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::: Save The Date

**Monday,
 June 22, 2015
 Huntington
 Country Club**

We are hoping to add an additional golf venue so that everyone who wants to play golf can participate!

**Further Details
 to Follow**

::: NYC Winter Event

Watch for more information about a fun evening in NYC:

- Live music
- Drinks
- Raising awareness for RMS
- T.J.'s story

and our **'Hope for Tomorrow'**.

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::: In the news



[Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory faces off against a rare cancer with launch of Sarcoma Research Project](#)
 October 30, 2014
www.cshl.edu

[Charities unite with Lab to battle rare cancer](#)
 November 13, 2014
www.LongIslander.com

A letter from Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory President & CEO Bruce Stillman, Ph.D.

Recently, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory President & CEO Bruce Stillman, Ph.D., wrote a letter to The Friends of T.J. Foundation indicating new and exciting methods of research in the fight against Rhabdomyosarcoma (RMS).

In the letter, Dr. Stillman discusses the research being performed by CSHL Assistant Professor Chris Vakoc, M.D., Ph.D., and his progress in developing powerful methods that pinpoint genetic weaknesses within a population of cancer cells. [Read Dr. Stillman's Letter.](#)



February 2014: 'Thank You' Event

Many 2013 Outing sponsors met on a chilly February evening at the CSHL for an evening of appreciation. To the backdrop of a photo presentation of the 1st Outing and T.J.'s life, donors enjoyed a glass of wine, a few words of thanks from Tom Arcati and a speech from Dr. Bruce Stillman about plans for the ambitious research project.



The highlight of the evening was a tour of the Demerec Lab. Our donors were able to view a working lab and experience a rare opportunity to be inside the halls of research. Although difficult to understand for most, everyone left with a better understanding and appreciation for the work involved. Some expressed an appreciation for seeing the work in progress rather than just hearing or reading about it.

May Symposium

As many of you know, the first three day symposium on RMS ever to be held was hosted in May, 2014 at CSHL's Banbury Center.



This symposium, which Dr. Stillman addressed in his letter to our Foundation, held the key to unlocking the pieces of scientific information that were necessary to move forward with the projected research. The symposium also identified the scientists and clinicians who would eventually partner with the Lab to start this critically needed research. The Michelle Paternoster Foundation and the Christina Renna Foundation also funded the Symposium.

This fall, we were thrilled to have the Clarke Gillies Foundation join the other groups. Much help is needed to fund a world class research project. Our hopes of expanding are becoming a reality.

Golf Outing: June 23, 2014

A spectacular day! Wonderful participation, beautiful weather and a great venue all contributed to a very successful outing. A tremendous thank you to our event sponsor, Signature Premier Properties, as well as all of the families and businesses who sponsored the event. Numbers in terms of attendance and donations exceeded the 2013 Outing.



Thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways. Some volunteered for registration, others worked on live or silent auction items and a very generous friend took photos all day long. Great friends jumped in at the last minute to round out the exact numbers needed for tennis and bridge. They made the event planning seem effortless.

We hope everyone has been thanked either personally, by email, by letter or by phone. Every single person played an important role in delivering our message and for the successful outcome of funds raised for research. More importantly, everyone is helping the Foundation fulfill T.J.'s search for better treatments, a longer life for those diagnosed and maybe a cure!

Special Gifts to the Foundation

It is rewarding to know that our message is being heard by friends who often say they believe in the mission of the Foundation. Donors know that the Foundation funds a new sarcoma research project at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and they have access through the Foundation to learn exactly what the project entails.

We were recently very touched by a young couple who donated to the Foundation in lieu of gifts for their wedding guests! Sean and Samantha Beirne presented a gift in memory of their wonderful Uncle and our very dear friend, Bob Fusco.

Last June, Kathi Fusco and family asked friends and family to donate to the Foundation in lieu of flowers during their time of tremendous loss and grief.

A year earlier, Paul Paternoster was the first person to think of Friends of T.J. Foundation when he suffered the unthinkable loss of Michelle.

We can never thank these wonderful friends enough but we have learned that it takes giant leaps of generosity and thoughtfulness to be a true inspiration to all.