





FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Family of Foundation Supporters:

Although we cannot deny that 2021 was a year in which we missed the human connection, we also grew **Stronger Together** (our theme for the year), through our collective reaffirmation that neither COVID nor sarcoma could stop love, faith, and the relentless power of the human spirit. We will always find a path to hope, healing, and community.

As we navigated the headwinds of the pandemic we held our 2021 Sarcoma Stomp (presented by Barings) as virtual event for the second year in a row. Families and friends gathered throughout the U.S. to mark the occasion with their own walks, runs, kayaking, brunches, art projects, and celebration events. The photos we received from every corner of the country clearly demonstrated everyone's commitment to our mission.



We were proud to launch an awareness and educational campaign entitled **Sarcoma Is Cancer.** We established the URL **sarcomaiscancer.org**, distributed 'Did You Know? Sarcomaiscancer.org' car clings, and created the moving and memorable Sarcoma Is Cancer luminary display.

Additionally, the board of the well-respected Lauren Marie Kimsey Foundation for Synovial Sarcoma of Davidson, NC made the strategic decision to merge their efforts with us and become part of the Paula Takacs Foundation in mission and purpose. Their momentum will certainly assist us both in continuing our efforts to fund local research, expand global hope, and amplify sarcoma awareness.

Notable research projects continued throughout 2021 including testing a first-of-its-kind sarcoma blood biopsy technique developed by Levine Cancer Institute, a comprehensive molecular analysis of synovial sarcoma, and a retrospective study of dedifferentiated liposarcoma.

As we share our 2021 Impact Report with you we can say with confidence that every single donation has moved the needle of hope and progress, and we thank you.

Susan Udelson Executive Director



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NEMO Sarcoma Research

Two hundred twenty-five thousand

2021 FINANCIAL IMPACT



2021 GRANT TO LCI & LCH \$225,000 \$1,818,000 SINCE INCEPTION!

SARCOMA STOMP \$205,070

DECEMBER 26, 2021

225,000

Our Donors

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

OTHER
CONTRIBUTIONS/GRANTS
\$164,323

\$369,393

PROGRAM EXPENSES INCLUDES \$225K GRANT AWARDED \$321,006

> MANAGEMENT & GENERAL EXPENSES \$6,897

\$327,903



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:



\$2,719,537

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED SINCE INCEPTION

> STUDIES FUNDED

10,663

EVENT
PARTICIPANTS

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



Derek Raghavan MD* President, Levine Cancer Institute, Atrium Health

OUR VOICES OF HOPE

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 Barings

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

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

"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

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LinkedIn: Paula Takacs Foundation for Sarcoma

SPONSOR

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