





### FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are happy to report that 2022 was a great year on many fronts, and your commitment to our mission was astonishing! Let me share some of the highlights:

While working hard to fulfill our mission to fund local research and expand global hope, we recognized more fully that amplifying awareness is what catalyzes our success. Our 2022 theme "Share what you learn so we can save more lives" articulated that desire. By utilizing our website **sarcomaiscancer.org**, we encouraged everyone to LEARN MORE about sarcoma and better recognize the signs and symptoms of sarcoma. Doing so enables all of us to ACT FASTER in seeking a diagnosis, resulting in earlier treatments. That's how we can SAVE LIVES. Which is impact we can all be proud of!

It was wonderful reconnecting our community in 2022 by holding our Sarcoma Stomp in-person again, a welcome return to normalcy as the pandemic lessened its grip. We welcomed over 800 smiling participants, volunteers, and corporate partners. That event raised over \$225,000 to further sarcoma research and help expand awareness. It was a beautiful and joyous community event that we were proud to host with our Presenting Sponsor, **Amwins**.

This year we had revenues of over \$617,000, thanks to a successful Sarcoma Stomp as well as raising \$60,000 at our *Golf Fore Sarcoma* tournament honoring Lauren Marie Kimsey. Additionally, this record year was due in part to our position as the beneficiary of several fundraising events which include a \$20,000 gift from the All-In to Fight Cancer poker tournament, a \$164,000 gift from the proceeds of a golf tournament to honor Ernst & Young associate Clayton Baker, and a donation of over \$8,000 as a beneficiary of the F&B Social Club's *FORK Cancer* event.

Research projects funded by the Paula Takacs Foundation showed great promise in 2022. Preliminary data in the sarcoma liquid biopsy pilot study at Levine Cancer Institute (LCI) showed evidence of circulating tumor DNA of sarcoma subtypes in the blood. The genetic sequencing study of synovial sarcomas at LCI uncovered interesting results and once published, has the potential to become the largest synovial sarcoma study in the world. And, finally, one of the largest retrospective studies evaluating genetic abnormalities for patients with dedifferentiated liposarcoma was published in Cancer Medicine by LCI researchers. There were notable gene mutations that had interesting prognostic implications.

As we proudly share our 2022 Impact Report with you, we can say with confidence that you are an essential part of this movement and mission. We thank you very much for your financial support, volunteerism, and your continued and vital engagement within our sarcoma community.

#### Susan Udelson

**Executive Director** 



# 2022 CORPORATE/FAMILY PARTNERS

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# 2022 FINANCIAL IMPACT



2022 SARCOMA RESEARCH GRANT \$275,000

\$2,093,000 SINCE INCEPTION

FUNDRAISING EVENTS \$515,784

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS \$101,690

2022 TOTAL REVENUE **\$617,474** 

PROGRAM EXPENSES INCLUDES \$275K GRANT AWARDED) \$382,507

> MANAGEMENT & GENERAL EXPENSES \$8,561

2022 TOTAL EXPENSES \$391,068





# **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:



\$3,292,210

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED SINCE INCEPTION

STUDIES FUNDED 11,689

**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



# **OUR VOICES OF HOPE**

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

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 2010-2022



# 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: @paulatakacsfndn

Instagram: @paulatakacsfoundation

Twitter: @paulatakacsfndn

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