



SFA Spotlight - October 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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Nearly \$200,000 in Research Funds Raised Through RTCS Events in September

September was a big month for the Race to Cure Sarcoma! Over the course of the month, events were held in Philadelphia, Denver, and Kansas City.



More than 400 people braved the cold, windy, and rainy weather for the [Race to Cure Sarcoma Philadelphia!](#) While the conditions were less than ideal, it didn't stop the sarcoma community from coming together to raise awareness and funds for sarcoma research. In fact, participants and donors raised more than \$70,000 to support research from the Sarcoma Foundation of America and Fox Chase Cancer Center!



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the third annual [Race to Cure Sarcoma Denver](#) such a success! More than 500 people took part in this event, helping to raise over \$80,000 for sarcoma research. These funds support national research efforts through the Sarcoma Foundation of America and research locally in Denver at the University of Colorado Cancer Center.



The turnout for the inaugural [Race to Cure Sarcoma Kansas City](#) was amazing! More than 600 sarcoma survivors, patients, caregivers, friends, families, and supporters came together to raise awareness and research funds. Thanks to their efforts, nearly \$45,000 was raised to support national research efforts through the Sarcoma Foundation of America and locally at the University of Kansas Cancer Center.

For the full slate of RTCS events across the United States, please visit www.racetocuresarcoma.org.

Rep. Duffy Introduces Resolution Recognizing July as Sarcoma Awareness Month

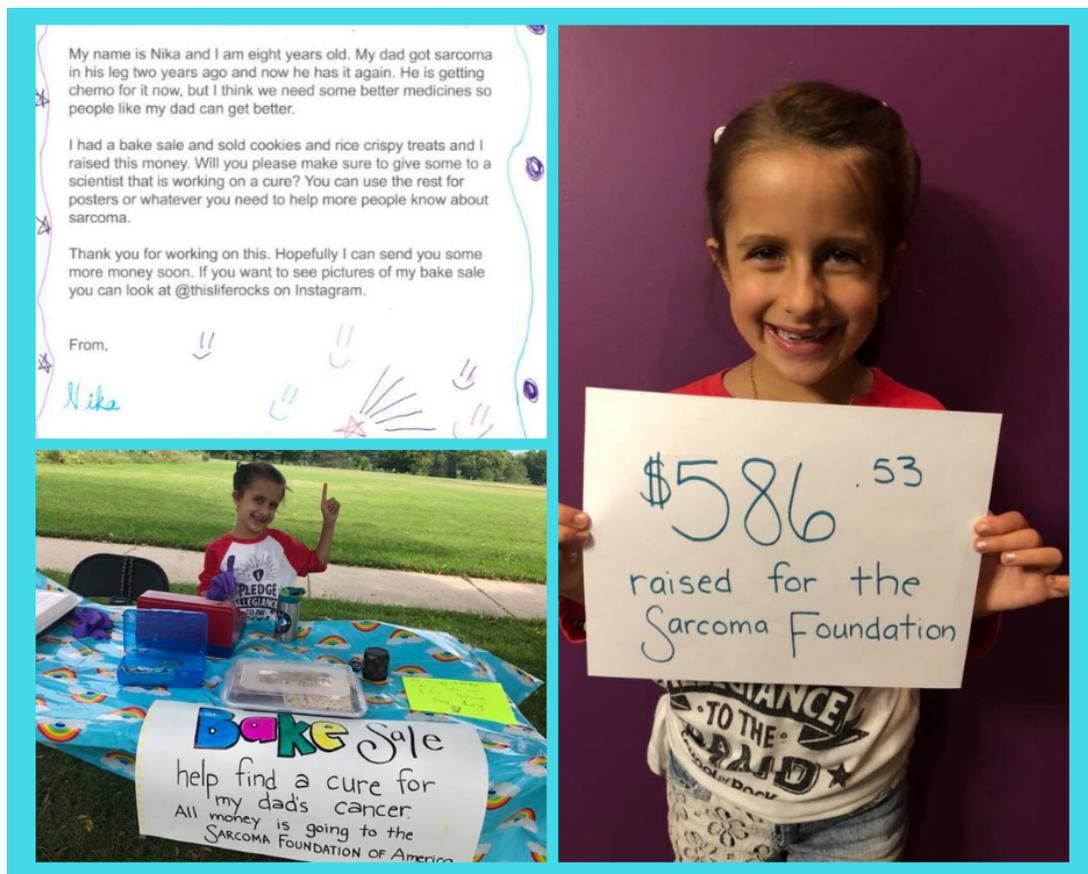
The sarcoma community has a new champion in the Congress. Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) recently introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives to officially recognize Sarcoma Awareness Month. The resolution, [H.Res. 1103](#), expresses support for the designation of July as National Sarcoma Awareness Month. Such a designation can help raise the profile of sarcoma and help to foster awareness of the disease, with the hope that increased attention will further efforts to generate increased research and new treatments. Rep. Al Green (D-TX) joins Rep. Duffy as an original co-sponsor of this resolution.

Please take a moment to thank Reps. Duffy and Green for their leadership to see Sarcoma Awareness Month recognized. One easy way to reach out is through social media. You can express your gratitude on Twitter ([@RepSeanDuffy](https://twitter.com/RepSeanDuffy) and [@RepAlGreen](https://twitter.com/RepAlGreen)) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/RepSeanDuffy/ or www.facebook.com/repalgreen/).



Our thanks also goes out to sarcoma advocate Brendan Locke. Brendan, who serves as an advocate in memory of his wife Melissa, has worked tirelessly over the last several years to see Sarcoma Awareness Month officially recognized. In addition to his work on the national level, Brendan has also led efforts to have Sarcoma Awareness Month designated in his home state of Wisconsin.

Eight-Year-Old Raises Money for Sarcoma Research in Honor of her Father



We recently received a letter from 8-year-old Nika who was making a donation honor of her dad. Nika told us, "My dad got sarcoma in his leg two years ago and now he has it again. He is getting chemo for it now, but I think we need some better medicines so people like my dad can get better." Nika took action to help find those better therapies and raised

nearly \$600 for sarcoma research through her bake sale.

Nika didn't stop there! Since that original letter, Nika kept up her efforts to raise money for research. "I had another bake sale and I made some more money for you guys. Please give this money to more scientists for research," Nika wrote to us. "My goal was to send you guys a thousand dollars before Halloween and now I did!"

You can read more about Nika's efforts on her family's blog at <http://theday-dreamers.blogspot.com/2018/08/a-lot-of-love.html>.

Sarcoma Foundation of America Sarcoma Research Grant Program

The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) is now accepting research grant proposals. Grants of \$50,000, allowing up to 10 percent indirect costs, are available to cover equipment and supplies in support of research on the etiology, molecular biology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of human sarcomas.

The SFA will only accept applications that focus on the following areas of research:

- * Omic characterization of sarcomas and definition of novel targets
- * Omic patterns of sensitivity and resistance to existing agents
- * Systemic therapy combinations
- * Immunotherapy

The SFA raises funds to support basic research focused on discovering and developing new and effective therapies to treat and eradicate sarcoma.



Application deadline is January 31, 2019.

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

Celebrating the Life of Steve Byrne

On September 8, EllaMae and Ed Byrne held their annual fundraiser, "Celebrating the Life of Steve Byrne." This event is held each year in memory of their son, Steve. Diagnosed shortly after his 30th birthday, Steve battled clear cell sarcoma. Sadly, Steve passed away in 2008.



This ninth annual celebration, attended by 165 guests, included a buffet dinner, live music, and a performance from an Irish dancer. The evening raised nearly \$5,000 for the SFA.

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