



Band of Parents bound by hope

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Welcome to BandWith....

Your quarterly guide to what is happening with Band of Parents and the neuroblastoma community. Our goal is to keep you updated on activities that center around our mission, which is to fund a cure for neuroblastoma, through less toxic, targeted treatments.

In this edition, you will find information about important clinical research trials funded by Band of Parents, as well as updates on our most recent fundraising drives.

You truly can make a difference by hosting your own fundraiser, letter-writing campaign, or just spreading the word about this devastating childhood cancer. Please consider getting involved and learning more by clicking on the links below.

PROMISING DRUG TRIAL

We are excited to announce our support of a new clinical trial for ALK-driven neuroblastoma. Lorlatinib, an investigational drug candidate currently in late stage clinical development for the treatment of lung cancer, may also prove effective in treating neuroblastoma. In a collaborative effort among several like-minded nonprofits, we helped to fund this International Phase 1 clinical trial that will be available across 14 US hospitals in the NANT consortium, as well as two European sites in the UK and France.

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Other Trial Highlights

Combination of Cell-Mediated and Antibody-Mediated Immunotherapy for High-Risk Neuroblastoma: Phase I Study of Haploidentical Natural Killer Cells plus Humanized 3F8: As of February, 2017, 29 subjects (10 patients and 19 donors) have been registered for assessment and undergone HLA and KIR genotyping. Two patients had received two cycles each of haploidentical cells plus hu3F8. Approximately 6-10 patients are expected to be enrolled by the end of August, 2017. (MSKCC, Dr. Shakeel Modak)

Bivalent Vaccine Plus Beta-Glucan for High-Risk Neuroblastoma in First Remission: Tailoring the NB vaccine frontline, in children who have not relapsed. Our goal is to prevent relapse of high-risk neuroblastoma patients in first remission after completion of standard of care, using the bivalent vaccine plus beta-glucan. This could prove to be a groundbreaking trial with the potential to change the treatment of neuroblastoma. The results have been outstanding for the relapsed children -- imagine the same impact for first line therapy. (MSKCC, Dr. Brian Kushner)

Upcoming

Band of Parents board members and I will be meeting with leading researchers at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to review progress on the NANT trials. (August and October, 2017)

UPCOMING EVENTS

COCKTAILS FOR A CURE.....7/24/17
PhD Lounge, DREAM Downtown, NYC

On Monday, July 24th, Band of Parents will hold its 5th annual Cocktails for a Cure event at the PhD rooftop lounge at Dream Downtown. Join us for the PhD's signature cocktails, delectable hors d'oeuvres and music by DJ Kasey Berry, while enjoying panoramic Manhattan skyline views of the Hudson River and Empire State Building. [Tickets available now.](#)



PUT CANCER IN THE PENALTY BOX.....9/17/17
The Ice Hutch, 655 Garden Ave, Mt. Vernon NY 2-4:30pm

Join us in September for a family skating charity event to mark Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Stay tuned for more information on tickets and special event features. www.bandofparents.org

PAST EVENTS

EVENING OF HOPE.....4/26/17
Marquee, NYC

On Wednesday, April 26th, Band of Parents supporters came together at Marquee to help make the 2017 Evening of Hope the most successful gala in Band of Parents history. Donations totaled nearly \$265,000. Because of that incredible generosity, Band of Parents can continue its mission to help find a cure for neuroblastoma. We were thrilled to honor Dr. Nai-Kong V. Cheung, Head of the Neuroblastoma Program and Enit A. Haupt Chair in Pediatric Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, for his groundbreaking research in neuroblastoma. Pediatric oncologist Dr. Kim Kramer of Sloan Kettering received the Jerome Tepperberg Award.

Please help us expand this great event in 2018! There are many ways to help - such as spreading the word about Band of Parents to potential corporate sponsors, or chasing hot ticket items for our silent auction. Contact: ronni@bandofparents.org.



1st ANNUAL CHARITY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.....5/21/17 New York, New York

Our heartfelt thanks to Norma, Scott and Daniel Mero, who raised more than \$17,000 for Band of Parents at the 1st Annual Charity Chess Championship! These chess warriors worked tirelessly to organize this incredible event. And thanks to the Grandmasters and others who donated time & money to help fund a cure for neuroblastoma. They said CHECKMATE to cancer!



Feel free to reach out to me with any questions, or ideas on how to help The Band. As always, thank you for your support of our lifesaving cause.

With hope,

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