Volunteer with us!

During 2022 volunteer committees were created. We need more volunteers to help support the mission. Calling all volunteers!!! Consider which committee interests you.

WE NEED YOU!

MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF

Hi! My name is Julie Perkins, I live in beautiful Boise, Idaho and I am the Accounting Manager/Administrative Assistant. I have been with NWSF since June 2021. I knew when I began working for the Foundation that I had found an organization that I wanted to invest my time and energy into and one that would also have an amazing impact on me. Sometimes, ‘doing books’ creates a bit of a removal from the everyday missions of the organization, so I keep connected to the awesome, strong, and frankly heroic people that we help by updating our website and social media with patient stories, caregiver stories and other ‘shout-outs’ to those we impact and those who impact us! Through this I have met personally many amazing folks who are fighting the Sarcoma dragon. We hope they never feel that they are in this fight alone. Last year we added Boise to our Dragonslayer Walk schedule and it was a huge success. I will continue to be a part of this organization by not only keeping up the accounting and administrative side of things but by also building relationships that I hope are lifelong. The rest of the team I work with are a Class Act and we want to thank all of you for your involvement no matter what that looks like. I look forward to a world without Sarcoma!
Shalom Y’all! My name is Yisahar Aaron Izak. I’m 46 years old, serving in the United States Army, currently assigned to Soldier Recovery Unit, in transition to retire following optimal care for my new condition, rhabdomyosarcoma which I was diagnosed with on October 30, 2022. My family and I live in Puyallup, WA. This diagnosis came out of nowhere after 29 years of serving the public as a professional and a volunteer in several branches of public safety humanitarian aid, ministry, and military service in different capacities across five continents. A steep decline in my health for six months, clouded with my pre-existing conditions of TBI, PTSD, and three hip conditions, yielded imaging that revealed the sarcoma diagnosis at the end.

I have been an athlete and a dancer, a physically and mentally active, socially engaging individual for most of my life. My body took a more significant toll in treatments than most average patients. About 20 days of the month, I spend, at best, semi-ambulatory trying to manage symptoms in response to the side effects of the treatment. I loved spending time physically outdoors, traveling, and photography which I am limited at for the moment.

I am fortunate to have a fulfilling, resourceful, and loving family life with my wife Tamar and our eight children for the past 19 years. We have two daughters and six sons between the ages of 5-18, and our two pet sons, Shmulik (Rabbi Bernard) and Yoni (Alaskan Klei Kai.) Fortunately, my background in psychospiritual counseling and the loving family structure enabled me to reframe and repurpose my warrior archetype into creation via expressionism, performance arts, writing and poetry, and research in the humanities, social sciences, and theology.

Nevertheless, I have a long road ahead, a steep, rough terrain. On top of the three pre-existing medical conditions, and still looking at chemotherapy for five more months, along with two months of radiotherapy and pending surgery decisions on the way. My family and I focus on the future with hope and prayer to regain my health. Unfortunately, insurance does not fully cover the full extent of available care. However, I am grateful for the NorthwestSarcoma Foundation and so many other unique organizations that raise funds for treatment and research for sarcoma patients like me.
Send Donated Items to NWSF

Northwest Sarcoma Foundation
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Seattle, WA 98102-3203

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Casual Chat

Casual Chats are free events:
**Adult patients & survivors**: Second Wednesday of every month.
Next meeting, 4/12/2023
Led by either Jo McNeal or Chelsea Winn

**Caregivers**: Third Tuesday of every month.
Next meeting, 4/18/2023
Volunteer peer-led by Anita Nelson

**Sarcoma Bereavement**: Fourth Monday of every month.
Next meeting, 4/24/2023
Register once, the same Zoom link each time.
Volunteer peer-led by either Donna Anderson or Christin Gray
LOCATIONS

Imperial Bottle Shop | Portland, OR
Thursday, April 13, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

Liberty Lake Wine Cellars | Spokane, WA
Saturday, April 22, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

Old World Tasting Room | Seattle, WA
Thursday, April 27, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

TICKETS: $50 INCLUDES HEAVY APPETIZERS & 1 DRINK TICKET INCLUDED (WINE, CIDER, OR BEER).
LIMITED EVENT, 50 PEOPLE, GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

IMPERIAL BOTTLE SHOP & TAPROOM OWNER, SHAWN STACKPOOL, IS A SARCOMA SURVIVOR, AND TOGETHER WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US TO PROVIDE HOPE (HAPPINESS, OPTIMISM, POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT) TO ANYONE AFFECTED BY SARCOMA IN THE PNW. COME HEAR OUR STORIES AND SHARE YOURS.

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Re-imagining Pharma research & development for Sarcomas with a biomimetic, automation-ready animal platform for drug discovery.

In the United States, $83 billion is spent annually by the pharmaceutical industry to develop new drugs. The R&D stage contributes $26B in annual costs at a net $474M per drug that reaches FDA approval. The process to develop a single drug generally takes 11-16 years. In the semiconductor industry, the Intel mantra is "fail fast" -- and in a startup, the goal is to find a technology that disrupts a market. The Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute (cc-tdi.org) seeks to make the nonprofitable pursuit of curative drugs for rare childhood cancers and adult sarcomas more feasible through the introduction of disruptive, innovative engineering approaches more typical of the Oregon Silicon Forest.

JOIN US FOR:
RESEARCHER UPDATE NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 @ 7 P.M. PT

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT THE RE-IMAGINING PHARMA RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FOR SARCOMAS.

CHARLES KELLER, MD, SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR, CHILDRENS CANCER THERAPY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (CC-TDI.org)
CHARLES RESEARCH FOCUSES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE EFFECTIVE, LESS TOXIC THERAPIES FOR CHILDHOOD CANCERS.
DRAGONSLAYER WALKS:
JOIN US FOR OUR BIGGEST EVENTS OF
THE YEAR AND HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR
OUR PROGRAMS.

Each year, the Northwest Sarcoma Foundation
provides patient financial assistance grants, funds
research, and organizes events to educate,
support, and bring together the Sarcoma
community. We are fighting to end the
devastating impact of Sarcoma.

The Dragonslayer Walks and Seattle location's
Fun Run are non-competitive, non-timed, roughly
5K walks/run to honor Sarcoma patients,
survivors, and angels and raise vital funds for
NWSF.

We have 4 locations again this year.
Registration is open, come join the fun!

Portland - Gabriel Park - 9/9/2023

Boise - Ann Morrison Park - 9/16/2023

Spokane - Mission Park - 9/17/2023

Seattle - Magnuson Park - 9/23/2023
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