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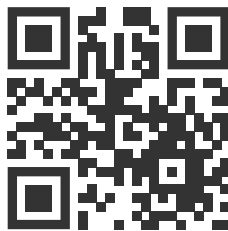
# ILLINOIS CANCERCARE FOUNDATION PATH *of hope* TRIBUTE GARDEN

Looking for a way to honor a loved one, neighbor, friend or colleague who has fought or is fighting cancer?

Whether it's a special message engraved along our ribbon walking path, or a bench nestled in the perfect spot, tributes can mark all of life's important moments: Birthdays · Anniversaries · Retirements · Memorials · Milestones · and more!

These meaningful tributes will become a permanent part of our Path of Hope Tribute Garden. Through such gifts, the Illinois CancerCare Foundation is able to fulfill our charitable mission of ensuring **no one fights alone**.

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## DEAR CUREAGEOUS FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,

**ARE YOU READY TO ROCK?!** It is my pleasure to welcome you to our 14th Annual Illinois CancerCare Foundation **Research Rocks** Outrageous Party!

Tonight, we will celebrate our 2023 Rock Docs and our 2023 AMP Champ for their excellence in research and their commitment to improving patient lives throughout central and western Illinois.

With pounding rhythms and energizing guitar riffs, rock and roll gets you moving! This genre boosts a powerful forward momentum like new clinical trial research. The strong backbeat calls the body to action and keeps us all motivated while we focus and power through a strenuous activity, a big project, a new cancer diagnosis or a challenging cancer treatment.

**No One Fights Alone** is the award-winning theme of the Illinois CancerCare Foundation's mission. It's not just our commitment to exploring the latest advancement in cancer treatment or ensuring that every patient can access the highest-quality care close to home. It's also our pledge that no one in central Illinois should ever battle cancer alone.

Every CUREageous dollar raised tonight stays local - bringing state-of-the-art treatment, cutting-edge research, and patient support services to our ROCKSTARS – our cancer patients – allowing them to stay home surrounded by their biggest fans – their family and friends.

People facing cancer are living longer, healthier lives as a direct result of research. With over 100 different clinical trials offered, Illinois CancerCare regularly enrolls more patients and outperforms larger nationally known institutions. Like the backbeat is to rock and roll, research is at the core of every treatment we have today.

The Illinois CancerCare Foundation is committed to raising dollars to make up the federal government research gap shortfall of \$400,000 ensuring every cancer patient has access to cutting-edge clinical trial research in their hometown. This Hall of Fame research accelerates the development of interventions for preventing, treating, recovering from, and curing cancer.

We have been topping the charts! Since 2009, just over 13,000 Illinois CancerCare patients have participated in more than 1,500 nationally renowned clinical cancer research trials.

**Your partnership keeps HOPE alive!**

**We couldn't do what we do without your generous giving.**

Hope. It is something we can all provide during a cancer diagnosis. Your participation this evening provides hope to local families coping with a cancer diagnosis.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, CUREageous committee, and our Young Leaders Board, THANK YOU for joining us, supporting our mission and giving so generously.

Friends in the Fight,



Tonda L. Thompson | Foundation Executive Director



## WELCOME TO CUREAGEOUS!

**6-7PM**

Cocktail Hour - Complimentary beer, wine and soda  
Enjoy a Buffet Dinner & Dessert

**7:30PM**

Program Begins - Hosted by Emcee Greg Batton, Radio Talk Show Host, WMBD 1470

2023 Rock Doc Awards for Research - Presented by Greg Gerstner, MD

2023 AMP Champ Award for Research - Presented by Greg Gerstner, MD

Third Party Event Recognition - Tonda Thompson, Foundation Executive Director

Raffle Prize Drawings

Survivor Story - Dan DiOrio

Live Auction

High Five - Funding Research - Tim Gullett, Young Leaders Board Co-Chair

Closing Comments

Live Music by The Breakfast Club!



## TIMES TO NOTE:

**7:30PM** RAFFLE CLOSES!

**9:30PM** SILENT AUCTION CLOSES!



# Par-A-Dice Hotel Ballroom | CUREageous

## COLD STATION

- Assorted Domestic & Imported Cheese Wheels with Grapes, Strawberries, Raspberries, Carrots, Celery, Cherry Tomatoes
- Brie Wheels with Preserves, Water Crackers & French Baguettes
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- Grilled Asparagus with Aged Balsamic Drizzle

## HOT STATION

- Grilled Chicken Tenders with Teriyaki Sauce
- Vegetable Spring Rolls with Plum Sauce
- BBQ Meatballs
- Water Chestnut Rumaki
- Salmon Bites

## CARVING STATION

- Beef Filet Mignon with Horseradish Sauce
- Mini Pretzel Buns

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## MIN-KYU HAN, M.D.

*Ophthalmologist (Retina Subspecialty) | Illinois Eye Center*

### **Tell us about you - Where did you grow up? Where did you go to school? What makes you, YOU?**

I was born in South Korea and then grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina. I attended University of North Carolina, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, University of Virginia Ophthalmology Residency and then The Bert M. Glaser National Retinal Institute for fellowship.

I think what makes me, ME, is my seriousness in regards to my work, but also being able to mix in some dry humor (I think it's humorous anyway) throughout the day to help make the day more enjoyable.

### **Looking back over your career, what are you most proud of?**

I am most proud of helping patients maintain independence, continue their work and hobbies, and lead healthier lives.

### **How do you spend your time when you're not working? How do you like to relax?**

I like to exercise and read non-medical books, usually fiction.

### **If you had an extra four hours in the day, how would you fill that time?**

I would probably get more sleep.

### **What made you choose to get involved in research?**

Research is one of the ways to improve how we take care of our patients. I wanted to be a part of cutting-edge science that contributed to the well-being of our patients.



### **Tell us about the best part of your work.**

The best part of my work is knowing that I am making a difference in my patients' lives by helping to keep them independent. Preserving their vision for as long as possible also likely helps them remain purposeful and their lives more meaningful.

Working with an awesome staff also makes everyday at work more enjoyable.







## GARY R. MACVICAR, M.D.

Medical Oncologist / Hematologist | Illinois CancerCare

### Tell us about you - Where did you grow up? Where did you go to school?

I grew up in Downers Grove, IL and attended Downers Grove North High School. I then went to college and medical school at University of Chicago and completed my residency and fellowship at University of Michigan.

### Looking back over your career, what are you most proud of?

All of the patients I have helped.

### How do you spend your time when you're not working? How do you like to relax?

I enjoy running, reading a good book, watching a good movie, cooking and spending time with family and friends. I always enjoy being active outdoors, and dream about skiing at Steamboat Springs!

### If you had an extra four hours in the day, how would you fill that time?

I would exercise more for sure. I'd love to learn how to play guitar and learn a new language.

### What made you choose to get involved in research?

It's the only way we can improve patient care - making treatments less toxic and helping to improve overall quality of life.

### Tell us about the best part of your work.

Knowing that we help people. Our dedicated expert staff helps take such great care of our patients.

### What is your favorite song?

I'm not sure I can choose just one Talking Heads song...

- "Life During War Time"
- "Psycho Killer"

*Hmm, that looks a little scary seeing it written on paper...*

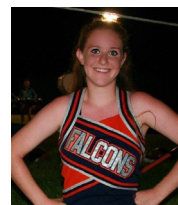
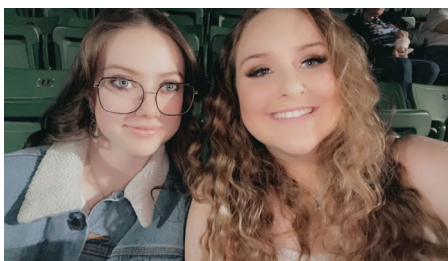
- "Take Me To The River"





## ANGIE EARLES, BS, CCRP

*Clinical Research Coordinator* | Illinois CancerCare



The AMP Champ is an Affiliated Medical Professional who also provides exemplary contributions to research and works hand-in-hand with Rock Docs.



## CONGRATS TO ALL OUR ROCK DOC & AMP CHAMP WINNERS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS!

### **2009 Original Rock Docs:**

*Dr. Steven Cullinan  
Dr. Jim Gerstner*

### **2010 Rock Docs:**

*Dr. Carter Young  
Dr. Dennis Garwacki  
Dr. Robert Sparrow  
Dr. James Knost  
Dr. John Kugler  
Dr. Michael Tarantino*

### **2011 Rock Docs:**

*Dr. Barry Clemson  
Dr. Sachdev P. Thomas  
Dr. Lynne Jalovec  
Dr. David Wang  
Dr. Patrick Whitten*

### **2012 Rock Docs:**

*Dr. Andrew Tsung  
Dr. Denise Mammolito  
Dr. James McGee  
Dr. Kevin Khater  
Dr. Nguyet Le-Lindqwister*

### **2013 Rock Docs:**

*Dr. Pankaj Kumar  
Dr. David Trachtenbarg  
Dr. Revathi Swaminathan  
Dr. William Tillis  
Dr. Matthew Scheidt*

### **2014 Rock Docs:**

*Dr. Vaughn Hanna  
Dr. John Hafner  
Dr. Michael Veeder*

### **2015 Rock Docs:**

*Dr. Lisa Snyder  
Dr. Paul Fishkin  
Dr. Zahangir Khaled*

### **2016 Rock Docs:**

*Dr. Ann Stroink  
Dr. Kishore Karamchandani  
Dr. Jane Liu  
AMP Champ: Chetaye Knox*

### **2017 Rock Docs:**

*Dr. Richard Anderson  
Dr. Madhuri Bajaj  
Dr. Glyn Jones  
AMP Champ: Jodi Stoner*

### **2018 Rock Docs**

*Dr. Sudhur Mungee  
Dr. Steven Tsoraides  
Dr. Jonathan Roberts  
AMP Champ: Carrie Geoffroy*

### **2019 Rock Docs:**

*Dr. Alexander Adler  
Dr. Joseph Evans  
Dr. Patrick Gomez  
AMP Champ: Rachel DeLong*

### **2020 Rock Docs**

*Dr. Mackenzie McGee  
AMP Champ: Sarah Gonzales*

### **2021 Rock Docs**

*Dr. Candace Correa  
Dr. Gregory J. Gerstner  
AMP Champ: Trupti Hattiangadi*

### **2022 Rock Docs**

*Dr. Guy Petruzzelli  
AMP Champ: Shannon Foiles*



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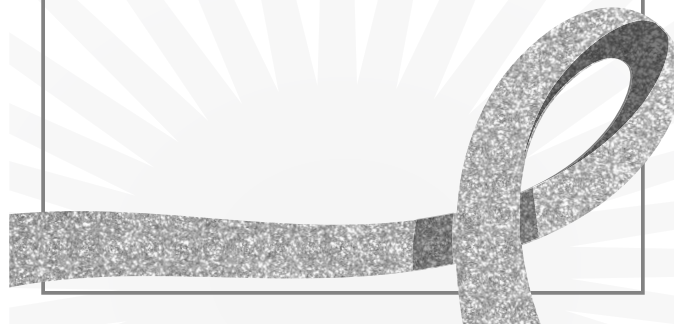
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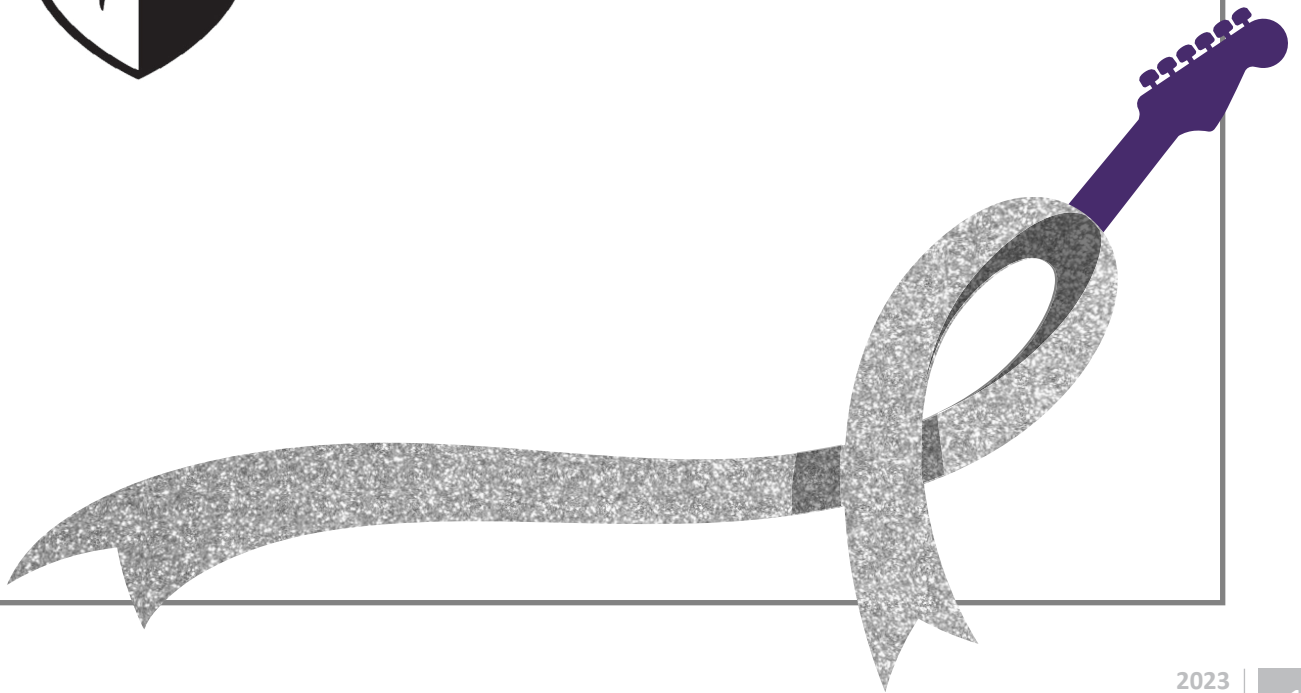
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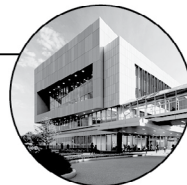
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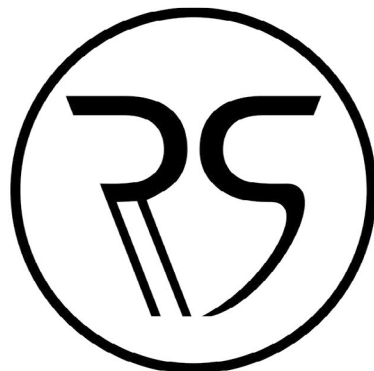


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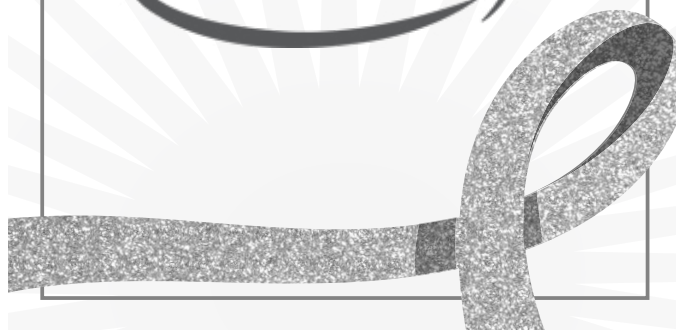
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