

Welcome & Introductions - Gave a quick shout out & thank you to IVY/Barrow Research Center for their hospitality in hosting SSBTR today! Handed out sponsor forms for any new donors that wanted to donate to our cause.

Treasurer's Report: We now have \$6307.80 in our Wells Fargo account & \$169,393 in our long term account

We have an upcoming event at Mount Mayhem that greatly helps SSBTR - Dates: October 25-27 & 30-31. It is free, fun, and really scary! Please bring all your friends and family to this event, and as a note, children under the age of 16 require a parent/guardian with them at all times during the event, which will be 7 - 9:30 on each of those dates. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS ON THEIR WEBSITE! <https://www.mountmayhemhaunt.com/>. Lastly, the address is 1740 E Purdue Ave, Phoenix 85020

Recently, our schools have been hosting various events to increase SSBTR members. BASIS Scottsdale held an open meeting where Dr. Marty and Wendy Kaye talked about their experiences in medicine & SSBTR. Shout out to BASIS Mesa for creating excitement for SSBTR in their freshman class! Once again, SSBTR is still accepting applications to be an Ambassador. Ambassadors are responsible for increasing our outreach and bringing many people to the Cure-a-thon in April. They will work closely with the Co-Chairs to spread our mission not only within their schools but to other schools.

What can you do for SSBTR? Whether it's unique fundraising ideas or creative recruitment strategies, we truly are open to anything! From forming reputable relationships like our partnership with the Diamondbacks to merch ideas like our popular tutus, any idea can be a game changer for SSBTR. Once again, please continue to use programs like Fry's, Goodshop.com, iGive.com, and goodsearch.com, where a portion of purchases that others make goes towards our organization!

Finally, as for our next meetings:

On October 21th, we'll be having our very important Mass Mailing event at PCH MERCY GILBERT- 3370 E MERCY RD, GILBERT CONFERENCE ROOM 1 on the second floor outside the elevators. There, we will be mailing potential donors throughout the valley, and so, please bring as many SSBTR members as you can, including your family & friends!

Next, on November 18, we will have our special tour of TGen at 445 N. 5th Street, Suite 120 Phoenix, AZ 85004. Please go ahead and park in the TGen Lot or the other lot that's just North on the Eastside of the street. This, just like our tour of Barrow, is a great educational opportunity to tour one of the most prestigious facilities in the state.

After these brief reports and reminders, Dr. Mehta, an esteemed researcher at Barrow/IVY gave us a talk on the preclinical trials they conduct at Barrow. The complex nature of the process, including genetic screenings for patients, drug efficacy, and patient outcomes, requires a lot of time, making FDA drug approval for brain tumors like glioblastoma a very lengthy process. After her presentation, we proceeded to tour the facility, specifically 2 subsets of the lab. One of them was dedicated to ensuring that these drugs penetrated the blood-brain barrier, a problem that's often encountered in drug development for neurological conditions. Finally, the other lab looked at how well the drug was able to penetrate the tumor cells within the brain (after getting past the blood-brain barrier), where students had the opportunity to see a real human brain that had a brain tumor.

Respectfully submitted,
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