





FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Family of Foundation Supporters:

Such great news! In 2020 the Paula Takacs Foundation shattered its fundraising goal and wound up on a global stage for cancer research! Thanks to every individual, corporate and foundation gift we received, fundraising revenues leaped an incredible 19% over 2019. This enabled us to present a very significant sarcoma research grant at year-end as well as remaining a financially strong nonprofit as the COVID pandemic raged on going into 2021.

Our proudest moment of 2020 (and most significant development since inception!) occurred when Levine Cancer Institute was selected for a poster presentation of its first sarcoma clinical trial to the global audience at the American Society of Clinical Oncology conference. This trial, made possible by Paula Takacs Foundation support, had record-breaking objective response rates for a study of its type. The presentation by Dr. Livingston of Levine Cancer Institute put critical data in the hands of global researchers and put our foundation on this same worldly landscape. WOW, talk about mission in action!

From the many conversations I had with Paula Takacs, I know with all my heart that what we have achieved, and will continue to achieve, would make her leap with joy. With this first in-house clinical trial having been offered to Levine Cancer Institute and Levine Children's patients, our supporters have provided local access to cutting-edge treatments. Through testing a first-of-its-kind sarcoma blood biopsy technique developed at Levine Cancer Institute, patient treatment and disease monitoring may be revolutionized in the future. And as a result of other ongoing molecular research projects that are underway with your donations, there is hope of uncovering the drivers of various sarcomas so that future trials can be developed.

Your support has been truly instrumental in developing this outstanding sarcoma research program, and I hope that you feel proud as you review this Impact Report. On behalf of myself and our Board of Directors, thank YOU for all you do to provide real HOPE for CURES.

Susan Udelson Executive Director







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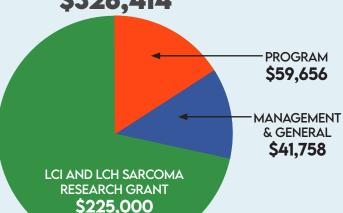
2020 FINANCIAL IMPACT



OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS/GRANTS \$175,530

FUNDRAISING EVENTS \$283,656

2020 TOTAL EXPENSES **\$326,414**





2020 GRANT **\$225,000**

\$1,593,000 SINCE INCEPTION!



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Paula Takacs Foundation for Sarcoma Research is to raise funds that support local, innovative research that will directly improve patient outcomes, ultimately helping scientists and researchers find cures which will reach global populations. In addition to funding research, our goal is to amplify social awareness about sarcomas so we can accelerate our mission and save lives.

LIFETIME IMPACT:



\$2,350,144

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED SINCE INCEPTION:

STUDIES FUNDED 9,635

EVENT
PARTICIPANTS

2020 GLOBAL IMPACT!

WE RATIFIED OUR MISSION TO EXPAND
GLOBAL HOPE BY FUNDING A CLINICAL
TRIAL THAT WAS SELECTED BY, AND
FEATURED AT, THE GLOBAL ASCO
CONFERENCE AS A POSTER
DISCUSSION



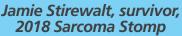
VOICES OF HOPE

After a devastating diagnosis of Stage 3 sarcoma, I was dismayed to learn that sarcoma treatments and survival rates had not changed in 40 years. Research is desperately needed to save lives and to provide safer treatments for this rare and deadly cancer. Thank you for supporting the Paula Takacs Foundation which provides hope through funding research and by supporting sarcoma patients and families like mine. The Paula Takacs Foundation funding supports clinical trials taking place here in Charlotte at Levine Cancer Institute. What an incredible blessing to be treated where this rare cancer is being studied!"

Heather Lopane Team Heather's Heroes The Sarcoma Stomp

I've come a long way from that day, but I didn't do it alone. The PTF family gave me a way to channel my grief and turn it into strength. If it weren't for you all, I don't know if I would have had the confidence to put myself back out there. Being involved with the Paula Takacs Foundation has really helped me and the fact that I can help others has been inspiring.

Anonymous





Our longstanding partnership with the Paula Takacs foundation is driven by our colleague's personal connection, passion and overwhelming support of their mission. Sarcoma hits close to home for many of our employees, and Barings is proud to support a great organization working towards an even greater end goal.

Sarah Munday Director of Sustainability & Social Impact Barings

The work of the Paula Takacs
Foundation is vital to the Levine
Cancer Institute's sarcoma research
program, enabling us to conduct
innovative, scientifically based clinical
trials and molecular studies in order to
improve the outcomes of treatment.
In parallel, we are also able to refine
our understanding of the biology and
natural history of this set of rare and
potentially deadly cancers.

Derek Raghavan MD PhD FACP FRACP FASCO FAAAS

President, Levine Cancer Institute, Chief, Clinical Network Development, Professor of Medicine, Atrium Health



HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

PROMOTE & FUNDRAISE

Create your own unique fundraising event. Host a wine dinner, craft beer tasting, gallery crawl, corn hole competition, group exercise event, or even a ladies night out.

Partner with local business to give a percentage of sales for particular items or during particular time frames to raise funds and awareness of our mission.

Be a digital advocate! Follow us on social media and share our content about events, research developments, sarcoma awareness and donor impact. Join the conversation and help spread the word.

Share your personal story of courage to raise awareness and inspire hope!

GIVE

- Donate In-Kind items for events
- Donate online at paulatakacsfoundation.org
- Donate by mail to PO Box 78416, Charlotte, NC 28271
- Submit corporate matching gift requests to your employer

GET SOCIAL

Facebook: @paulatakacsfndn

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LinkedIn: Paula Takacs Foundation for Sarcoma

PARTNER

Promote your business' brand while making a critical investment in local cancer research

Publicly demonstrate your commitment to your employees, their families and the local community in which they live and work

VOLUNTEER

- Event Volunteer
- Event Committees
- Board of Directors
- Intern
- Keynote Speaker
- Photographer/Videographer
- Website Manager