Organizing Committee members
2018 International Chordoma Community Conference

We would like to recognize and thank the members of the conference organizing committee for their hard work and support in planning this year’s community conference. They gave input, shared ideas, planned social events, gathered feedback from the community, and this year we are fortunate to have them leading our opening sessions on Friday afternoon. A huge THANK YOU to all of them!

Sharon Berlan
Sharon was diagnosed with clival chordoma in 2004. She has been a supporter of the Foundation since its inception, serving as a Peer Guide since 2011, and on the Foundation’s Education and Outreach Committee from 2013-2015. Sharon has helped organize every International Chordoma Community Conference.

Nadine Cordova
Nadine was diagnosed with a cervical chordoma in 2010 and was treated with radiation at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She is a Peer Guide, dedicated to supporting patients through their chordoma journey, and has volunteered at Chordoma Community Conferences in 2013, 2015, and 2016. She is also a member of the Community Advisory Board.

Susan Garbett
Susan was diagnosed with a sacral chordoma in 2009. Following treatment, she wrote about her personal experience in her book Confronting Chordoma Cancer: An Uncommon Journey. As a Peer Guide and Community Advisory Board member, she is passionate about helping patients and caregivers with the day-to-day challenges they encounter.

Norma Jones
Norma was diagnosed with clival chordoma 17 years ago and was one of the first chordoma patients to be trained as a Peer Guide and served on the Foundation’s Education and Outreach Committee from 2013-2015. She has helped organize nearly every chordoma community conference for the Foundation and has supported numerous chordoma patients along their journey.

Maureen LaForge
Maureen has been a member of the chordoma community since 2014 after her daughter, Angela, was diagnosed with clival chordoma. She is a moderator of the Chordoma Connections online community and co-created this year’s Memorial Tribute, as well as the Messages of Hope and Inspiration slideshow.
Adriane Rothstein
Adriane was diagnosed with clival chordoma in 2007. She was trained as a Peer Guide in 2011 and served on the Foundation’s Education and Outreach Committee from 2013-2015. She has helped organize nearly every chordoma community conference since the first in 2008.

Kris Stahl
Kris was the full-time caregiver for her husband, Marty, who was diagnosed with lumbar chordoma in 2008. She is a moderator of Chordoma Connections online community, and a Peer Guide. She has attended many community conferences and co-created this year’s Memorial Tribute, as well as the Messages of Hope and Inspiration slideshow.

Tim Zellers
Tim’s youngest daughter was diagnosed with a cervical chordoma at age 13 and underwent both surgery and radiation treatments. In addition to sitting on the Community Advisory Board, he is also a board member for the Make-A-Wish® Foundation of Philadelphia, Northern Delaware & Susquehanna Valley.