



18th Annual "Stand Up to Sarcoma" Gala Highlights

On Friday, October 2, SFA held the 18th Annual Stand Up to Sarcoma Gala. The event was held virtually and included members of the sarcoma community from across the country. Anthony Michael Hall, Actor/Producer/ Director, joined as the Emcee and guided us through this very special evening.

The event brought much needed sarcoma awareness and brought SFA's community of supporters, patients, caregivers, and families together to honor those who have devoted their work to people diagnosed with sarcoma, and to the survivors and patients who inspire us every day. The event also raised much needed funds to support sarcoma research, education and advocacy.

As is the gala's tradition, each year SFA honors those who have courageously battled sarcoma and those who have dedicated themselves to making a difference for sarcoma patients and their families. During the event, SFA recognizes sarcoma patients and survivors with the Courage Award. The Courage Award recognizes sarcoma advocates who, through their personal efforts and actions, illustrate sarcoma advocacy. This year's Courage Awardees are Brandi Benson and Kara Ladd.

Each year a leading doctor is awarded the Nobility in Science Award and a nurse with the Compassionate Care Award in honor of their unparalleled devotion and care to the sarcoma patients they serve. This year SFA was privileged to honor Dr. William Tap and Robin Rawlins-Duell, ANP-BC both from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center with these prestigious awards. SFA also presented Stryker with the Vision of Hope Award, in recognition of their efforts to advance the care and treatment of sarcoma, bringing hope to patients and survivors.

Finally, the evening included amazing entertainment from a sarcoma survivor, Evan Ruggiero, and his band Evan and the S'Evan legs.

We are grateful for the event sponsors. Their partnership is very important to the success of this event and to advancing SFA's mission, funding translational research and ultimately saving lives.

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A very special thank you to everyone who joined us for our first virtual gala. This has been a unique and challenging year but that does not change the unfortunate truth that people are still being diagnosed with sarcoma every day, and sarcoma patients still need more and better treatment options.

This event provides much needed funding for sarcoma research, education and awareness. So we appreciate even more all who joined us and supported this event.

Advocates in Action

Timothy Eckman's son Benjamin raised over \$3,500 for sarcoma awareness, education and research in honor of his Dad's best friend, Patrick Waibel. SFA is proud to recognize sarcoma advocates making a difference in their community. Read Timothy's story below.

My best friend Patrick Waibel lost his battle with Sarcoma on 11/4/15. Patrick had a huge personality and was loved by anyone that met him. Our friends and his family have been very involved with bringing awareness to our surrounding communities about Sarcoma and supporting the SFA. We have participated in the Pittsburgh 5K each year, and we also have a charity golf outing in memory of Patrick with proceeds going to the SFA. With these events being cancelled this year due to COVID we tried to think of a way to continue remembering Patrick and carry on the fight against this terrible disease.

My son Benjamin, who is 7 years old, started making bracelets after a counselor at his summer camp taught him. Our friends and their children started asking him to make bracelets for them so he really got into it. One of our friends owns a local clothing boutique, and she had the idea of selling them at her store one day. That is when we came up with the idea of making it a fundraiser to donate the proceeds to SFA. We thought it would be fun and a good lesson for Ben to commit his time and energy to a cause that will benefit others. We told a few friends and then posted on social media the night before, and the immediate response was overwhelming. It's a testament to how many lives Patrick touched, and we can't thank all of the friends and family enough for their generosity.



Research Roundup

2021 Research Grant Cycle is Now Open!



The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) is pleased to announce a research funding opportunity to provide one-year grants in the amount of \$50,000, to support translational science research on the etiology, molecular biology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of human sarcomas.

The grant award period of performance begins on June 1, 2021. Application deadline is February 1, 2021.

For details and and guidelines, please visit: www.curesarcoma.org/research/apply-for-a-grant/

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RACE TO CURE SARCOMA HIGHLIGHTS

Two more Race to Cure Sarcoma events have concluded and



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we are so grateful for the amazing turnout. Philadelphia and Denver raised over \$59,000 and had 356 participants in total. Thank you to all of the participants for posting pictures and videos and sharing your personal race day experience. Want to see how others have spent their race day? Check out the picture gallery of photos shared with us [HERE](#).



Want to be a part of our other fall events?

Visit our [event page](#) to see a list of remaining cities. Remember, you do not have to live in that city to participate! Join the premier walk/run series in the United States focused on raising awareness and research funds for sarcoma that supports the women, men, children and families who are impacted by this disease.

Thank you for your support of the Race to Cure Sarcoma events and the SFA. We look forward to walking or running with you this fall. Together we can find a cure!

Race to Cure Sarcoma Team Highlight: Team Langbein

Despite the challenges created by this unique year, dedicated teams and participants have not stopped supporting the RTCS events. Team Langbein from the Chicago event is one of them.

Team Langbein was formed in 2018 in tribute to Chris Langbein, a sarcoma survivor. The first year the team participated in the Race to Cure Sarcoma Chicago event, they had 113 members and raised over \$164,000. In honor of Chris and Team Langbein, in 2018, SFA provided a research grant in Chris's name. To date, Team Langbein has raised over \$446,000 for sarcoma research.

To learn more about Team Langbein and follow their progress for the 2020 RTCS Chicago race [click here](#).



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To see other ways to shop and support SFA please visit: <https://www.curesarcoma.org/ways-to-give/shop/>

Upcoming Events

October 11: [STL Cure Sarcoma Virtual Run/Walk](#)
October 17: [Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Chicago](#)
October 24: [Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Richmond](#)
October 31: [Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Cleveland](#)
November 7: [Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Houston](#)
November 14: [Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Nashville](#)
December 6: [Virtual Race to Cure Sarcoma Tampa](#)

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