Welcome to the Third Chordoma Community Conference  
Empowering Patients and Caregivers!

It has been almost two years since we last gathered as a community of patients and caregivers to connect, learn and be inspired. The conference is the only event of its kind where the Chordoma community of patients, caregivers, cancer care experts, researchers and doctors from across the globe, come together at the same time to learn from each other. The major goal of the Chordoma Community Conference is to provide patients and caregivers information to be empowered self-advocates and to understand their very important role in finding more effective treatments and ultimately a cure for this neglected disease.

This year’s conference offers sessions along the survivorship continuum. Whether you are newly diagnosed, a long-time survivor, dealing with recurrence, a caregiver and/or dealing with loss, there is a session to offer strategies and hope. The ever popular “Ask the Experts” sessions have returned with new and returning experts on the research and treatment of chordoma. We are excited to share the research advances that we feel confident will ultimately be translated into treatment advances which are so urgently needed. The patient community plays a vital role in the success of this research and we hope you leave the conference with more knowledge about chordoma, tools for how to get involved to bring about a cure, and a spirit of camaraderie that you are no longer alone in your journey.

It bodes well for the future of chordoma research, that nearly a hundred researchers are taking part in the research workshop that began a few days ago. Learning about the cutting-edge chordoma research results as well as the promise of new research and discoveries are reasons for hope for those of us who are patients and caregivers. As a community, we are depending on the development of effective treatments and the Chordoma Foundation is committed to persevering in that quest. On behalf of the Chordoma Foundation, the Community Conference Planning Committee, and everyone affected by chordoma, we are thrilled that you are here.

Sincerely,

Heather Lee, Ph.D.  
Board Chair