendar has turned and Childhood Sarcoma Awareness month has come to an end, our attention to childhood cancer has not. The SFA remains dedicated as ever to serve as a voice for the children and adolescents who are affected by sarcoma and pledge to build off of the efforts and momentum created in September.

Over \$200,000 Raised at the 3rd Annual STL Cure Sarcoma 6K



A huge thank you to all of the people who showed up to support the 3rd Annual STL Cure Sarcoma 6K Run/Walk. It was amazing to see so many people rallied around the race and fight to find a cure. This year's race raised over \$200,000 for sarcoma research and exceeded last year's total!

Golf Tournaments Raise Money for Sarcoma Research

The Sarcoma Foundation of America thanks two different golf outings that have held their events this fall. Their efforts combined raised over \$30,000 for SFA.

4th Annual Pittsburgh Cure Sarcoma Golf Outing



Rhett and Carol Crooks, of Carbi-Tech, Inc., held their 4th annual golf outing on Sunday, October 2. The outing was held at the prestigious Mystic Rock golf course at the Nemacolin Woodlands Resort. Mystic Rock has been rated by Golf digest as one of the top 100 public courses in America (#60) by Golf Digest and was designed by the legendary Pete Dye.

1st Annual Patrick Waibel Golf Outing



New this year, Tim Landis and Nate Thimons organized a golf outing in September honoring the memory of their friend. The 1st Annual Patrick Waibel Memorial Golf Outing drew more than 120 golfers, with nearly 200 people in attendance for the dinner and awards ceremony. Patrick's friends and family are committed to honoring his legacy by making this an annual event.

Become a Champion for Sarcoma this Holiday Season



Consider becoming a [Champion for Sarcoma](#) this holiday season.

Our new do-it-yourself fundraising platform makes it easy to start. By becoming a Champion for Sarcoma, you can support a friend or family member in their battle with sarcoma, celebrate your victory against sarcoma, or remember a loved one. You will be a champion for all who have faced sarcoma and the people who care about them.

If you're holding an event in support of sarcoma research and awareness or simply want to raise funds online, we're here to help you make it happen. Your personalized giving webpage will be hosted on the Sarcoma Foundation of America website and can be personalized with your story and photos. We will provide you with a custom link to share with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbors and are here to help with any questions—from technical support to help with fundraising.

Whether you make SFA part of a holiday giving drive or designate one of the nights of Hanukkah to supporting the SFA, your efforts will help bring hope to sarcoma patients and their families in the new year.

To get started, visit the [Champions for Sarcoma](#) page. Please contact champions@curesarcoma.org with any questions.

Race to Cure Sarcoma Chicago and Philadelphia

The last Race to Cure Sarcoma events of 2016 are upon us. These events raise funds to support sarcoma research nationally, through the SFA, and locally at designated research facilities.



[Race to Cure Sarcoma Chicago](#)

Saturday, October 29

Locally benefits the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

[Race to Cure Sarcoma Philadelphia](#)

Sunday, October 30

Locally benefits the Sarcoma Center at Fox Chase Cancer Center.

Good luck to all of the participants taking part in the Race to Cure Sarcoma Chicago and the Race to

Cure Sarcoma Philadelphia!

Learn more about the Race to Cure Sarcoma race series at <http://www.curesarcoma.org/race>.

Get Involved!

Interested in hosting an event in your area?
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Looking for volunteer opportunities or other ways
to get involved? Contact us
at 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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