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15% of all childhood cancer is sarcoma.

Sarcoma is a rare cancer that affects mostly children and young adults. This year, approximately 11,410 people will be diagnosed with soft-tissue sarcoma in the United States. An estimated 4,390 adults and children will die of the disease this year. Sarcoma can attack anyone, at any time, and is often misdiagnosed leaving those affected with few treatment options. Research is vital to finding a cure for sarcoma and it relies on contributions from everyday people like you.

Many of the chemotherapy agents used to treat sarcoma were *developed in the '70s*. We know this because our son, Derek, battled sarcoma for four years before passing on August 4, 2010, at 17 years old. During those four years, we researched treatment options and were devastated that there were no other treatments available to help our son. Our mantra became **NGU** ("Never Give Up"). Today, this is our driving force to help in "finding the cure in our time."

Research is desperately needed to find what causes sarcoma and to develop better therapies. The cause of sarcoma has not yet been discovered and less than 1% of the National Institutes of Health's budget funds sarcoma research. Because sarcoma is so rare and lacks government funding, researchers must rely on private funding.

Every gift truly makes a difference. Please help us by sponsoring the 4th Annual *Car Show for a Cure*. I hope that you will consider a generous donation as we continue to strive for *finding the cure in our time*. The success of our event depends on you. This will be the third of many *Car Show for a Cure* events, whose proceeds go directly towards supporting sarcoma research.

To help the Sarcoma Foundation of America combat sarcoma, we are hosting our annual fundraiser to be held on **Saturday, July 23, 2016, from 10am** – **4pm** at the Washington Township High School in Sewell, NJ. We are in great need of sponsors, raffle and auction prizes, and corporate and individual donations. Enclosed is a flyer that provides information and registration for the event. Please take a moment to review and join us with a commitment to our 5th Annual *Car Show for a Cure*. We would be honored if you would make a donation at one of these sponsorship levels:

- \$100 Bronze name on tee shirt,
- \$250 Silver name on tee shirt and event signs
- \$500 (and up) Gold name on tee shirt, signage and engraved sponsorship award

Please contact me at (856) 366-5034 or <u>jschnapp1@verizon.net</u> if you need any further information or have questions regarding the event.

Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely yours,

Jim & Eileen Schnapp SFA NJ Chapter Co-Leaders

Enclosures

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