



2015 Annual Report

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Letter from our president

This past year was incredibly difficult. On Mar. 12, 2015 Steven D. Vanover passed away from sarcoma, a rare form of cancer. Steven's death meant the loss of a son, brother, fiancé, grandson, nephew or friend for many people. To carry on his legacy, Steven's family and friends came together and created this organization. In May 2015 the Steven Vanover Memorial Research and Scholarship Fund was officially recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and we began our journey to make a difference in the lives of others.

The organization, as the name suggests, has two main focuses: the first is to fund rare cancer research throughout the country, and the second is to fund an annual scholarship for students at the University of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering. With the help of so many generous donors giving over 250 unique donations, we were able to meet both goals in 2015.

We raised over \$46,000. Of this total, \$20,000 was donated to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City

to help fund a phase II study of sarcoma research—particularly for patients with desmoplastic small round cell tumor, the kind of cancer Steven had. Additionally, \$15,750 was donated to the University of Louisville to create an endowment and current use scholarship in Steven's honor, of which \$2,393.50 came from the generous fundraising efforts of the Charlie George Foundation.

2016 brings great promise and new goals. We will continue to carry on Steven's legacy by making a difference in others' lives. We have planned several events for this year and will continue to count on the unwavering support of friends, family and others who believe in our mission. On behalf of our board members, I would like to say thank you for your generous contributions to our organization.

Sincerely,

President



Members and friends of the board of directors volunteered at and participated in Splat Out Cancer, a fundraising event where participants launched paint-filled balloons at the side of a Market Street building in exchange for a donation to cancer research, on Aug. 29, 2015. The event benefited the University of Louisville's James Graham Brown Cancer Center.

Our mission is to raise awareness of rare cancers by funding sarcoma research and preserving the legacy of Steven Vanover through academic scholarship.



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Philanthropy

Charlie George Invitational Golf Scramble fundraising event

On Aug. 21, in conjunction with the Charlie George Invitational, a fundraising event was held at Molly Malone's Irish Pub & Restaurant in St. Matthews. Money was raised for SVMRSF through private donations and from a portion of the evening's sales. This was a well-attended event and provided another opportunity to celebrate Steven's life.

St. Albert the Great Golf Scramble

The St. Albert the Great Graduated Albert Parents (GAP) Club hosted a golf scramble at Eagle Creek Golf Course on Sept. 18. SVMRSF received 100% of proceeds from the event. It was a wonderful tribute to Steven and his love of golf!

The Vanover family attends the St. Albert the Great Golf Scramble on Sept. 18, 2015.



Rock Out to Knock Out Cancer

Rock Out to Knock Out Cancer was our first official fundraising event. It was held on Oct. 2 at Gerstle's Place in St. Matthews. The event featured live music from Fat Sandwich (Steven's band) and Famous on Fridays, as well as a SVMRSF signature drink called "The Simple Man."



In the news



Scholarship check presentation

On Dec. 21 the Steven Vanover Memorial Research and Scholarship Fund established an endowment with the J.B. Speed School of Engineering at the University of Louisville. The revenues generated from this endowment will allow us to provide the Steven D. Vanover Scholarship to a Speed School student annually.

Several board members present a check to establish an endowment for the Steven D. Vanover Scholarship on Dec. 21, 2015.

WAVE 3 Listens Live interview

On Dec. 23 Michael Vanover, Lauren Raque and Amy Vanover were guests on Wave 3 Listens Live where they shared Steven's story and discussed how the fund was created. For more information and to watch the interview with John Ramsey, visit stevenvanover.org.

Lauren Raque and Amy Vanover prepare for their interview on the set of Wave 3 Listens Live on Dec. 23, 2015.





Financial summary and commitments

Expenses

As outlined by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Standards for Charity Accountability, a nonprofit organization should spend no more than 35 percent of related contributions on fundraising. SVMRSF held expenses to approximately 2 percent—well under the BBB recommendation.

Reserves

An additional \$8,000 was donated in December 2015 after disbursements. An additional \$5,000 has been pledged to Memorial Sloan Kettering, and the remainder is to be used in upcoming 2016 programming.

Donations

University of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering Scholarship

The primary purpose of the Steven Vanover Memorial Research and Scholarship Fund is to carry on Steven's legacy and share his story with the community. One way we sought to accomplish this goal during 2015 was to establish a memorial scholarship that will help deserving students meet their personal, academic and professional goals.

The scholarship will be awarded to a sophomore, junior or senior pursuing an engineering degree at the University of Louisville. The recipient must be involved in campus life, participate in community service, achieve (at minimum) a 2.5 GPA and explain why the University of Louisville is important to him or her. Financial need will also be considered.

In December 2015, SVMRSF made a \$15,750 donation to the University of Louisville, which endowed the Steven D. Vanover Scholarship. The first scholarship has been awarded in spring 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Funding rare cancer research

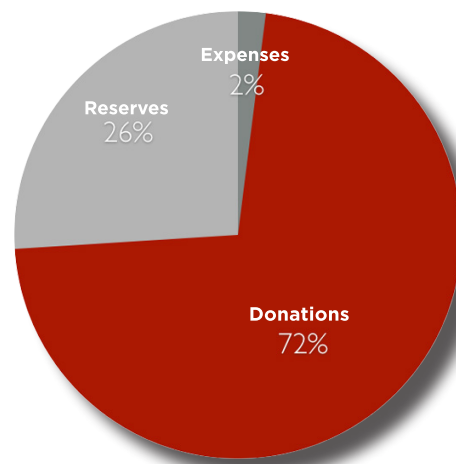
According to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, the type of cancer that Steven was diagnosed with, Desmoplastic small round cell tumor (DSRCT), is "a rare type of soft tissue sarcoma with a poor prognosis" and "an aggressive tumor that typically occurs in the abdomen and pelvis of an adolescent or young adult." The origin of DSRCT in the body may not be known. Due to the rarity and small amount of research on this cancer, we have gifted Memorial Sloan Kettering \$20,000 to help fund clinical trials for patients with this type of cancer.

As the nation's preeminent center for research and treatment dedicated exclusively to cancer, Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) is at the forefront of efforts to apply today's rapidly emerging knowledge about how cancer works at the molecular level to the development of better methods of prevention, early detection and treatment. One of the outstanding areas of research and clinical innovation at MSK is the field of sarcoma. At MSK, physicians see more than 1,000 individuals with soft tissue sarcomas each year.

Shakeel Modak, M.D., pediatric oncologist at MSK, is currently working on one such breakthrough for children and young adults with DSRCT. Philanthropic support is critical for the next phase of study, which will test the efficacy of a new course of treatment for these patients and potentially yield a lifesaving new treatment strategy.

Based on encouraging preliminary data from the Phase I study, Dr. Modak is planning to initiate a Phase II study of a radiolabeled monoclonal antibody (an example of "radioimmunotherapy") followed by external beam radiation and low dose chemotherapy for patients who have undergone surgery to remove DSRCT and have achieved near remission. Dr. Modak and his team will also explore whether they can use another monoclonal antibody called 3F8 to target DSRCT.

Dr. Modak is hopeful that this new intensive treatment regimen will significantly impact the rate of relapse found in DSRCT.



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Ways to help

To make a gift to the Steven Vanover Memorial Research and Scholarship Fund, return the enclosed envelope or visit stevenvanover.org/donate-now.

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Make a gift every time you shop at Kroger by linking your Kroger Plus Card to SVMRSF. Visit **kroger.com** and enroll in the Community Rewards Program, Organization #69790 or search by name (Steven Vanover). A portion of every purchase will be donated to the fund.