

## Tampa Joins National Light Up for Sarcoma Day with Skyline Tribute to Patients, Survivors, and Advocates

Tampa joins national Light Up for Sarcoma Day to spotlight rare cancer and rally support for research and November's Race to Cure Sarcoma.



TAMPA, FL, UNITED STATES, July 24, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On July 25, 2025, landmarks across the United

States will light up yellow for <u>Light Up for Sarcoma Day</u>, a national awareness effort led by the Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) as part of <u>Sarcoma Awareness Month</u>. This bold visual display shines a light on sarcoma — a rare and often overlooked cancer that makes up about 1% of adult cancers and as much as 20% of childhood cancers.



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In a powerful display of unity and commitment, the Tampa skyline will light up including iconic landmarks like the Brorein Street Bridge, Curtis Hixon Hall, and the Tampa Riverwalk. Community members are encouraged to visit the display, take photos, and share them on social media to help raise awareness.

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This show of solidarity highlights the city's significant and supportive sarcoma community, including many who are treated by the Moffitt Cancer Center Sarcoma Team. For a rare cancer like sarcoma, such visible support is crucial, underscoring the critical need for sustained research funding to advance breakthroughs. Closing the research gap is paramount to improving outcomes and reaching a world where no one dies from this devastating disease.

Tampa residents can directly contribute to supporting research by joining or donating to the Race to Cure Sarcoma on November 1, 2025, at Gadsden Park (6901 S MacDill Ave, Tampa, Florida), an event aiming to raise \$35,000 for essential research and awareness.

SFA encourages individuals, communities, and organizations to get involved by:

- -Sharing photos of illuminated buildings and monuments on social media using #LightUpForSarcoma, #curesarcoma and #Sarcoma Awareness Month. Additionally, please email photos to communications@curesarcoma.org.
- -Participating in or donating to an upcoming Race to Cure Sarcoma, joining others to advance research and improve outcomes for those affected by this rare cancer.
- -Learning more about how to get involved during Sarcoma Awareness Month at www.curesarcoma.org/sarcoma-awareness-month

## About the Sarcoma Foundation of America

The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization based in the United States. SFA's mission is to improve outcomes for people diagnosed with sarcoma to increase the number of survivors. We do this by funding and advancing research, educating and providing resources for people diagnosed with sarcoma, advocating on behalf of the community, bringing together the collective sarcoma voice, and growing awareness about the disease. For more information, please visit <u>www.curesarcoma.org</u>.

## **About Sarcoma**

Sarcoma is a rare cancer in adults (1 percent of all adult cancers) but rather prevalent in children (about 15% of all childhood cancers). In the U.S., over 17,000 people are diagnosed with sarcoma each year, and more than 7,000 die from the disease. Around 236,000 patients and families are living with sarcoma at any given time. Globally, over 187,000 people are diagnosed each year, and more than 116,000 die from sarcoma.

## About the Race to Cure Sarcoma

The Race to Cure Sarcoma (RTCS) events bring together patients, survivors, families, caregivers, and medical professionals in local communities to raise funds and awareness through 5Ks and other walk/run events. To date, SFA has hosted over 130 RTCS events, engaging more than 55,000 participants and raising over \$8.5 million for sarcoma research and patient education. For more information, please visit whttps://curesarcoma.org/race-to-cure-sarcoma/.

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