



2017 Annual Report

Board of directors

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New board members

Tim Capps
BJ O'Daniel
Claire McCormick
Alex Stewart

Letter from our president

When our friends and family came together to start the Steven Vanover Foundation (SVF) in 2015, I don't think we ever could have predicted that the organization would make such a huge difference in such a short period of time. Although, knowing Steven, we probably should have assumed that sometimes a short period of time is all you need to make a lasting impact.

2017 was a year of tremendous progress and gratitude. We continued to carry out our mission by funding both memorial scholarships in Steven's honor and rare cancer research. Thanks to your generosity and support, SVF donated over \$130,000 last year, and has raised \$280,000 since the organization's inception. This wouldn't be possible without the steadfast, overwhelming support of our donors, volunteers and community partners.

We hit an important milestone in 2017 when we learned that SVF is the organization making the largest financial contribution to a study taking place at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) that can extend the lives of patients with the type of cancer that took Steven's life – desmoplastic small round cell tumor (DSRCT) – and other rare cancers. Thanks to generous donors like you, we contributed \$100,000 to MSK, which is going toward completing the only phase II trial in United States focused on developing treatments for DSRCT. We are making a direct improvement in the lives of patients like Steven and families like

my own. This drives us to continue to grow our organization so we can make even larger strides in the future.

A portion of the money raised over the past year also helped fund three different scholarships: the University of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering scholarship provides financial assistance for a high-achieving young man or woman pursuing an engineering degree; a scholarship at St. Xavier High School helps a deserving young man complete his education at Steven's alma mater; our newest scholarship is awarded to a graduating student from St. Albert the Great School to help fund their tuition at a local Catholic high school. We watched as all three scholarships grew in size to help students at three different academic institutions, all thanks to the continued generosity of our donors.

In closing, this organization hit new heights in 2017 and continues to make a positive difference in the lives of others. We wouldn't be where we are today without you. On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your help over the past year and we are excited to see what milestones we can reach together in 2018

Sincerely,

Michael Vanover
President & Chairman

2017 BY THE NUMBERS

\$100,000

Donated to
clinical
research

50+

Joined bone
marrow donor list
at SVF events

371

Contributed to
Give For Good
Louisville

200

All-time cases of
Steven's rare sarcoma type
diagnosed worldwide

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



Fundraising

Spin for Steven

The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the University of Louisville hosted a one-of-a-kind fundraising event in honor of Steven, who was an alumnus of the fraternity. Spin for Steven was a cycling event held at the Student Recreation Center at University of Louisville on March 25. The event drew over 600 participants and raised more than \$18,000 for SVF!



SVF Board & friends attend Spin for Steven

Golf scrambles

SVF was graciously selected as the beneficiary of three golf scrambles in 2017. On Aug. 5, in conjunction with the Charlie George Invitational, a fundraising event was held at Molly Malone's Irish Pub & Restaurant in St. Matthews. Private donations that evening and a portion of proceeds from the golf scramble at Nevel Meade Golf Course the following day were given to SVF. The St. Albert the Great Graduate Albert Parents (GAP) Club hosted a golf scramble at Eagle Creek Golf Course on Sept. 22. Universal Woods, Steven's former employer, hosted a golf scramble at Seneca Golf Course on Sept. 23. SVF received 100 percent of the proceeds from these two events. All of these events were well-attended, allowing us to celebrate Steven's life through golf, which was one of his passions.

Rock Out to Knock Out Cancer

The third annual Rock Out to Knock Out Cancer was held on Oct. 13 at Gerstle's Place in St. Matthews. The fundraising event featured live music from My Pet Octopus, One More Round and Fat Sandwich (Steven's band). The evening was filled with Steven's favorite things – family, friends, music and a cold drink!



Members of One More Round & Fat Sandwich performing

Spike Out Sarcoma

The second Spike Out Sarcoma volleyball tournament was held on Apr. 8 at R Place Pub. Team registration for the event sold out in less than an hour and many of our supporters came out to enjoy the sunshine and support the cause. The event showcased Steven's life through one of his favorite activities: volleyball.

SVF Board members with the Spike Out Sarcoma Champions, Team Radcliff



Give For Good Louisville

On Sept. 14, more than 370 people participated in Give for Good Louisville by making a donation to SVF. This campaign is a 24-hour online giving day hosted by the Community Foundation of Louisville that inspires people to give generously to the nonprofits in our community. Thanks to our donors and supporters, SVF was able to raise nearly \$24,000 in 24 hours!



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. SVF held expenses to approximately 4.61 percent – well under the BBB recommendation.

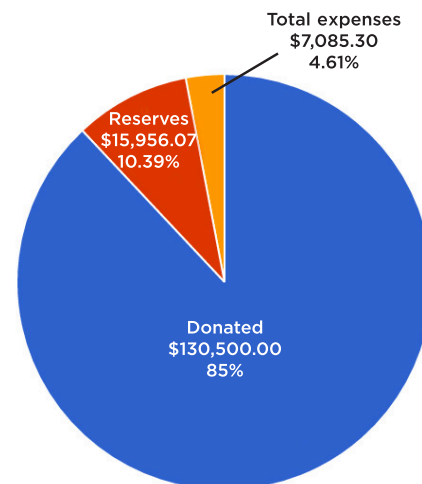
Reserves

A reserve balance of \$15,956.07 was held at the end of the 2017 for expenses that are planned to be used for upcoming 2018 programming and donations.

Donations

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

The Steven D. Vanover Scholarship was established in 2016 to provide financial aid for deserving students as they work to meet their personal, academic and professional goals while achieving their engineering degree. The scholarship is fully endowed and SVF has donated \$38,250 to date to grow the scholarship. The recipient must be involved in campus life, participate in community service, achieve a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and explain why University of Louisville is important to him or her. The second recipient of the Steven D. Vanover Scholarship was Joseph Graf, awarded on Apr. 25.



SVF Board with scholarship recipient,
Mr. Joseph Graf

St. Xavier Brother Benjamin Burke, C.F.X. Endowment

A \$17,500 donation was made on behalf of Steven D. Vanover to the Brother Benjamin Burke, C.F.X. Endowment at St. Xavier High School. The endowment was established to financially aid need-based students. Steven graduated from St. Xavier High School in 2008, and made some of his closest friends during his four years there.

St. Albert Steven Vanover Award & Scholarship

The Steven Vanover Award & Scholarship was established at St. Albert the Great Catholic School, where Steven graduated in 2004. The award and \$500 scholarship is presented to an eighth grade student who achieved academically, exhibited leadership qualities and participated in extra-curricular activities during their years at St. Albert, and can be used toward high school expenses.

Memorial Sloan Kettering Rare Cancer Research

According to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, the type of cancer that Steven had, 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 most common symptom is abdominal pain and/or a mass in the abdomen, and the origin of DSRCT in the body may not be known. Each year, 20 individuals are diagnosed with this type of cancer in the United States. Steven was one of these 20.

Shakeel Modak, M.D., a pediatric oncologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering, is leading a

study on a type of therapy to combat DSRCT. In previous years, SVF was able to contribute funding to Phase I of the study and the transition into Phase II. Dr. Modak sent a letter of gratitude for the philanthropic support and provided details of the study.

Dr. Modak said in his letter, “The Phase I trial is complete. Incorporated into the Phase I trial was a group of patients treated on the Phase II design. A total of 44 patients were treated including 10 on the Phase II design. The formal Phase II protocol has started going through the committees. In the interim, we have Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval to add 3 extra patients while

the Phase II trial opens (making a total of 13 patients on the Phase II design). The Phase II trial will likely open in three to four months.”

Dr. Modak added that a paper on the trial will be submitted and SVF will be acknowledged for its contributions and importance to the research. Dr. Modak’s mission, like the SVF mission, is to bring hope to DSRCT patients and their families. Due to the rarity and small amount of research on the type of cancer that Steven suffered from, SVF has gifted \$100,000 in 2017 to aid Dr. Modak’s clinical study, bringing our total donation to \$195,000 since 2015.

Steven Vanover Foundation

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Thank you to our donors

We are sincerely gracious for the support of more than 500 individual donors who made financial gifts to SVF in 2017.

We would also like to recognize our corporate donors for their financial support and in-kind donations.

- Charlie George Invitational
- Community Foundation of Louisville
- Custom Realty
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- Gerstle's Place
- Kaufman Realty LLC
- Kaufman & Stigger, PLLC
- Kroger
- LPL Financial LLC
- Mint Julip Tours
- Morgan Stanley
- Raque Financial Group
- R Place Pub
- R & T Services
- St. Albert the Great
- United Parcel Service
- Universal Woods

Ways to help

To make a gift to the Steven Vanover Foundation, return the enclosed envelope or visit stevenvanover.org/donate-now.

Have you enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards?

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

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