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Greetings:

Rein in Sarcoma (RIS) is a Twin Cities based 501(c)3 organization dedicated to:

- **educating** the public and medical community about sarcoma cancers
- **supporting sarcoma patients** and their loved ones
- **funding research** directed toward developing new treatments and finding a cure

Sarcomas, types of cancers that start in soft tissues or bones, make up **about 15% of cancers affecting children and young adults**. There are about 13,000 new sarcoma cancer diagnoses and 5,000 deaths in the United States each year--of which many could be prevented with earlier diagnosis and proper treatment. There are over 80 subtypes of sarcoma, 77 are defined as ultra-rare, which poses major challenges for diagnosis and treatment. The incidence rate of ultra-rare sarcomas accounts for roughly 20% of all soft tissue and bone sarcomas affecting large numbers of patients, making **sarcoma patients an underserved group**.

Our 22nd annual **Party in the Park** will be held on July 25th at Como Park in St. Paul. It is an opportunity for the sarcoma community to gather together in support of patients, families and friends. It is also a critical component of our annual fundraising. This year will include: children's activities, resource and education tables, art projects, a luminary tribute, silent auction, program, and fire dancing at dusk. **We invite you to participate, with a silent auction donation.** About **1000 people from the Twin Cities metro area are expected to attend.**

Since 2001 RIS has funded over **\$2 million for sarcoma research projects**, primarily in Minnesota. These research dollars in turn have resulted in additional grants totaling **over \$13 million in public and private funding to date**. The **Rein in Sarcoma Patient Guidebook**, now in its 8th Edition, is distributed free of charge nationwide, and has become a leading education resource for newly diagnosed sarcoma patients.

As a 501(c)3 organization your contribution is tax deductible (tax ID 20-0811343). While I recognize you may receive numerous requests like this, your contribution will have a large impact on the mission of our organization. To learn more about RIS please visit our website <https://www.reininsarcoma.org>. Thank you for your consideration. A Gift-in-Kind form has been provided - please return it along with your donation, as we require this for our records. Arrangements can be made for item pick up/drop off and gift cards and certificates can be mailed to the Fridley address.

Together we can offer hope, make a difference and participate in the quest for a cure! Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rein in Sarcoma Volunteer

Enclosure
RIS Gift-in-Kind Form