



IMPACT

2023 IMPACT REPORT



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we present our **2023 Impact Report for the Paula Takacs Foundation**, we reflect with humility how another year of progress continues to shape our foundation as a true powerhouse of hope. As the new Executive Director, I am honored to follow in the footsteps of Sue Udelson, who led us through the last 10 years, including 2023, bringing us to this very special place in our history as one of the most successful grass-roots foundations in the country, raising funds for sarcoma research.

Our 2023 theme: One Person Can Change the World guided us through a year of good news for all sarcoma patients as we continue to fund novel treatments that are garnering world-wide attention. Our **2023 Sarcoma Stomp**, which was marked by torrential rain, didn't deter the over 1,000 participants, volunteers, and corporate partners from raising \$250,000. We were also proud to be a beneficiary of the Ernst & Young Golf Event, honoring executive Clayton Baker, receiving \$144,000 from that event. In December, our annual gift presentation marked a milestone for us! Our grant of \$300,000 to Levine Cancer Institute and Levine Children's Hospital is our largest gift ever!

Additionally, 2023 marked the launch of our **Growing Hope Through Art Program**, a permanent art installation fund raising arm of our Foundation. Our goal is to elevate the voice of hope through the power of art. These funds also go directly to our beneficiaries as we move our mission forward.

Our largest achievement this year was marked by the announcement of our foundation establishing a **\$2 million Endowed Chair of Sarcoma at Levine Cancer Institute**. This significant milestone ensures that sarcoma research will be funded forever at Levine Cancer Institute. We can't thank you all enough for making this dream a reality.

The research projects we funded also garnered progress. Researchers are on the verge of completing a comprehensive molecular analysis to identify novel prognostic and therapeutic biomarkers for synovial sarcoma, promising to revolutionize patient care. Additionally, a prospective observational study of patients with intermediate and high-grade bone and soft tissue sarcomas is underway. This study leverages a cutting-edge sarcoma-specific liquid biopsy circulating tumor DNA technique, which can detect molecular patterns in blood samples and correlate them with treatment response and disease progression. Finally, researchers at Levine Cancer Institute are finalizing an innovative protocol investigating a novel chemotherapy regimen for metastatic and unresectable soft tissue sarcomas, potentially setting a new standard in treatment.

As you continue to review our report and see the impact we've generated, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you. Your involvement is essential to our mission to fund local research, expand global hope, and amplify awareness.

With gratitude,
Christine Wade, Executive Director
Paula Takacs Foundation

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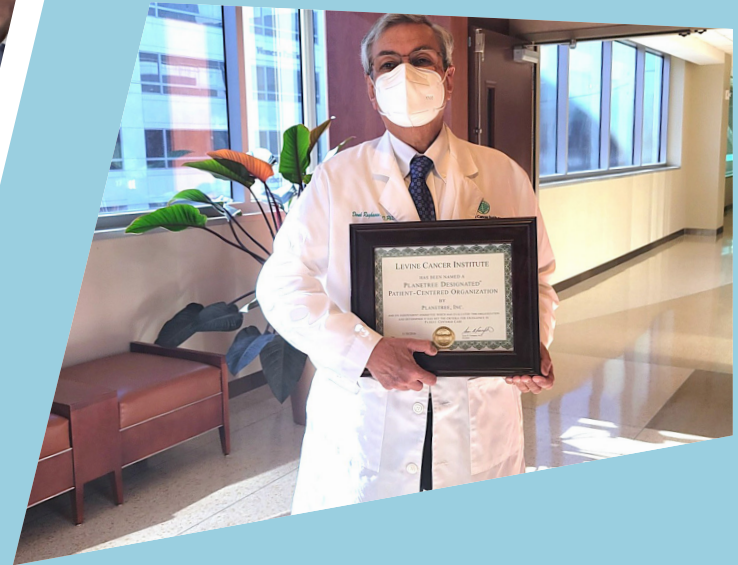
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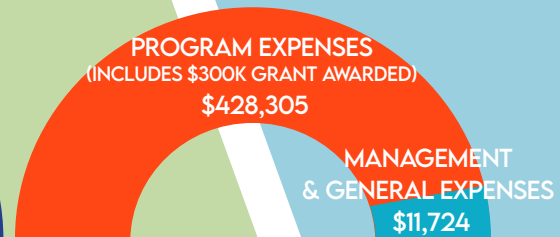
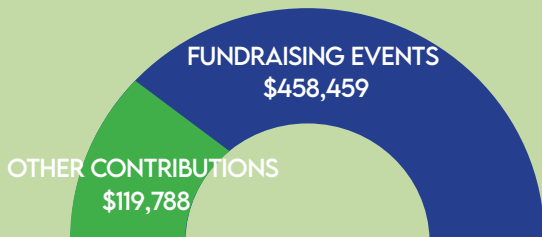
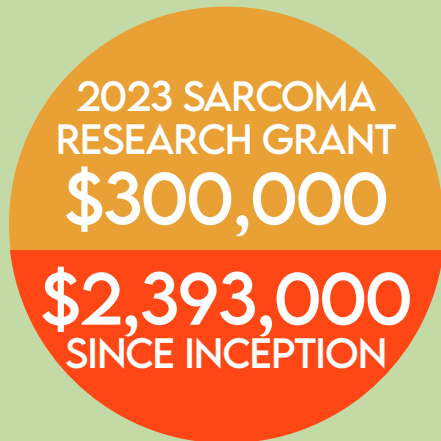
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2023 FINANCIAL IMPACT



2023 TOTAL REVENUE
\$578,647

2023 TOTAL EXPENSES
\$440,029



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:



\$3,866,862

TOTAL FUNDS
RAISED SINCE
INCEPTION



11,689

EVENT
PARTICIPANTS

6

STUDIES
FUNDED



**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

OUR VOICES OF HOPE



“TowneBank is honored to be the presenting sponsor of the ‘Seasons of Life’ installation as part of the Growing Hope Through Art program. It has been truly inspiring to see how this initiative fosters hope and healing in our community. We are proud to support the Paula Takacs Foundation in its important work.”

Robert Ashton
Chairman, TowneBank

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

Amwins is proud to be the Presenting Sponsor of the Sarcoma Stomp.

“Sarcomas impact the lives of thousands of people every year and the Amwins family is not immune - by continuing to help in the research efforts and aid in the fight against this disease we’re joining with this foundation and celebrating our shared values of strength, survivorship, and continuous positivity.”

Amwins
Charlotte, NC

“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

“I appreciate your hard work, dedication, and love for the sarcoma community. I also appreciate your kindness and love shown to me personally.”

Sarcoma Survivor

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
- Donate securities

GET SOCIAL

Facebook: @paulatakacsfnfdn

Instagram: @paulatakacsfoundation

Twitter: @paulatakacsfnfdn

LinkedIn: Paula Takacs Foundation for Sarcoma Research

YouTube: @sarcomaiscancer

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