



THE KAREN WYCKOFF *REIN IN SARCOMA* FOUNDATION

INTRODUCTION

Rein in Sarcoma was created by Karen Wyckoff in 2001. Karen died from synovial sarcoma a month after the first *Rein in Sarcoma* event. For the last thirteen years thousands of people touched by sarcoma have kept her vision of a world without sarcoma cancers alive.

The Karen Wyckoff Rein in Sarcoma Foundation (KWRISF) was incorporated in 2004 as a Minnesota non-profit organization to continue the mission that Karen established:

- Find a cure for sarcoma cancers (raise funds for research through the U of M Masonic Cancer Center)
- Educate physicians and public about sarcomas
- Support sarcoma survivors and families directly affected by sarcoma

KWRISF is the largest and best-known sarcoma foundation in the Upper Midwest. With its three-pronged commitment to sarcoma research, support, and education, the Fund has reached thousands of people and raised over \$1,200,000.

SARCOMA CANCERS

Sarcomas are highly malignant and rare types of cancers that occur in bones and connective tissues throughout the body. Approximately 14,000 new cases of soft tissue and bone sarcoma are diagnosed each year in the United States. While rare among adults (*less than 2% of all adult cancers*), sarcoma cancers are among ***the top five most commonly diagnosed cancers affecting children***.

A sarcoma diagnosis is particularly shattering for most patients as they rarely have heard of this type of cancer and feel they will wage their personal war against the disease without much public knowledge of the disorder.



JOIN US FOR OUR 2014 – “PARTY IN THE PARK” - MONDAY, JULY 28 — 6:00 PM

Dedicated to finding a cure for sarcoma cancers, the 14th *Rein in Sarcoma*, a “PARTY IN THE PARK,” will be held on Monday, July 28th at Como Park in St. Paul. This an event for all ages and for the entire community.

- ***Over 1,200 people of all ages from the Upper Midwest*** are expected for this year’s “PARTY IN THE PARK,” a magical evening of hope and celebration.
- In addition to unlimited free rides on the beautifully restored Cafesjian’s Carousel, the evening will feature a **variety of entertainers, a large silent auction, children’s activities, and a moving closing program** at dusk.
- Prior to the evening’s entertainment and activities, *Rein in Sarcoma* will host a **picnic at the Como Park East Pavilion for over 500 sarcoma patients, survivors, and their families and friends.**

For further information:

www.reininsarcoma.org

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