

OUR MISSION

The **Triumph Over Kid Cancer Foundation** mission is to improve the lives of children with cancer by raising their spirits, raising public awareness, and funding research to improve treatment and survivability of pediatric cancers. To give our work the greatest impact, our research is conducted through agreements with institutions like M. D. Anderson and Texas Children's Hospital, who agree to match the funds we raise.

"I'VE LIVED A PRETTY **INCREDIBLE 20 YEARS**. YOU KNOW, I GOT 8 YEARS, I GOT 8 YEARS, THAT'S 3 MORE THAN **LESS THAN 20%** OF THE KIDS WITH THIS DISEASE GET. THAT'S A LONG TIME. **THAT'S OVER 1000 DAYS**."

James A. Ragan **Until 20** | A Film About Pediatric Cancer on Amazon Prime

OUR **REASON**

Each week 300 families will hear those dreaded words "your child has cancer". Childhood cancer is the #1 disease killer of children in the U.S. and only 4% of U.S. federal funding is dedicated to childhood cancer research. The Triumph Over Kid Cancer Foundation continues to raise awareness and funds for pediatric cancer and to be the HOPE and JOY of kids with cancer. HOPE through fundraising for research, which is of utmost importance because without it there will be no end to this dreadful disease and JOY through visiting local hospitals and bedsides with events and activities designed to help provide immediate relief, respite and joy to cancer patients and their families.



OUR INSPIRATION

In 2006, 13-year old James A. Ragan was diagnosed with bone cancer. Over the course of the next 7 years, James underwent a grueling treatment regimen of chemotherapy, surgeries, radiation, and experimental drug trials. The protocols and drugs used in his treatment have seen little improvement in decades. James saw firsthand the effect of the critical funding gap for research into pediatric cancer. From 2006 onward, James dedicated the remainder of his life living to raise awareness and funds for this cause. He and his sister, Mecklin, realized they needed to make a greater impact and fill that desperate need; so in 2010, they formed the Triumph Over Kid Cancer Foundation.

OUR RESEARCH IMPACT

The **Triumph Over Kid Cancer Foundation** is changing the landscape in the fight against pediatric cancer. Our first project, which donated 1.5 million dollars to start the **Children's Sarcoma Initiative** at M.D. Anderson funded novel research into children's sarcoma and also led to one of our current projects funding 1 million dollars for a phase II drug trial of a lung metastasis drug developed from the sarcoma initiative. Following funding of the **Children's Sarcoma Initiative**, we funded the Genomic Research and Sequencing Project (G.R.A.S.P.) for **Pediatrics for 1.5 million dollars**. It is the first pediatric longitudinal whole genome sequencing project for pediatrics and continues to generate data invaluable to helping researchers understand pediatric cancers to develop novel treatments. While each of those projects were conducted with M.D. Anderson, we have expanded our reach and are currently funding 1 million dollars for an **immunotherapy drug trial** at Texas Children's Hospital. Consistent with TOKC policy, all those funds are matched by the institutions conducting the research, generating a total dollar impact on pediatric cancer research of 10 million dollars. TOKC has also made strides in Ewing's Sarcoma funding of a Ewing's Sarcoma vaccine at the Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center.

ELEBRATE

WITH US





MAY 8, 2021

8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.



Corpus Christi, Texas

Generously Donated By:

Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey, STL

Let the Diocese of Corpus Christi



Live Auction * *Silent Auction* * *Great Food* * *Open Bar*

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

James A. Ragan, Founder 05/07/93 - 02/17/14

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ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT







Sponsorship Opportunities

PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$30,000

3 VIP Tables for 8 guests each

Delicious Food

Premium wines & champagne served at your table

Logo on TOGA invitations

VIP Party Invite for your quests

Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard

60 Raffle Tickets

30 TOKC chips for Jewelry Roulette

Logo on x2 buses for 1 year

Main stage signage as an event Presenting Sponsor

Logo recognition at GOLF, VIP & TOGA and via SOCIAL MEDIA

Tile ad on event website

Verbal recognition during GOLF, VIP, LIVE AUCTION & TOGA

TENT SPONSOR - \$15,000

2 VIP Tables for 8 quests each

Delicious Food

Open Bar

VIP Party Invite for your guests

Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard

30 Raffle Tickets

20 TOKC chips for Jewelry Roulette

Logo on x1 buses for 1 year

Main stage signage and logo recognition on bidder

card as the Live Auction Sponsor

Logo recognition at GOLF, VIP & TOGA and via SOCIAL MEDIA

Tile ad on event website

Verbal recognition during TOGA

WINGMAN SPONSOR - \$15,000

2 VIP Tables for 8 guests each

Delicious Food

Open Bar

VIP Party Invite for your quests

Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard

30 Raffle Tickets

20 TOKC chips for Jewelry Roulette

Logo on x1 buses for 1 year

Sponsor signage on Bid Board & in Silent Auction Area

Logo recognition at GOLF, VIP & TOGA & via SOCIAL MEDIA

Tile ad on event website

Verbal recognition during TOGA

RAFFLE SPONSOR - \$10,000

1 Table for 8 quests

Delicious Food

Open Bar

VIP Party Invite for your quests Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard 20 Raffle Tickets

10 TOKC chips for Jewelry Roulette

Prominent logo recognition on banner at Golf & TOGA

Logo recognition on the event website Verbal recognition during TOGA

BID ONLINE! bidpal.net/tokctoga

Admission To TOGA

Individual Tickets \$150 | Student Tickets: \$100

Call 361-883-8652 or email **TOKC@triumphoverkidcancer.org** for sponsorship/team info.

#WeTriumph

www.triumphoverkidcancer.org

Please Join Us 14th Annual TOGA Party & James A. Ragan Triumph Scramble

ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR - \$6,5000

1 Table for 8 quests

Delicious Food

Main Stage signage

Open Bar

VIP Party Invite for your quests Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard 20 Raffle Tickets

10 TOKC chips for Jewelry Roulette

Prominent logo recognition on banner at Golf & TOGA

Logo recognition on the event website Verbal recognition during TOGA

SILENT AUCTION SPONSOR - \$5,000

1 Table for 8 quests

Open Bar

Delicious Food

VIP Party Invite for your guests

Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard

10 Raffle Tickets 10 TOKC chips for Jewelry Roulette

Logo recognition on banner at Golf & TOGA

Logo recognition on the event website



FUNHAVER SPONSOR - \$3,000

Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard

TOGA Tickets for 2

Open Bar

Delicious Food

Logo recognition on the event website



There is nothing like a TOGA Party for when the going gets tough, and I haven't seen anything tougher than trying to fund research **to find a cure for pediatric cancer**. As most of you probably know, its been a tough last couple of years for me. My cancer moved out of my lungs and into my diaphragm, and everywhere else. They tried one chemo and it didn't work, they tried another and it didn't work, they tried an experiment and it really didn't work, they tried surgery, and it sort of worked but the cancer came back, they tried radiation, and it sort of worked but the cancer came back, they tried chemo again but it didn't work and we're trying something else now. So if there was ever a time for a TOGA Party its now! You guys are great friends and great fun. And I am glad we get to spend this evening together having fun while **we raise money for** research into pediatric cancer and try to save the next kid.



Join US 05.07.21 CORPUS CHRISTI COUNTRY CLUB



14th Annual James A. Ragan TRIUMPH SCRAMBLE



ONE BIRDIE AT A TIME

\$40,000

Event Sponsor Heat Jacket Corkcicle 16oz

CLOSER TO A CURE SPONSOR

Commercial to run with ONLY Event Sponsors and TOKC Founder in English and Spanish Language Logo on B Bus for 1 year Invitation to the VIP Party Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard

Company Name/Logo on Invitation

Company Name/Logo in Event TV Commercial Company Name/Logo on event website

One Driving Range or Putting Green Sponsorship 12'X 5'Banner displayed at event (GolfTournament and TOGA party) One Exclusive Hole/Pin Flag Sponsorship Company Name/Logo in Press Release Materials 2 Teams: 8 Player Entry Fees, 8 TOGA Party Tickets

\$25,000

Rain Jacket Golf Shirts Golf Umbrellas Zoom Grip Golf Monocular

UPCOMING TREATMENT SPONSOR

Logo on B Bus for 1 year Invitation to the VIP Party Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard Company Name/Logo on Invitation Company Name/Logo in Event TV Commercial One Driving Range or Putting Green Sponsorship





Company Name/Logo on event website 6'X 5' Banner display at event (Golf Tournament and TOGA Party) One Exclusive Hole/Pin Flag Sponsorship Company Name/Logo in Press Release Materials 1 Team: 4 Player Entry Fees, 4 TOGA Party Tickets

\$10,000

Caps Fireworks Golf Balls GolfTowel Ball Markers with Yardage

\$5,000

Volunteer Shirts

Flash Drive

Sunglasses

Open Bar

Styros Favor Bags

Gloves

\$3,000

Food Station

Grocery Shopper Bags

RESEARCH FUNDING SPONSOR

Invitation to the VIP Party Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard Company Name/Logo in Event TV Commercial One Driving Range or Putting Green Sponsorship One Exclusive Hole/Pin Flag Sponsorship Company Name/Logo on event website 6' X 5' Banner display at event (Golf Tournament and TOGA Party) Company Name/Logo in Press Release Materials

1 Team: 4 Player Entry Fees, 4 TOGA Party Tickets

Company Name/Logo in Event TV Commercial

Company Name/Logo on event website Company Name/Logo in Press Release Materials

One Driving Range or Putting Green Sponsorship

1 Team: 4 Player Entry Fees, 2 TOGA Party Tickets





. SCOTT SMITH

1 Team: 4 Player Entry Fees



ADVOCATES - \$1,500



lason's deli



Company Name/Logo on event website

Company Name/Logo on Clubhouse Sign











INDIVIDUAL TEAM \$1,200

1 Team: 4 Player Entry Fees

LEADERS

Ball Markers Sharpie Bag Tags Hole in One Sharp Edges Pens Player Carts Lip Balm Divot Repair Tool Golf Bag Alignment Tool

Invitation to the VIP Party Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard

Company Name/Logo on event website

1 Team: 4 Player Entry Fees







LINEBARGER

HYOST INVESTMENTS

HOLE SPONSORS \$500

Practice Range Putting Green Company Name/Logo on event website



SUPPORTERS

One Driving Range or Putting Green Sponsorship

Invitation to the VIP Party Graciously Hosted By: Catherine & Bob Hilliard

3'X 5'Banner display at event (GolfTournament and TOGA Party)

Company Name/Logo displayed at event (Golf Tournament and TOGA party) Fulton Coastcon



BRADLEY KOTTMAN

ROSSING

Sport Horses

Hello Friends

I hope this message finds you and the ones you love healthy, hopeful and ready to **TOGA! TOGA!** It has been a long time since the last TOGA Party and Golf Tournament, but with vaccinations moving fast and the lifting of restrictions in Texas, it is time for the 14th Annual TOGA Party and the James A. Ragan Triumph Scramble. It feels like destiny because this year the golf tournament falls on James' birthday, so I am sure he will be golfing and celebrating with us. Few people have ever appreciated a good time more than James did.

This year, our **FUNdraising** is even more important. While COVID-19 has been terrible for everyone, it has posed an especially daunting challenge to kids with cancer. Because they are immuno compromised, it is easier for them to catch the virus and more deadly when they do. They get out even less than the rest of us, and their families must take greater precautions so they don't infect the child with cancer. Often family members cannot accompany them to treatments due to the added risk of infecting other patients in the hospital. The disease is a heavy burden to already overburdened children and families. Also, with the cancelling of events all across the country, fundraising to provide hope and joy to kids with cancer and their families has suffered over the past year. Since James first conceived of the TOGA Party to raise funds for pediatric cancer research, we have never missed a May Toga Party until last year. Now it's time to make up for last year and have a TOGA Party and Golf Tournament worthy of a Double Secret Probation! So, the James A. Ragan Triumph Scramble will be on Friday, May 7th with the TOGA Party the evening of Saturday, May 8th at 4126 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas, generously donated by Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey, STL & The Diocese of Corpus Christi.

James had a great attitude when it came to helping other people, especially kids with cancer. He always knew that no matter what it cost him to help, he always got more out of it than he put into it. Sometimes all he got was a good feeling; sometimes he made lifelong friends; sometimes he got another supporter in the fight against pediatric cancer. Regardless, he always got more than he put in. On the other side of that coin, he was always overwhelmingly humbled by the thousands of people just like you who helped him, and the ways you all helped him. It was one of the things he most greatly appreciated during his life — the support people showed for pediatric cancer patients. I know that he continues to appreciate all of you now that he is in heaven. Thanks to your support and generosity, we are continuing to fund cutting edge pediatric cancer research.

We are funding a Phase II drug trial at M.D. Anderson for a drug whose origin was our original funding project, the Children's Sarcoma Initiative. Also, when James was about 17, he was one of the patients in an experimental drug trial that modified his own blood cells to help fight his cancer. Although the trial failed for James, thanks to your support, we are funding research at Texas Children's Hospital where doctors are making changes to that treatment to make it successful for pediatric cancer patients. Our work funding both research projects is bringing impactful, positive change in the world of pediatric cancer.

As always, each of our research projects at M. D. Anderson and Texas Children's are being matched by those institutions, respectively, so the research can be guaranteed completion.

But all of this is about more than just research for kids with cancer. As James fully appreciated, kids with cancer need a reason to smile today, not tomorrow. Not only are TOKC's #DoThatOneThing Councils continuing to grow (#DTOT has over 800 volunteers helping bring joy to pediatric cancer patients and their families and spreading public awareness about pediatric cancer issues. For example, prior to COVID-19, each month volunteers went to the Ronald McDonald House to cook dinner for the families staying there, while #DoThatOneThing Council students spent the afternoon making crafts and playing games with the children, as well as spreading awareness for pediatric cancer in their own schools and communities. During COVID-19, we had to limit our programs to non-contact, so volunteers had drive-through dinners, where families could pick up plates to go. They also took Christmas presents, Valentine treats and Easter baskets to hospitals for the children. We even had an outdoor kite flying event where each child was given a kite and chance to enjoy a kite flying day at the park while social distancing. This is in addition to all of the other outreach programs we have to bring joy to the daily lives of kids with cancer, including monthly scheduled activities for patients and their families at Driscoll Children's, M.D. Anderson, Texas Children's and Ochsner Hospital For Children led by volunteers. So please help our mission by joining us at the 14th Annual James A. Ragan Triumph Scramble, and the 14th Annual TOGA Party.

TOKC friends and funhaving Scheffler family is hoping to be back with us. Scottie is finalizing his tour schedule and is not sure he will be able to attend, but we hope he and his wife, Meredith, will be able to join us here in person. He is having great success on the PGA Tour (he qualified for this year's Masters!) and we are grateful he still makes time for TOKC in support of kids with cancer. Our longtime friends Thomas "The Leg" Morstead (#AlwaysASaintToUs!) and his wife Lauren and Andy Sacks, Academy Award winning producer will be joining us for golf and festivities. We will also be welcoming our new 2021 James' Wingman, JULIAN GALLOWAY. This past year has definitely been tough, and when the going gets tough the tough go... TOGA! TOGA! TOGA! So Ramming Speed – straight for Golf and TOGA. Help James' Wingman continue to a smooth swing at getting pediatric cancer treatment out of the trees and onto the green. And what could be more important than celebrating the fact that all of the children who have served as James' Wingman are still with us and still hoping for a cure. Let's move forward to bring Hope and Joy to the lives of children facing the daily realities of pediatric cancer, just like James.

Mecklin V. Ragan

MEET OUR 2021 WINGMAN

Julian Galloway

5 yrs of age from Corpus Christi who was diagnosed with **Medulloblastoma**, December 24, 2019, at 4 years old. Julian lives in Corpus Christi with his Mom & Dad, Big Brother Joaquin and Lil'Sister Jemma.

