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T.J. Arcati Outing
June 20, 2016

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Foundation Newsletter

Promising News for Sarcoma Research

The 2014 Sarcoma Symposium brought together the work of Dr. Chris Vakoc along with Dr. Charles Keller, a physician and researcher at the University of Oregon. Due to this collaboration, a new therapeutic drug is about to go into a phase one clinical trial for rhabdomyosarcoma. **This sums up what Friends of T.J. is about.** This is a start to the work that needs to be done to effectively treat this disease. No words can convey the hope that this could potentially have. This momentum propels us forward to even more groundbreaking research.

AACR Recognizes Leading Cancer Research Achievements of Dr. Christopher Vakoc

In April, The American Association for Cancer Research honored Dr. Vakoc with the Outstanding Achievement in Cancer Research Award at the Annual 2015 Meeting. Dr. Vakoc was recognized for his groundbreaking discoveries in the areas of epigenetics and cancer biology. We are delighted to have him lead the new sarcoma initiative at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

Dr. Vakoc has recently added a new post doctoral researcher to his team, Dr. Masheed Rahmat. She studied in Milan, Italy, where she was awarded her Ph.D in Molecular Medicine in March 2015. During her Ph.D. course, she studied the contribution of an epigenetic factor in the development of the immune system. [Read More](#)

March 2015: 1st NYC Event



Oh what a night! Brooke Dreyfous, Ryan Moriarty, Matt Arcati, Katie Arcati and Kevin Dehond put together a fun and memorable event at Hill Country BBQ in NYC for young friends living and working in Manhattan. With hors d'oeuvres, an open bar and Ryan Moriarty's band, Run for Covers, performing, it was a great event.

With words from Matt Arcati and Dr. Chris Vakoc, everyone learned more about T.J.'s story and the sarcoma research project at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Mostly, everyone spent an evening thinking about T.J. and celebrating a successful night that he would be proud of. [Read more](#)

T.J. Arcati Perpetual Hockey Award

In March 2015, the T.J. Arcati Perpetual Hockey Award was given to Tommy Paternoster at the annual Youth Hockey Awards dinner at the Winter Club in Huntington, New York, where T.J. grew up playing hockey. Tommy, a mature, hard working young man, possesses the qualities that made him an ideal recipient for this award. Of equal importance, he has the same love of the game as T.J. did! Men's senior hockey was one of T.J.'s favorite activities.

T.J.'s Story Published in Lloyd Harbor Life

In April 2015, T.J.'s story came to life in two exclusive newsletters for the residents of Lloyd Harbor and Cold Spring Harbor. This article was written to honor T.J., spread his story and gain support for the Foundation's work. [Read More](#)

June 2015...Friends of TJ Outing: A Triumphant Day!



Wow! The 2015 Outing in June was a tremendous success on so many levels!

Golf dominated the day with 250 golfers at Huntington Country Club and Huntington Crescent Club. There was also a strong showing of tennis players that filled the courts at the Lloyd Neck Bath Club and an equally enthusiastic group used Ray's Room for a fun afternoon of bridge. The volunteers and board members were instrumental in making all of the different activities happen so seamlessly in so many different locations.

Sponsorships and auction items were the cornerstone of the success. We were extraordinarily fortunate and grateful to have "Lucky to Live Here Realty" as this years event sponsor. The generosity of all the sponsors was incredible and if that is a measure of growth and belief in this project, together we are on the right track!

More importantly, everyone involved with the Foundation is so thankful to the community and beyond for setting one Monday in June aside to remember T.J., honor his legacy and support research. The love in the air that day was quite emotional. We know T.J. would be so pleased that everyone is joining together in his name to tackle the lack of research so commonly found in rare cancers.

Thanks to our friend and resident photographer, Bob Kopprasch, the first photo drone flew over Huntington Country Club. The enormous view of the Outing was majestic! [Read more](#)

October 2015 NYC Event: Capstone Rocks Fundraising Event



Matthew Arcati presented The Friends of T.J. Foundation to Capstone, Inc. as a possible recipient for Capstone's annual charity event. With much excitement the Foundation was chosen to be the sole recipient at the Capstone Charity Night for 2015!

Cups for A Cause is a beer pong and flip cup tournament with high stakes!

The event was generously hosted by Capstone at the fun venue of Slate, with food, drinks and prizes. The highlights of the night were touching speeches by Matt Arcati and Paul Britton, the CEO of Capstone. It was emotional witnessing a crowd of new supporters, many of whom never met T.J., so touched listening to T.J.'s story and the work of the Foundation. The event raised \$140,000. Thank you CAPSTONE!!!! [Read more](#)

Foundation Hits Milestone with Funds Raised

After the events from the past two years, we are excited to tell you that because of your support we have collectively raised over \$500,000.

The Board of Directors is poised to expand our efforts in the ambitious research plan we set out to accomplish. As you know, the only path toward a cure is to keep investing in scientific research. THANK YOU FRIENDS AND FAMILY!!!

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