

Hope Shines Bright — And So Does Our Future

Dear Friends of Northwest Sarcoma Foundation,

What an extraordinary evening!

On November 12, we gathered for Hope Shines Bright, our 30th Anniversary Gala and Auction, to celebrate three decades of compassion, courage, and commitment to the sarcoma community. What unfolded was an unforgettable evening of generosity, friendship, and hope.

We are thrilled to celebrate raising more than $100,000 during this extraordinary evening! While the final fundraising totals are still being calculated, we already know that Hope Shines Bright was a tremendous success—one made possible by the remarkable generosity of our community.

Sarcoma is a rare cancer. Our community may be smaller than those associated with more widely recognized cancers, but we are mighty in our spirit, our dedication, and our resolve.

We may be few in number, but together, our impact is extraordinary.

Throughout the evening, I was reminded that the strength of Northwest Sarcoma Foundation has never been measured simply by numbers. It is measured by the families we embrace, the patients we support, the relationships we build, and the extraordinary people who refuse to let anyone face this disease alone.

To everyone who joined us that evening—and to our generous sponsors, individual donors, businesses, auction contributors, volunteers, and board members—**thank you from the bottom of my heart.**

So many individuals and companies gave generously of their time, talents, resources, and financial support. Some worked quietly behind the scenes, while others stepped forward with remarkable gifts. Every contribution mattered. Every act of kindness helped make this evening possible.

To the survivors, patients, and families who joined us, and to those who shared their stories, you are the heart of our foundation. Your courage inspires everything we do. We also carried in our hearts those we have lost and the families whose lives have been forever changed by sarcoma.

As we celebrate 30 years of Northwest Sarcoma Foundation, we are not simply looking back at all that has been accomplished. We are looking forward with renewed determination.

The generosity demonstrated at Hope Shines Bright will help us strengthen patient and family support, expand education and advocacy, and continue building a future in which earlier detection, better treatments, and ultimately cures become a reality.

Our gala was more than a successful fundraising event. It was a powerful reminder of who we are and what we can accomplish together.

We are a community of hope. We are a community of action. And together, we are a force to be reckoned with.

Thank you for believing in our mission, for standing beside our patients and families, and for helping us carry the light into the next 30 years.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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