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It's hard to believe, there are only three months left in 2025. And these last few months are a window for making the most of your charitable giving.

Starting in 2026, the new One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) will bring some big changes to how charitable deductions work. That means the gifts you make this year could go further both for the causes you care about, like the mission of the Northwest Sarcoma Foundation, and for your own tax savings.

What's Changing in 2026?

Beginning next year:

- New Threshold – Charitable gifts will only be deductible once they exceed 0.5% of your taxable income. (For example, if your taxable income is \$500,000, the first \$2,500 of giving won't count toward deductions.)
- Permanent Limit – Cash gifts will continue to be limited to 60% of your Adjusted Gross Income.
- Deduction Cap for Top Earners – For those in the highest tax bracket, deductions will be capped at a 35% marginal rate, reducing their overall value.

In short: the rules will be less generous starting next year.

A Smart 2025 Strategy: "Bunching"

One approach many donors are considering is called bunching. Instead of spreading gifts over several years, you make a larger contribution in 2025. This way, you take advantage of today's more favorable rules, then use the standard deduction in future years.

A great way to do this is through a Donor Advised Fund (DAF):

- Make one larger gift to your DAF before December 31, 2025.
- Claim the full deduction this year.
- Let the funds grow tax-free in the DAF.
- Distribute gifts to nonprofits you care about like, the Northwest Sarcoma Foundation, in the years ahead, on your own schedule.

Be a part of
DAFday
Coming October 9, 2025

69% of DAF gifts
below \$1k

92% of DAF gifts
below \$5k

Why It Matters

By acting before year-end, you can maximize your impact under the current rules and position yourself to keep supporting the causes you love, like the Northwest Sarcoma Foundation, in the future.

Thank you, supporter and survivor, Cherie for sharing this information with us!

Volunteer with us!

Upcoming Committee meetings

Development Committee 10.14.2025, 6 p.m. PT

Programs Committee 11.6.2025, 11 a.m. PT

Events Committee 10.9.2025, 6:30 p.m. PT

Marketing-Communications Committee 10.9.2025, 9 a.m. PT

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How to Double Your Donation!



Every company with a matching gift program has its own process. Some may process matches monthly, quarterly, or annually.

Even though the timing and details vary, most programs follow the same general steps for nonprofits to receive a matched gift:

1. Identify donor employment – where do you work?
2. Check eligibility, determine if your employer offers a matching gift program – we send an email through Double the Donation.
3. Guide donors – Double the Donation helps you navigate your company's process for submitting the match request.
 - a. Or you can ask us to send you a copy of your donation receipt for you to submit independently.

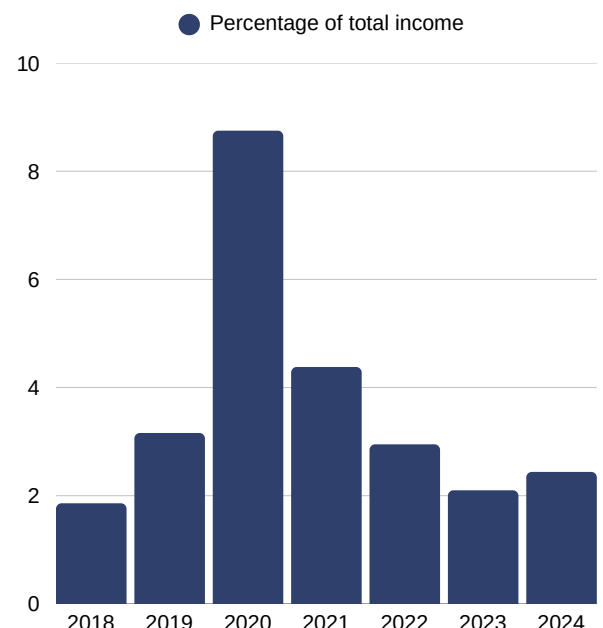
Once you have submitted the match request, the next steps depend on your employer's procedures. Common scenarios include:

- Your employer sends both the donation and an email specifying the details (e.g., who it's from and whether it should support a particular program).
- Your employer sends only a check or electronic payment, requiring us to follow up for your information.
- Your employer uses an online platform where we can access all necessary details.
 - We have a few of you who donate through your company's portal, and they match us through platforms like Benevity or iPay/Mars. Thank you!
- Your employer asks us to confirm your original gift, or you may need to provide proof of donation.
 - We are happy to provide!

To make the process easier, we partner with Double the Donation, a platform that streamlines matching gifts. This integration reduces friction by connecting you to your company's program, removing the need for you to submit extra paperwork and eliminating our need to verify the gift manually.

Each year, matching gift funds directly support patients. While they may seem like a small percentage of our overall fundraising, they make a real impact by providing Help\$ Grants and care packages.

So, when you receive a Double the Donation email, please don't ignore it or check your junk mail for the email. Take a moment to check if your company offers a match—you could make your donation go even farther for patients in need.



HOPE IN ACTION - TAMI'S STORY

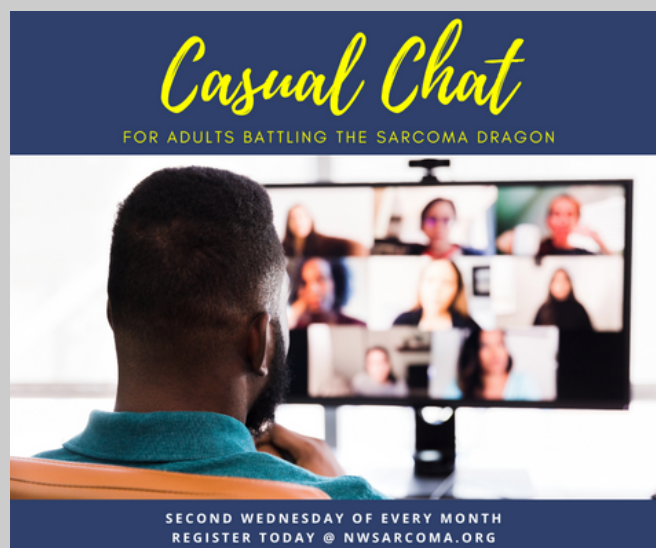


Her experience has instilled in her a powerful message: **"You have to advocate for yourself."** She believes this self-advocacy saved her life.

In June 2024, Tami faced a new and unexpected battle: a diagnosis of Dedifferentiated Chondrosarcoma, a rare bone cancer. This wasn't Tami's first encounter with cancer; she had just celebrated her 10-year remission anniversary from ovarian cancer. Her family has a history of Osteochondroma, a hereditary condition causing benign bone tumors. While her family members all have this condition, none have ever developed cancer from it. Tami, however, wonders if her previous chemotherapy treatment for ovarian cancer might have played a role in her recent diagnosis, though doctors are still unsure of any direct link. The first sign something was wrong came one night when Tami woke up with excruciating shoulder pain. An avid golfer, she initially dismissed it as a sports injury and made an orthopedic appointment. At the appointment, the doctor focused solely on a pre-existing osteochondroma on her arm, completely overlooking her shoulder blade. An X-ray was taken, and an MRI was ordered.

[Full Story](#)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Casual Chats are free events, register once, the same Zoom link each time.

[Adult patients & survivors](#): Second Wednesday of every month.

Next meeting, 10/8/2025 6 - 7 p.m.

Led by either Jo McNeal, Chelsea Winn, or volunteer peer-led by Aaron Couch.



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One-on-One Caregiver Support

For years, Anita served as the Caregiver Casual Chat lead for NWSF, offering support to others in similar situations. Now, she is shifting her focus to more personal, one-on-one support for caregivers and those coping with loss. [LEARN MORE HERE](#)



PATIENT EDUCATION NIGHT

Oct. 7 @6:00 PM PST
VIA ZOOM

Kids and Cancer

Patient Education Night: Kids and Cancer

Oct. 7, 2025

6:00 p.m. PT via Zoom

Hosted by Allie McGlothlen and Anna Christensen from Providence Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. They will discuss the challenges for children going through cancer treatment.

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Researcher Update Night: GIST Biomarkers

Nov. 4, 2025

6:00 p.m. PT via Zoom

This is the last in our series about Biomarkers for Sarcoma. Dr. Limin Zhu will present on the Biomarkers for Gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST).

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RESEARCHER UPDATE NIGHT



Dr. Limin Zhu

Host: Dr. Limin Zhu
Date: Nov. 4 @ 6 PM PST
Topic: Biomarkers:
Gastrointestinal
stromal tumor (GIST)

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RESEARCHER UPDATE NIGHT



Dr. Jeremy Sharib

Host: Dr. Jeremy Sharib
Date: November 19, 2025
Time: 6 PM PST
Topic: Desmoid Tumor -
History of treatment, new
advancements in
treatment, and the future
in treatments

Researcher Update Night: GIST Biomarkers

Nov. 19, 2025

6:00 p.m. PT via Zoom

Dr. Jeremy Sharib will share how Desmoid Tumor has advanced in treatment. He will review the history of how Desmoid Tumor was treated before advancements in medication through research, and where we are headed in the future with additional research.

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September is Childhood Cancer Month, take a moment to learn more about recent statistics and upcoming projections.

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