

# **WALK FOR A CURE**

To benefit  
**GIST CANCER RESEARCH FUND**  
**(Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor)**  
**Sunday, October 25, 2009**  
**10:30 am**  
**Almaden Lake Park**  
**Winfield Blvd. & Coleman Avenue**  
**San Jose, CA**

## **WHAT IS GIST?**

GIST is a cancer that has no cure and afflicts thousands of people, both children and adults, annually. Gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST) belong to a group of cancers called soft tissue sarcomas. GIST is a rare type of sarcoma.

## **WHY HAVE THE WALK?**

The GIST Cancer Research Fund was founded in the year 2000 to provide support to the community of patients diagnosed with GIST and their caregivers. It is the goal of the GCRF to provide patient support, generate awareness for GIST and raise funds to support continued research to expand the development and access of important life-saving therapies.

## **WHERE IS THE WALK?**

This will be the second year that the WALK will take place in San Jose while the New York Walk will host its 9th year. We welcome GIST patients, their family members, friends, GIST oncologists, GIST researchers and everyone who wants to support finding a cure. Dr. Matt Van de Rijn, a GIST researcher at Stanford will be present. We want to bring awareness to the Bay Area community of this life threatening cancer.

## **WHY RAISE FUNDS?**

GIST is considered an orphan cancer because it is a lesser-known cancer and does not receive the attention of other well-known cancers. Even nationally known cancer organizations and government agencies do not provide funding for GIST research. All the money raised (100%) by GIST Cancer Research Fund goes directly to research. Each person associated with the GCRF is a volunteer and does not receive any salary. Last year grants were given to 5 different cancer centers across the U.S.

With your help, research has helped to prolong and improve the quality of life for those coping with this cancer. We can't do it without you! Thank you for your support!

**For further information please see: <http://gistinfo.org>**