



History and Mission of curesarcoma.org/pittsburgh



DID YOU KNOW.....

Sarcoma is a cancer of the connective tissue that can strike at any age.

Sarcomas are relatively more common among children.

Children under the age of 20 who are battling sarcoma make up about 15%-20% of childhood cancers.

While rare in adults (1% of all cancers) sarcoma are common in children making up 15-20% of all pediatric cancers.

Each year there are approximately 15,000 new patients and approximately 6,000 deaths as a result of sarcomas.

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OurMission:

Raise awareness of childhood and adult sarcoma

and fund research in the Pittsburgh region and beyond.

Brief History of Pittsburgh Cure Sarcoma (PCS) Organization

In January 2011, Drs. Hussein Tawbi and Kurt Weiss, with the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, chaired a start-up committee of 12 members who joined with the Sarcoma Foundation of America to fundraise and raise awareness for the Pittsburgh area and beyond. The group pursued a 5K event with a goal to raise awareness and support others who have been affected by this rare cancer. This event, along with the creation of the web site, garnered much attention in the Pittsburgh region and gathered many families who have been affected by sarcoma cancer.

The overwhelming success of the initial 5K fundraiser in 2011 set the foundation for this to be an annual event, which has continued to grow each year in participation and funding to support research. To date this event, as well as an annual golf outing, has raised approximately \$1,000,000 to support sarcoma research in Pittsburgh and across the nation through the Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA). Since 2012, the SFA has presented a research grant named in honor of Pittsburgh Cure Sarcoma to a sarcoma researcher in the United States to continue efforts to development innovative treatment approaches for sarcoma. This would not be possible without the support and participation of major sponsors in the Pittsburgh region and involvement of generous patients and their families.

Please join us to help ensure that our progress to support sarcoma research continues.

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