



SFA Spotlight - September 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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Race to Cure Sarcoma™ Philadelphia



The 2nd annual Race to Cure Sarcoma™ (RTCS) Philadelphia was held on Sunday, September 10, 2017, at the Warminster Community Park in Warminster, PA. More than 400 participants joined together to raise over \$45,000! Funds generated through the event support sarcoma research locally, through the Fox Chase Cancer Center, and nationally through the SFA's research grant program.

The day began with speeches from Dr. Margaret von Mehren, Chief, Division of Sarcoma Medical Oncology at the Fox Chase Cancer Center, and sarcoma survivors and caregivers. After a quick volunteer-led warm up, the racers were off!

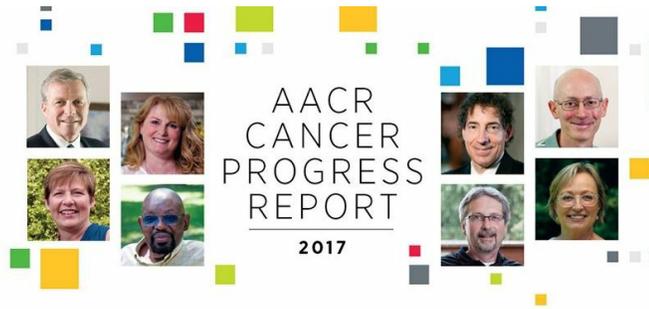
To see a glimpse into the day, check out the [RTCS Philadelphia video](#) created by event volunteer Emilie Joly.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year for the 3rd annual race to be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018!

Cancer Progress Report 2017 Features Sarcoma Survivor

The SFA first introduced you to Evan Freiberg, a leiomyosarcoma survivor, in January when Evan's wife Felicia shared his experience as a part of our "[My Sarcoma Story](#)" blog series.

Evan's story is now reaching an even larger audience as he is one of the patients profiled in the American Association for Cancer Research's (AACR) Cancer Progress Report 2017, a resource for the public that highlights progress against cancer. In October 2016, Evan learned that his cancer, which was originally confined to his left ankle, had spread to his lungs. Since then he's had surgery, radiotherapy, and received chemotherapy and olaratumab (Lartruvo). With this combination approach, Evan's tumors haven't increased in size and no additional tumors have been found. Read Evan's story and learn more about advances in cancer research at cancerprogressreport.org/Pages/cpr17-survivors-freiberg.aspx.



10th Annual Birdie Tourney



IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KNOX
A.K.A. BIRDIE

On Monday, August 21, 2017, the 10th annual Birdie Tourney was held in memory of Mary Beth Knox. The tournament had a fantastic turnout and beautiful weather this year. This was the final year for the Birdie Tourney and we know it will be missed by all of the friends and family who have supported the event over the years.

The SFA would like to extend a huge thank you to the Knox family for their continued support in raising nearly \$120,000 for sarcoma research in the past 10 years.

September Events Raise Funds and Sarcoma Awareness

Summer Soiree for Sarcoma

Carol and Rhett Crooks changed things up this



year and swapped their annual Pittsburgh Cure Sarcoma Golf Tournament for a roaring 20's Summer Soiree for Sarcoma. Guests enjoyed music from a live brass swing band and a Frank Sinatra tribute artist. The night, filled with food, drinks, games and fun, raised \$21,000 for sarcoma research! Thank you to all of those who supported this year's Summer Soiree for Sarcoma, raising research funds to help find a cure for sarcoma.



Celebrating the Life of Steve Byrne

Thank you to the Byrne family for hosting the 8th annual "Celebrating the Life of Steve Byrne" dinner on September 9, 2017. This event is not only held to keep Steve's memory alive, but is also meant to bring awareness and research funds for this rare cancer.



Sarcoma Patient Education Conference Series "Ask the Experts"

2017 Patient Education Conferences "Ask the Experts"



PORTLAND	October 7
CHICAGO	October 10
RICHMOND	October 14
UTAH	November 18
MIAMI	December 2

Register for a conference near you!

<https://www.curesarcoma.org/sarcoma-education-conferences>

For more information, including registration details, please visit <https://www.curesarcoma.org/sarcoma-education-conferences/>.

New Clinical Trials Added to SFA Website

Sarcoma Clinical Trials



<https://www.curesarcoma.org/patient-resources/sarcoma-clinical-trials>

The clinical trial page on the Sarcoma Foundation of America's website has recently been updated. Visit <https://www.curesarcoma.org/patient-resources/sarcoma-clinical-trials/> for information and resources.



Meet the SFA: Mollie Helck

The Sarcoma Foundation of America is growing and we want to introduce you to our staff! Meet Mollie Helck.

Mollie joined the SFA in April 2017 as the Event Coordinator. She assists with planning the Race to Cure Sarcoma™ Race Series as well as third party events. Mollie tells us that she "enjoys creating memorable events for, and with, individuals who are passionate about finding a cure in our time."

Fun Fact: Mollie had a college internship in the promotions department at 92.3 K-Rock radio station



2017

ST. LOUIS	October 8
RICHMOND	October 15
CHICAGO	October 28
NASHVILLE	November 4
NEW JERSEY	November 12

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ATLANTA	April 14
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**RACE TO CURE
SARCOMA™**
Sarcoma Foundation of America

Register for a race near you!
www.racetocuresarcoma.org

Cleveland has also joined the 2018 race series!

Get Involved!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 30: [6th Annual Car Show for a Cure, Sewell, NJ](#)

Sunday, October 8: [STL Cure Sarcoma 6K Run/Walk, St. Louis, MO](#)

Sunday, October 15: [Race to Cure Sarcoma Richmond, Richmond, VA](#)

Interested in hosting an event in your area? Contact us at events@curesarcoma.org.

Looking for volunteer opportunities or other ways to get involved? Contact us at getinvolved@curesarcoma.org.



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