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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 17,000 new sarcoma cancer diagnoses and 6,000 deaths in the United States each year--of which many could be prevented with earlier diagnosis and proper treatment. There are over 100 subtypes of sarcoma. 77 subtypes are defined as ultra-rare, which pose 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 23rd annual Party in the Park will be held on **July 31st at Como Park in St. Paul**. It's an opportunity for the sarcoma community to gather, in support of patients, families and friends. It's also a critical component of our annual fundraising. It will include children's activities, resource and education tables, art projects, a silent auction, a program, a luminary tribute, and fire dancing at dusk. **We invite you to participate, with a silent auction donation, and whether you contribute or not, you, your employees, and their families are invited to this fun and inspiring event.** About **600-700 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) non-profit organization, your contribution is tax deductible (Tax ID 20-0811343). While I recognize you may receive numerous requests like this, our event is one of very few events that cater to families, summer fun and building community among cancer patients and their families. To learn more about RIS please visit our website <https://www.reininsarcoma.org>. 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 and 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 for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rein in Sarcoma Volunteer

Enclosure:

RIS Gift-in-Kind Form