

**2023**  
**ANNUAL**  
**REPORT**



Report by:  
The Steven Vanover Foundation

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To Our Generous Donors,

I want to start by introducing myself. My name is Shivang Patel, and I am the new president of the Steven Vanover Foundation. My first encounter with this organization was during my time at the University of Louisville as a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. I had the pleasure of serving as an executive board member for our philanthropy event, Spin for Steven (SFS). During my time with SFS, we donated over \$150,000 to the foundation. Far and beyond the monetary value, I understood the value of this work and Steven's emphasis on the importance of helping others. We have all been impacted by the insidious effects of cancer, and this foundation allows us, as the board and donors, to assist those who need it most. I am incredibly grateful to serve this organization and look forward to our future.

As we look to the future, we must also acknowledge the past and recognize those who laid the foundation and made this organization what it is today. Our founding board created this foundation from the ground up and donated 1 million dollars. After years of tremendous contributions, several members have taken a step back to allow new talent to help push our mission even further. We will honor our vision of eliminating sarcomas and other rare cancers by funding healthcare initiatives, supporting patients' needs, and continuing Steven's legacy.

Looking back on 2023, we have moved even closer towards this vision. The Steven Vanover Foundation has donated \$140,000 to Norton Healthcare, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK), and the Sarcoma Foundation of America. Through these donations, we have funded research on DSRCT and other rare cancer treatments and supported patients in Louisville and across the world who suffer from these diseases. In addition, we maintained our three endowed scholarships at the University of Louisville, St. Xavier High School, and St. Albert the Great Middle School. These scholarships help support the youth in our community in their pursuit of higher education.

This incredible work is only possible through the generosity of you, our donors. I sincerely thank you for your support and hope you will continue contributing to our future plans. We saw incredible growth in 2023 and look forward to many more successful years ahead as we fight rare cancers and make a positive difference in our community. On behalf of the board of directors, I express my deepest gratitude for all your contributions over the past year. The future is bright for this organization, and we look forward to meeting new milestones in 2024!

Sincerely,



Shivang Patel  
Chief Executive Officer & President

# ABOUT US

## Our Mission

The Steven Vanover Foundation’s mission is to support initiatives that meet the needs of patients and fund the science that leads to cures for sarcoma and other rare cancers.

## Our Vision

The Steven Vanover Foundation’s vision is to fulfill Steven’s legacy by eliminating sarcomas and other rare cancers.

## How Will This Goal Become A Reality? The Steven Vanover Foundation works to:

- Fund Healthcare Initiatives
- Support Patient Needs
- Continue Steven’s Legacy

# OUR DONATIONS IN 2023

**IN 2023, SVF DONATED \$140,000 TO 4 ORGANIZATIONS!**

**\$55K**

The Sarcoma  
Foundation of America

**\$45K**

Memorial Sloan  
Kettering Cancer Center

**\$40K**

Norton Cancer  
Institute

**\$3K**

Camp Quality  
Kentuckiana

## ABOUT THE IMPACT

### SARCOMA FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

SVF is excited to partner with the Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) and is providing \$55,000 to fund a grant for soft tissue sarcoma research. A panel of experts will review applications for this grant and will determine the recipient based on potential to discover new information about soft tissue sarcoma that will lead to improved patient outcomes. Since 2000, SFA has provided over \$20,000,000 in research grants, and SVF looks forward to seeing the impact this grant will make.

### NORTON HEALTHCARE

SVF continues its collaborative efforts with Norton Cancer Institute (NCI). In 2022, SVF allocated \$100,000 to enhance the cancer genomics laboratory. Throughout the current year, these funds have facilitated increased accessibility to laboratory services, addressing the financial challenges associated with these expensive tests that may not be covered by insurance. SVF's financial support has played a pivotal role in eliminating barriers to services, ensuring that patients receive timely information to make informed decisions about their treatment. Furthermore, the foundation has recently committed an additional \$40,000 to NCI, reinforcing our dedication to funding healthcare initiatives and addressing the diverse needs of patients. This ongoing partnership reflects SVF's steadfast commitment to advancing healthcare accessibility and patient support.

### MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER

The foundation remains committed to its ongoing support for Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) and has recently contributed an additional \$45,000 towards the crucial research undertaken by the MSK team. This brings SVF's total contributions to MSK to over \$650,000 since the foundation's establishment. The extra funding will be directed towards sustaining a clinical trial aimed at discovering improved treatment options for desmoplastic small round cell tumor (DSRCT), a rare and aggressive form of sarcoma that impacted Steven. Dr. Slotkin, the leading expert on DSCRT overseeing the trial, expresses optimism about completing the study in 2024 and anticipates positive outcomes. SVF proudly holds the position of the primary financial supporter for this study, which revolves around the exploration of a promising novel drug, omburtamab.

### CAMP QUALITY

SVF was thrilled to partner with Camp Quality this year. Camp Quality is a week-long camp for pediatric cancer patients whose motto is "letting kids with cancer be kids again." SVF board members were given the opportunity to visit camp and check out all the fun. The foundation gave \$3,000 to sponsor a professionally planned and executed fireworks show for the campers.

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### SPIKE OUT SARCOMA

The sixth annual Spike Out Sarcoma, presented by Shady Rays, raised over \$35,000! The sand volleyball tournament was held on August 5 at King Louie's Sports Complex. Twenty-four teams braved the heat to compete for the title of champion and to bump, set, and spike for a cure.

### SPIN FOR STEVEN

The gentlemen of the Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE) fraternity hosted Spin for Steven on April 16 at the Muhammad Ali Center. With campus and community support and participation, over \$46,000 was raised for SVF! The young men of PIKE work hard all year long to raise awareness of sarcoma and tell Steven's story.

### CHARLIE GEORGE INVITATIONAL

Steven Vanover Foundation was honored to be one of the beneficiaries of the Charlie George Invitational. Over 200 golfers participated in the scramble at Nevel Meade Golf Club on Saturday, August 12, and \$7,067 was donated to SVF.

### ST. ALBERT THE GREAT GOLF SCRAMBLE

The St. Albert the Great Golf Scramble was on Friday, September 15, at Eagle Creek Golf Course. SVF deeply appreciates the 21 teams that participated and the St. Albert GAP Club for raising over \$7,500.



### GIVE FOR GOOD LOUISVILLE

Give for Good, Louisville's community-wide day of giving, is always an exciting day for SVF, and 2023 was no exception. \$16,000 was donated by 129 generous donors, and the foundation is so grateful to the community.

### GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year. It's an opportunity for charitable giving following a weekend of shopping, and the foundation raised \$1815 on that day. We thank those who remembered SVF as they started their holiday preparations.



## STEVEN'S CLUB

SVF is excited to announce the inaugural inductees to Steven's Club. Steven's Club was created to honor the individuals who have been instrumental to the success of the Steven Vanover Foundation. This award celebrates their exceptional dedication, tireless efforts, and significant impact in furthering the Foundation's mission, vision, and initiatives. Their exemplary contributions reflect exceptional achievement and embody the spirit of compassion, service, and positive change that the Foundation stands for.

### 2023 Inductees:

- Lauren Griffith
- Krissy Raque
- Carla Raque
- David Osborne
- Natalie Fehder



## UPDATES ON OUR SCHOLARSHIPS

### ST. ALBERT THE GREAT SCHOOL

In May, Rose Wolfram, a St. Albert the Great School graduate, was given the Steven Vanover Memorial Scholarship Award, which included \$500 to be used toward tuition at her chosen school, Assumption High School. Rose was selected by the St. Albert faculty based on her persistence and unwavering perseverance while pursuing her goals, kindness toward others, and strong Christian attitudes.

### UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE - SPEED SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Samuel McKee Downs was the 2023 recipient of the Steven D. Vanover Scholarship at the University of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering, a \$1700 award for tuition. This endowed scholarship recipient is chosen based on academic merit, campus involvement, and service.

### ST. XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

The Steven Vanover Foundation Endowment at St. Xavier High School has been used to provide over \$12,000 in financial aid for need-based students. Steven was a proud graduate of the St. X class of 2008. If you want to direct your donation to St. X to this endowment, please visit [saintx.com/donations](http://saintx.com/donations) and add "Steven Vanover Foundation Endowment" to the notes field when giving.

## SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING EVENTS

### SPIN FOR STEVEN 2024

- SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2024

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### SPIKE OUT SARCOMA 2024

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD
- LOCATION: KING LOUIE'S SPORTS COMPLEX

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