



Sarcoma Cancer
Foundation of Canada

Summer 2018 Newsletter

A Message From Our Chair

Greetings!

Canada's annual Sarcoma Cancer Awareness Week will soon be upon us - a time of year that always reminds us of our strong and growing community across the country.

Every year at this time, I'm reminded of how SCFC worked with our federal government to recognize the third week of June as Sarcoma Cancer Awareness Week. This was an important step in bringing attention to and understanding of this little-known disease. We need your help to make this year's campaign a success! Together we can all raise our voices to share stories and support, letting Canadians living with sarcoma know that they are not alone. More information about this year's campaign is below and I encourage all of you to get involved and to get your friends, family and colleagues to spread the word as well.

A huge thank you as always to all of the patients, friends and families who are working on fundraising and awareness events across Canada. Without your passion and support, the work that SCFC does would not be possible. As always, we welcome your ideas, questions and comments - please get in touch anytime!

Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy summer season,

Diana Arajs
Founder & Chair
SCFC

Sarcoma Awareness Week Kick-Off!

Raising money and awareness for the sarcoma cancer community is a year-round endeavor for the Sarcoma Cancer Foundation of Canada. But each

year, we bring focus to the disease during Sarcoma Cancer Awareness Week, and we are asking for your help spreading the word this year!



This year, Sarcoma Cancer Awareness Week starts June 18. Here's how you can help:

- Take a picture of yourself or someone you know has been touched by sarcoma cancer -- this could be a person experiencing sarcoma cancer, a caregiver, a family member, someone we have lost to the disease that you wish to memorialize, someone who has shown great commitment to raising awareness or funding for the disease.
- Share that photo on your social network (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook) sharing that person's story (or your story, if you post a photo of yourself).
- Use the hashtags #knowsarcoma and #facesofsarcoma when you share it on social media. That way we can track all the posts!

We would encourage you to engage your network of friends and family to like and share the images (and their own images), but also encourage them to use Sarcoma Cancer Awareness Week to as an opportunity to support the cause!

*please
join us*



SCFC Presents: Kiss and Cry

A screening of Kiss and Cry will be presented in partnership with the Sarcoma

Kiss and Cry, directed by critically acclaimed Sean Cisterna (Full Out), is a romantic drama based on the true story of Carley Allison, a promising 18-year-old figure skater and singer who finds love just as she is diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. The film stars JUNO Award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter, Chantal Kreviazuk (Century Hotel), Luke Bilyk (Hellions, Degrassi: The Next Generation), and Sarah Fisher (Degrassi: The Next Generation, Full Out) - who graciously plays Carley Allison, her real-life best friend. Carley Allison made national headlines when she was undergoing treatment for her extremely rare 1 in 3.5 billion form of cancer.

The director of the film, Sean Cisterna, will be in attendance and will participate in a post-screening question and answer period.

Date: Saturday, June 23rd, 2018

Time: Doors open at 1:30 pm. Screening starts at 2:00 pm.

Location: The Gorge Cinema in Elora, Ontario

Cost: \$20 at the door

Refreshments will be available for purchase at concession stand.

For more information please contact us at info@sarcomacancer.ca

Targeted Sarcoma Treatments to Improve Patients' Outcomes

Last fall SCFC was pleased to announce funding for a brand new research initiative. This new research aims to give patients with rare forms of soft tissue sarcoma (STS) faster, simpler, and more accurate diagnoses, so that treatment can get started sooner with less invasive testing and biopsies.

Led by a collaborative team at Sinai Health System's Christopher Sharp Cancer Centre and Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, the research team uses Next Generation Sequencing technologies to analyze the blood of patients with sarcoma, seeking distinctive 'signatures' that reveal their tumours' specific mutations. Blood tests are then developed to allow oncologists to diagnose rare types of STS with precision.

This simple and minimally invasive 'liquid biopsy' could spare patients from undergoing invasive surgical biopsies, allow them to start treatment sooner, with constant monitoring using a simple blood test to determine if the tumour is shrinking.

This is an exciting project for the entire community, and SCFC has been hard at work fundraising for this new research initiative! Join us in this exciting project!

Past Events



5K Walk/Run Fundraiser for EHE

On April 22 over 40 people and furry friends participated in the 5KM Walk/Run Fundraiser for EHE, organized by Caledon resident Fiona Ross who has just recently found out she has this rare cancer.

The day was a great success, with over \$1,500 raised for the Sarcoma Cancer Foundation of Canada with the Walk/Run and raffle.

EHE Info: Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma (EHE) is an extremely rare vascular cancer that affects the lining of blood vessels. It can appear almost anywhere in the body but is most often found in the liver, lungs, bone and skin. EHE can affect any age group but is 4 times more likely to occur in women. There is no established treatment standard for EHE and there are no proven treatments. Global research and cooperation is desperately needed to understand the disease and find treatment options.

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