

# Quarterly Updates

D-FEET CANCER THE DALTON FOX FOUNDATION

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## Will's Recap

Jen and I love talking about Dalton. In addition to raising money for pediatric cancer research, D-Feet Cancer gives us the opportunity to talk about our beloved boy and tell more people about him, I sometimes wonder what Dalton would think of D-Feet Cancer. I know he would like the colors and the lemur in the logo but he probably wouldn't like all the fuss we make about him. In D's mind, he wasn't tough or inspirational, he was just a kid trying not to let cancer define him. I'm not sure Dalton would have even run in his own 5K. He and I ran a 5K once together, shortly before his diagnosis, and after finishing, Dalton looked at me and proclaimed "I'm never doing that again!" However, I bet he wouldn't mind riding his bike, skateboard, or even golf cart for most of the way and then hopping over the finish line on one leg. That's certainly more of Dalton's style. Unlike running, D very much wanted to skydive. We tried to take him but jumpers have to be 18 years old. So, trying to be brave like D and so many other kids, D-Feet Cancer is going skydiving on Sunday August 6th. It's something Jen and I never thought we would do but we continue to be inspired by Dalton, Chloe, Omar, Jordyn and kids like them. Check out the latest edition of our newsletter to read about Dalton's Dash and learn more about our upcoming skydiving, golf tournament, and oyster roasts. Thank you so much for helping us D-Feet Cancer.

## Research

In this research project called "Circumventing Ewing Sarcoma Antigen Heterogeneity by IL1RAP and B7-H3 Dual-Targeting Bispecific Antibody Drug Conjugates," Dr. Li and colleagues are trying to develop better medicines to treat Ewing sarcoma. Ewing sarcoma is a type of cancer that has different subtypes, and they want to create drugs (antibody drug conjugates or ADCs) that can target and destroy Ewing sarcoma cells, even when they have different markers on the surface of the cancer cells, while also minimizing side effects.

To do this, they are focusing on two specific targets on Ewing sarcoma cells called IL1RAP and B7-H3. Their first goal is to make the drug less toxic, so it doesn't harm healthy cells too much. They have made good progress with this aim so far by developing antibody drug conjugates showing more safe profiles in preliminary lab tissue culture tests. Further testing on mouse models is undergoing and planned.

The second goal is to create a drug that can target both IL1RAP and another target called CD276 at the same time. This would make the drug more effective against different types of Ewing sarcoma. They are currently planning and preparing experiments for this aim, and will have more updates in the coming months.



# DALTON'S DASH 5K



The 2nd Annual Dalton's Dash 5k was held on May 20, 2023. Over 275 runners gathered at the starting line, representing a united community committed to fighting pediatric cancer and Ewing Sarcoma. The race raised just under \$12,000 and the event's success was made possible by the dedicated efforts of volunteers, sponsors, and organizers. Participants and spectators enjoyed music from DJ Steve, cupcakes in a jar, and a raffle. The community's generosity and support made a tangible impact on the lives of those affected. The 2nd annual Dalton's Dash 5k embodies the spirit of compassion and determination in the face of adversity. The event's success brings us one step closer to a future where no child faces cancer alone. The Dalton Fox Foundation extends gratitude to all participants, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters for their vital contributions. Together, we continue to strive towards a world free from the grip of pediatric cancer. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the race, and we look forward to seeing you next year



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# SWIM LIKE A FOX



For over 12 years, the Virginia Beach Swim League (VBSL) has been a cherished part of the Fox family. Despite Dalton's battle with Ewing Sarcoma, he remained dedicated to swimming for Club Brittany, his neighborhood team. During swim meets, opposing teams demonstrated their support by allowing CHKD LemonAid stands, selling Dalton's paracord bracelets, and donating to CHKD and the Dalton Fox Foundation. Even after Dalton's passing, summer swim meets remained a part of their lives, as Rachel continues to be involved. In June 2021, Club Brittany initiated the Swim Like Fox movement, offering bright green swim caps to all VBSL swimmers. The caps continue to be worn, symbolizing the unity among teams. During a recent meet, a young girl named Maddy approached Mrs. Fox, giving her \$31 raised by selling rainbow loom bracelets for Swim Like a Fox. This act highlighted the compassionate nature of children and their commitment to fighting pediatric cancer, carrying Dalton's legacy forward. The Dalton Fox Foundation will continue organizing events and fundraisers involving kids, inspired by their immense hearts and determination. Thank you Maddy for being part of the solution and showing us the kids know how to get things done!



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# SPLASH 2.0



Cox High School students arrived one Sunday in March to help at Splash H2O Carwash off of Laskin Rd. Splash H2O hosted the foundation the entire month of March by donating \$5 from every Protect Car Wash to the foundation. This group of students were able to raise almost \$200 in cash donations from the customers coming to get their car washed. We were able to share the need for pediatric cancer research funding to many people that day, regardless if they donated or chose the specific car wash. Seeing our youth at work sharing our mission and Dalton's story is another way our community comes together to support D-Feet Cancer. Thank you to Liz and her crew at Splash H2O for sponsoring the foundation in the month of March. Liz was able to write a check for \$2500 due to all of the car washes that came through and used the code "8888" If you would like to see Liz jump out of an airplane on August 6th she has agreed to jump if she raises \$2,000. The code "8888" is active again and can be used in the month of July when purchasing a Protect Car Wash, \$5 from every wash will be added to her \$2,000 goal.



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## D-BAT: CHRIS TAYLOR BAT DRAWING



Congratulations to Taylor Thomas for winning a game-used autograph bat from Chris Taylor of the LA Dodgers. Chris Taylor donated the bat to highlight his shared mission to fight pediatric cancer. Taylor and family are unwavering supporters of D-Feet Cancer and you can always find them volunteering at one of our many fundraisers. Taylor is the most deserving recipient. The raffle raised \$1100. We thank Chris Taylor for his unwavering support, D-BAT Virginia Beach for hosting the raffle, and congratulations to Taylor's new piece of baseball memorabilia.

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# SKYDIVE TO D-FEET CANCER

**SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH 12:00**  
**SKYDIVE SUFFOLK**

Help D-Feet Cancer raise money for pediatric cancer research by tandem jumping or sponsoring a jumper and celebrating with us at the landing zone.

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# Mark Your Calendars

**SAVE THE DATES FOR  
OUR 2023 EVENTS**

## *D-Feet Cancer* *The Dalton Fox Foundation*

**August 6**

**Skydive Suffolk**

**October 13**

**Golf Tournament**

**November 11**

**Oyster Roast**

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!**

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**Fun Fact:**

**The sunflower is the symbol for Sarcoma Awareness**

