

THIS IS THE STORY OF 2018



STEVEN VANOVER FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION

Raise awareness of rare cancers by funding sarcoma research and preserving the legacy of Steven Vanover through academic scholarship.

OUR FOUNDATION GOALS

- 1 Keep Steven's memory alive in our community and beyond
- 2 Support research and science to help eliminate cancer
- 3 Support sarcoma patients and their families

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The fourth year of operation for the Steven Vanover Foundation was the best yet. 2018 brought tremendous growth thanks to our generous supporters. With the community's help, we continued to carry out our mission of funding scholarships and cancer research in Steven's honor. Thanks to your generosity, the Steven Vanover Foundation donated over \$115,000 last year to these causes, and has now raised over \$375,000 since 2015. We cannot express enough gratitude for the unwavering support from individuals, businesses, and other philanthropic organizations. It truly takes an army to achieve our goals.

In 2018 we continued to be the largest funder of a phase II study taking place at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) in New York City. This study focuses on treatments for the type of cancer that took Steven's life – desmoplastic small round cell tumors (DSRCT) – and has been shown to benefit other rare cancers as well. Because rare cancers typically do not receive government funding, it is more important than ever to continue to push forward and grow our efforts. Thanks to our generous donors, we contributed \$95,000 to MSK in 2018 and are helping to make a huge difference in the lives of DSRCT patients and their families.

A portion of the money raised over the past year also helped to continue funding three different scholarships: the Steven D. Vanover Scholarship at the University of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering; the Steven Vanover '08 Foundation Endowment at St. Xavier High School; and a scholarship awarded to a graduating student from St. Albert the Great School to help fund their tuition at a local Catholic high school. We will continue to support the youth in our community and help them reach their goals of higher education.

In closing, the Steven Vanover Foundation reached new milestones in 2018 and helped raise up many people when they needed it most. We will continue to focus on eliminating sarcoma and extending lives. On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your help over the past year. We are excited to see what differences we can make together in 2019.

Sincerely,

Michael Vanover
2018 President & Chairman

SVF BY THE NUMBERS

\$85,000+

[scholarship endowments started since 2015]

\$290,000

[donated to clinical research since 2015]

200

[cases of Steven's rare sarcoma type diagnosed worldwide]

270

[participants in SVF's 2018 Give for Good campaign]

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SVF FUNDRAISING EVENTS

SPIKE OUT SARCOMA

In its third year, the Spike Out Sarcoma volleyball tournament reached its most successful fundraising campaign yet. Held on Apr. 14 at King Louie's Sports Complex, all 24 team slots were sold out and many of our supporters came out to enjoy the sunshine and support the cause. The event raised nearly \$19,000 and honored Steven's life through one of his favorite passions: volleyball.



ROCK OUT TO KNOCK OUT CANCER

The fourth annual Rock Out to Knock Out Cancer was held on Oct. 19 at Gerstle's Place in St. Matthews. The fundraising event featured live music from My Pet Octopus and One More Round. The evening was filled with Steven's favorite things – family, friends, music and a cold drink!



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

GIVE FOR GOOD LOUISVILLE

On Sept. 17, 270 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 generous donors and supporters, SVF was able to raise more than \$16,000 in 24 hours! Special thanks to O'Shea's Irish Pub in the Highlands who hosted our supporters for a night of food, friends and fundraising to raise some extra dollars during the Give for Good Louisville campaign.



GOLF SCRAMBLES

SVF was graciously selected as the beneficiary of three golf scrambles in 2018: the Charlie George Invitational (left), the St. Albert Golf Scramble (right), and the Universal Woods Golf Scramble. All of these events were well-attended, allowing us to celebrate Steven's life through golf, which was one of his passions.



SPIN FOR STEVEN

The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the University of Louisville hosted the Spin for Steven fundraiser that had more than 700 bikers and raised nearly \$24,000.

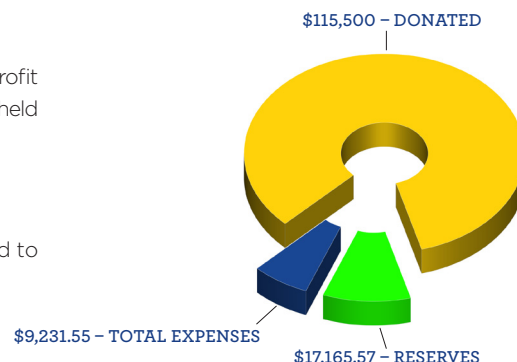
2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY & COMMITMENTS

EXPENSES

As outlined by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Standards for Charity Accountability, a non-profit organization should spend no more than 35 percent of related contributions on fundraising. SVF held expenses to approximately 6.5 percent – well under the BBB recommendation.

RESERVES

A reserve balance of \$17,165.57 was held at the end of 2018 for expenses that are planned to be used for upcoming 2019 programming and donations.



DONATIONS – HERE’S THE IMPACT

PRESERVING THE LEGACY - SCHOLARSHIPS

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE J.B. SPEED SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING STEVEN D. VANOVER SCHOLARSHIP

A fully endowed Steven D. Vanover Scholarship at the University of Louisville provides financial aid for deserving students to meet their personal, academic and professional goals while achieving their engineering degree. The recipient must be involved in campus life, participate in community service, and excel scholastically.

STEVEN VANOVER '08 FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

The Steven Vanover '08 Foundation Endowment was established to financially aid need-based students at St. Xavier High School. 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 at St. Albert the Great Catholic School, where Steven graduated in 2004, is presented to an eighth-grade student who achieved academically, exhibited leadership qualities and participated in extra-curricular activities during his or her years at St. Albert, and can be used toward high school expenses.

FUNDING THE SCIENCE – MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING

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 trial study on a type of therapy to combat DSRCT. In total, SVF has contributed \$290,000 to the study since 2015, including \$115,500 in 2018. The study is now treating patients based on this science. Dr. Modak completed a question and answer session with SVF regarding the status of the study and the importance of SVF's financial support.



Shakeel Modak, MD, Pediatric Oncologist, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

What phase is the current trial in?

“Currently, the Phase I Study is ongoing at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) while awaiting formal approval into Phase II.”

Where would the trial most likely be without SVF funding/support?

“There is no government funding for this trial. As a result, the forward momentum of this trial would not be possible without the generous support of the Steven Vanover Foundation. The Steven Vanover Foundation has enabled patients to receive this drug. Without you, MSK could not have made this drug.”

How many patients have been able to be treated using the trial?

“It is estimated that 51 patients have enrolled in this trial.”

What is the next step in the trial?

“The next step is formal approval into a Phase II Study. In the interim, three additional patients are being treated on the practices of the Phase II Study.”

Why did you start this trial?

“This is such a rare disease that there's absolutely no focus on this disease, but when our patients are going through it, it is a very

difficult situation for them because there's no standard of care, there's no research on therapy apart from what we are doing, and that's a terrible situation to be in. Even though it's rare, it does require people to focus on it; otherwise, we will not be able to help anyone. Because I'm a pediatric oncologist, all of the diseases I treat are rare diseases, so I think we do need research, which is not forthcoming from the government. For diseases like this, any help that can be provided is going to allow us to make a difference in the life of patients who have rare cancers. This type of help is primarily being provided by private philanthropists such as the Steven Vanover Foundation.”

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