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Cyclists jumpstart fundraising for 2017 Pan-Mass Challenge

The cold of winter couldn’t stop 340 participants from riding together in January—they just used indoor wheels. The Resolution by PMC, an indoor bike-a-thon, kicked off fundraising for the 2017 Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC). Last year’s PMC raised an extraordinary $47 million for cancer research and clinical care at Dana-Farber. Gathering at host facility Turnstyle Cycle, participants were led by PMC Founder and Executive Director Billy Starr, as well as top fitness instructors from Cyc Fitness, EverybodyFights, The Handle Bar, and Turnstyle Cycle.

“We are proud of the participants and instructors who gave their time and sweat equity to raise funds for top-notch research and patient care at Dana-Farber,” said Starr, who is also an Institute Trustee. When legs grew tired, riders were motivated by remarks from Boston City Councilor and Resolution participant Josh Zakim, whose father, Leonard Zakim, was treated at Dana-Farber and worked with doctors, administrators, and other patient care advocates to establish the Institute’s Zakim Center for Integrative Therapies before his death. Cancer survivors also shared their inspirational stories.

“Helping to drive the Pan-Mass Challenge’s exponential growth, The Resolution by PMC gives participants a way to support Dana-Farber and be a part of the nation’s most successful athletic fundraising event,” said Starr. This year’s Pan-Mass Challenge will be held on August 5 and 6.

Schussel Family Fund promotes T-cell lymphoma research

Two years ago, when Sandi Schussel was diagnosed with a rare T-cell lymphoma, she was so ill she could do not much of anything, including skiing or hiking, two of her favorite outdoor activities. Today, after treatment at Dana-Farber, she is in complete remission and looks forward to getting back on the slopes and trails of New Hampshire.

Grateful for the care she received, Sandi and her husband, George, have created the $100,000 Sandi and George Schussel Family Fund to support T-cell lymphoma research under the direction of her physician, Matthew Davids, MD, MMS, and David Weinstock, MD. “This generous gift allows us to explore new therapeutic combinations in the laboratory using novel techniques developed here at Dana-Farber,” said Davids. “We hope this work will directly lead to new clinical trials for patients with T-cell lymphoma.”

Specifically, Davids will employ a technique pioneered by Anthony Letai, MD, PhD, and colleagues at Dana-Farber called dynamic BH3 profiling to determine which drug combinations are most promising for killing T-cell lymphoma tumor cells. Weinstock will use new tools for studying T-cell lymphomas, known as a patient-derived xenograft, to predict human tumor responses to anti-cancer drugs.

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