



SFA Spotlight - February 2018

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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The Race to Cure Sarcoma™ is Bigger & Better in 2018

Excitement for the 2018 Race to Cure Sarcoma™ season is building as we head into what will no doubt be our biggest and best year yet! The Race to Cure Sarcoma™ remains the premier run/walk series in the United States focused on raising awareness and research funds for sarcoma. Organized by the Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA), the Race to Cure Sarcoma™ is made up of family-friendly 5K run/walks held in cities across the nation. Last year, nearly 3,500 people participated in the Race to Cure Sarcoma™.



What makes the 2018 Race to Cure Sarcoma™ so exciting? [Read more...](#)

My Sarcoma Story: Janice

Janice's Sarcoma Story:

My cancer journey taught me a lot. I have always been an optimistic person but it taught me to slow down, put things into perspective, and practice gratitude every day! My goal is to live in the sunshine and be a shining light for the people around me. Since being diagnosed, I have had friends reach out to me when family members or in some cases, themselves, have been

MY SARCOMA STORY



JANICE



diagnosed with cancer and asked for advice on how to cope and move forward. I am grateful to be able to console and provide hope and smiles back into their day. It was important to surround myself with people who brought normalcy and happiness into my day but also understood when I was having a bad day. I found it very helpful to connect with online support groups and social media groups (like the SFA!).

Read more at www.curesarcoma.org/my-sarcoma-story-janice/.

To share your Sarcoma Story, visit www.curesarcoma.org/get-involved/share-story/.

Second Annual A CATpella Festival to Belt Out Cancer



The second annual [A CATpella Festival to Belt Out Cancer](#) was held on January 19 at Arlington High School in Arlington, MA. The festival celebrates the life of Catherine Malatesta, who lost her battle to sarcoma at age 16. It was once again evident of how many people's lives Catherine touched, by the number of people packed in to the high school's auditorium.

This year's event brought together

seven fabulous a Cappella groups including two local high schools and five collegiate groups. Broadway Star [Alexandra Socha](#) returned as the emcee. The event raised more than \$30,000 towards sarcoma research. The SFA is so appreciative to be chosen as the beneficiary of this event for the second year in a row.



Update: News from Previous SFA Research Grant Recipients



There was exciting news for two of our previous Sarcoma Foundation of America research grant recipients.

David Gordon, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics - Hematology Oncology at the University of Iowa, has been awarded a 5-year, \$1,892,053 grant from NCI to continue his research in Ewing Sarcoma. Dr. Gordon is a [2014 SFA research grant](#) recipient.

A recently published paper highlights discoveries from the work of Peter Scacheri, PhD, of Case Western University. A [release from the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine](#) explains that, "In one of the first successes of its kind, researchers from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and six other institutions have inhibited the spreading of cancer cells from one part of the body to another. In doing so, they relied on a new model of how cancer metastasizes that emphasizes epigenetics, which examines how genes are turned on and off."

The Sarcoma Foundation of America is proud to have helped to fund this exciting research. Dr. Scacheri was a [2016 recipient of an SFA research grant](#) award.

To see a complete list of all of previous grant recipients and the work funded by the Sarcoma Foundation of America, visit www.curesarcoma.org/grant/.

Double Your Impact with a Matching Gift

There is a simple way to increase the impact of your donation to the Sarcoma Foundation of America. Many employers will match your charitable contributions. Gifts from employees' spouses and retirees may also qualify. This is an incredible way to DOUBLE (or possibly TRIPLE) your gift.



Even if you donated months ago, many companies allow employees to submit match requests for one year following the date of the donation. Visit www.curesarcoma.org/matching-gifts/ to see if your company participates.



The SFA's 16th Annual Fundraising Event, "Stand up to Sarcoma," will take place on May 3, 2018, in Manhattan. For a complete list of award winners, or to purchase tickets, make a gift, or become a sponsor, visit www.curesarcoma.org/nyccelebration.

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Upcoming Events

Friday, March 2:
[Rare Wines Curing Rare Cancers, New York, NY](#)

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

Saturday, March 24:
[Patient Education Conference at Stanford University](#)

Saturday, April 14:
[Race to Cure Sarcoma Atlanta](#)

Monday, April 30:
[Inaugural Zach Cohen Golf Tournament](#)

Thursday, May 3:
[16th Annual Fundraising Event, "Stand up to Sarcoma," New York, NY](#)

Interested in hosting an event in your area? Contact us
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