

## Jared's Story



Jared's life started in 1983 on the day of the Falklands Island invasion and the tumult and upheaval, inherent in war, seemed to follow him his whole life. Throughout his childhood and teen years, learning disabilities and anxiety disorders plagued him. Finally when he reached young manhood, instead of opportunities and new horizons greeting him he was diagnosed with a deadly form of cancer, which eventually ended his life after a five year up and down battle. With all these adversities, where a lesser individual would quit or turn to substance abuse, Jared had the inner strength and fortitude to fight through all his obstacles and achieve success. Despite his learning problems, Jared worked hard and he was accepted into several senior colleges and was registered for the fall semester when he was first diagnosed with [Rhabdomyosarcoma](#). After a year on Chemo and radiation, he went into remission and subsequently started going to Rowan University, so he could more easily go to periodic scans and checkups in Pennsylvania. After 3 years in Rowan, Jared graduated just falling short of graduating with honors. He started to look for a position when a scan showed a recurrence of the cancer. This came as a shock both to the family and to his oncologist. After another year of chemo, which he submitted to courageously, he was once again considered to be in remission. He started a clinical trial of an immunotherapy that we hoped would keep any remaining cells at bay but unfortunately the cancer came back aggressively and finally ended his battle on March 23, 2010. Throughout all his ordeals Jared maintained a strong will and tenacity to survive and tried every possible alternative treatment method, with vigor and purpose in order to fight his disease. Despite his strong will to live, the chemo effects on his body bothered him considerably. He did not want to be seen without hair on his head and eyebrows and became reclusive at times. Jared was a loyal and good friend who would help out any of his friends and their families without hesitation. His generosity was extended after his death when his corneas were donated to the Gift of Life allowing the recipients to see again. *Please help us to win Jared's Juggernaut against Rhabdomyosarcoma by donating so that we can find a cure!!*

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# Jareds Juggernaut To Cure Sarcoma



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# OUR MISSION

- (a) Help fund research into new and novel non-chemotherapy treatments for various types of Sarcoma cancers with emphasis on Rhabdomyosarcoma
  - (b) Raise money for this purpose through sponsorship of various fundraising events and activities
  - (c) Increase public awareness and knowledge of the various types of Sarcoma and current research by maintaining a website which contains definitive information on forms of the disease, current treatment methods, diagnostic tools and current clinical trials.
  - (d) Write grants to aid worthy researchers in finding innovative methods of treating Sarcomas without harming healthy cells and tissues.
  - (e) Maintain a physicians referral list containing hospitals and doctors along with their specific area of expertise in specific forms of Sarcoma treatment and research.
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# WHAT IS SARCOMA?

Sarcoma is a cancer of the connective tissue. The connective tissue includes muscle, bone, fat, nerve, cartilage, blood vessel, and deep skin tissue. Connective tissue is present throughout the body, so sarcoma can occur in any location. Two thirds of sarcomas are located in the extremities (arms or legs). Because it is so rare and it takes multiple forms in multiple locations, sarcoma is difficult to detect, often misdiagnosed and complex to treat. About 11,000 people will be diagnosed with sarcoma this year, and approximately 50% will be men and 50% women. More than half of these people will be over the age of 60. Sarcomas are more common among childhood cancers, accounting for 15% of those diagnosed per year.

## RHABDOMYOSARCOMA

Rhabdomyosarcoma is a fast-growing, highly malignant tumor which accounts for over half of the soft tissue sarcomas in children. Rhabdomyosarcoma often causes a noticeable lump on a child's body. If the tumor is located internally, the symptoms depend on its location. For example, tumors in the nasal passage may put pressure on the eustachian tubes; a bladder tumor can cause trouble urinating; an orbital tumor may cause the eye to protrude.

Rhabdomyosarcoma tumors arise from a cell called a "rhabdomyoblast", which is a primitive muscle cell. Instead of differentiating into striated muscle cells, the rhabdomyoblasts grow out of control. Since this type of muscle is located throughout the body, the tumors can appear at numerous locations.

## Treatment

Rhabdomyosarcoma is currently treated by a combination of surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation.

## Statistics

**Accounts for 5-8% of childhood cancers.**

**70% of all rhabdomyosarcoma cases are diagnosed in the first ten years of life.**

**Usually affects children between the ages of 2 to 6 and 15 to 19.**

**The peak incidence is in the 1-5 age group.**

**Overall, 50% of the children diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma survive 5 years.**

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