



# 2016 Annual Report

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## Letter from our president

As we reflect on 2016, we are grateful for the support from friends, family and the community that has helped us continue to fulfill our mission of funding scholarships and rare cancer research in Steven's honor. Through various fundraising avenues, the organization grew to new heights in 2016 by eclipsing \$140,000 in total donations since our founding in May 2015. This would not be possible without the unfailing support of our donors. We are beyond grateful for your generosity.

Some highlights from 2016 include creating a scholarship in Steven's honor at St. Xavier High School, presenting the Steven D. Vanover Scholarship to its first recipient at J.B. Speed School of Engineering at the University of Louisville and continuing to fund phase I and II clinical trials at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK).

We are particularly encouraged by the advancements being made toward desmoplastic small round cell tumors by Shakeel Modak, M.D. of MSK. The physician behind the clinical trials we have helped fund wrote us a letter where he stated the following:

*I want to share my heartfelt thanks for the Steven Vanover Memorial Research & Scholarship Fund's continued, extraordinary support. Your commitment to our work means a great deal to me...Thanks to the Fund's generosity, current patients are being treated according to the phase II design.*

After hearing these encouraging words that our gift has helped moved the trials to phase II, we believe all those who have contributed to this organization should feel proud. The money we raise is truly making a difference, and together we are moving towards our dream of a world where there is no more suffering due to cancer and no more precious lives cut short because of this terrible disease.

On behalf of the board of directors, we would like thank all of those who have supported us in 2016 and we are looking forward to an even better 2017.

Sincerely,

Michael Vanover  
*President*

## 2016 BY THE NUMBERS

# \$75,000

Donated to  
clinical research  
in 2016

# 44

Units of blood collected  
at St. Albert the Great's  
blood drive in May 2016

# 308

Donors contributed to  
Give Local Louisville  
in 2016

# 200

Cases of Steven's  
rare sarcoma type  
diagnosed worldwide

**Our mission is to raise awareness of rare cancers by funding sarcoma research and preserving the legacy of Steven Vanover through academic scholarship.**



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# Fundraising

## Golf scrambles:

The St. Albert the Great Graduate Albert Parents (GAP) Club hosted a golf scramble at Eagle Creek Golf Course, on Sept. 23. SVMRSF received 100% of the proceeds from the event. On Aug. 5, in conjunction with the Charlie George Invitational, a fundraising event was held at Molly Malone's Irish Pub & Restaurant in St. Matthews. Money was raised for SVMRSF through private donations as well as from the Golf Scramble event at Nevel Meade Golf Course the following day. Both of these events were well-attended, allowing us to celebrate Steven's life through one of his passions, golf.



Mike and friends at the St. Albert the Great GAP Club Golf Scramble



Vanover family & friends attend the CGI Golf Scramble

## Rock Out to Knock Out Cancer:

The second annual Rock Out to Knock Out Cancer was held on Nov. 19 at Gerstle's Place in St. Matthews. The event featured live music from My Pet Octopus and Fat Sandwich (Steven's band). Hundreds attended to honor Steven. Money was raised for SVMRSF through a portion of proceeds from Gerstle's Place as well as private donations.



Steven's band, Fat Sandwich, performing at Rock Out To Knock Out Cancer

## Spike Out Sarcoma:

The first annual Spike Out Sarcoma Volleyball Tournament was held on March 5 at R Place Pub. The event was a huge success and team registration filled up within days. The event showcased Steven's life through another one of his passions, volleyball.

Winner of the first annual Spike Out Sarcoma, Team Radcliff



## Give Local Louisville:

On Sept. 15, more than 300 people participated in Give Local Louisville by making a donation on behalf of the SVMRSF. Give Local Louisville is a 24-hour online giving day created to inspire people to give generously to the nonprofits in our community. Our goal for the day was to raise \$12,310 — \$1 for every person who will be diagnosed with sarcoma each year. We not only hit our goal, but we exceeded that number — raising \$19,480 in just 24 hours!



# Financial summary and 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. SVMRSF held expenses to approximately 3.06 percent, well under the BBB recommendation.

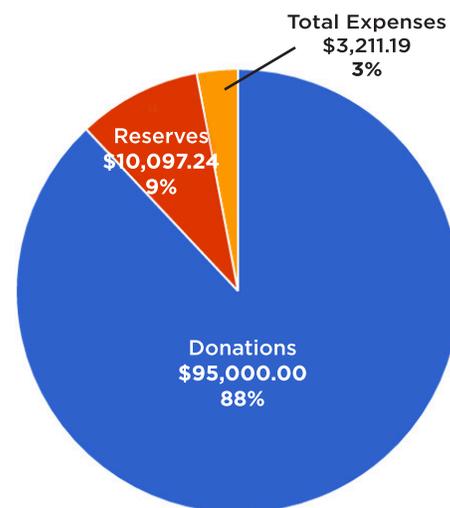
## Reserves

An additional \$5,097.24 was donated in December 2016 after disbursements. Expenses are planned to be used for upcoming 2017 programming and donations.

## Donations

### University of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering Scholarship

The Steven D. Vanover Scholarship was established to help deserving students meet their personal, academic and professional goals while achieving their degree in engineering at the J.B. Speed School at the University of Louisville. SVMRSF donated \$10,000 to fully endow the scholarship. The recipient must be involved in campus life, participate in community service, achieve a 2.5 GPA and explain why the University of Louisville is important to him or her. The first recipient of the Steven D. Vanover Scholarship was Mr. Nick Grueninger, class of 2017, awarded on Apr. 21.



SVMRSF Board with scholarship recipient, Mr. Nick Grueninger

## St. Xavier Brother Benjamin Burke, C.F.X. Endowment

A \$10,000 donation was made on behalf of Steven D. Vanover to the Brother Benjamin Burke, C.F.X. Endowment at St. Xavier High School. The endowment was established to financially aid need-based students. Steven graduated from St. Xavier High School in 2008, and made some of his lifelong friends over his four years there.

## Memorial Sloan Kettering Rare Cancer Research

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 in 2013.

Shakeel Modak, M.D., a pediatric oncologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering, is leading a study on a type of therapy to combat DSRCT. Last year, SVMRSF was able to contribute to Phase I of the study. Dr. Modak sent a letter of gratitude for the philanthropic support and provided details of the study.

“The clinical trial is still in transition from Phase I to Phase II. Phase II will be submitted to the regulatory committees in January 2017,” Dr. Modak said in his letter in late 2016. “However, thanks to the Steven Vanover Memorial Research and Scholarship Fund’s generosity, current patients are being treated according to the Phase II design via an exemption from the FDA. We anticipate treating four to five more patients during this transition phase before Phase II finally opens,” he added.

Dr. Modak’s mission, like the SVMRSF mission, is to bring hope to DSRCT patients and their families. Due to the rarity and small amount of research on this type of cancer, SVMRSF has gifted \$75,000 in 2016 to aid Dr. Modak’s clinical study, \$55,000 more than we were able to contribute in 2015.

**Steven Vanover Memorial  
Research and Scholarship Fund**

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## *Thank you to our donors*

We are sincerely grateful for the support of more than 300 individual donors who made financial gifts to SVMRSF in 2016.

We would also like to recognize our corporate donors for their financial support and in-kind donations.

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- St. Albert the Great
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## *Ways to help*

To make a gift to the Steven Vanover Memorial Research and Scholarship Fund, return the enclosed envelope or visit [stevenvanover.org/donate-now](http://stevenvanover.org/donate-now).

### **Have you enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards?**

Make a gift every time you shop at Kroger by linking your Kroger Plus Card to SVMRSF. Visit [kroger.com](http://kroger.com) and enroll in the Community Rewards Program, Organization #69790 or search by name (Steven Vanover). A portion of every purchase will be donated to the fund.