

## THE SKIN CANCER INSTITUTE

Our mission is to prevent and cure skin cancer.



## The War on Melanoma goes to Kilimanjaro

In February, Dr. Clara Curiel climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. She used this amazing event as an opportunity to raise funds to help the SCI continue our mission to prevent and cure skin cancer. To date, she has raised over \$1,500 thanks to the generous support from patients, faculty, and friends. She made it to the summit on February 17th, invigorated and proud! Thank you Clara!

"Every step and every breath was dedicated to melanoma patients and their families in recognition of their challenging quest and never ending hope."

## **More Hope for Melanoma Patients**



Dr. Monte Shaheen is working on breakthrough clinical trials in immunotherapy for patients at the University of Arizona Cancer Center.

A current trial focuses on a group of inhibitors which are proving to be an effective treatment for melanoma patients.

"A few years ago, most people with advanced melanoma would not make it more than a year," said Dr. Shaheen. "These days with the introduction of effective immunotherapy drugs, almost 50 percent of patients have the tumor disappear completely and they stay in remission for years."

Keep up the wonderful work Dr. Shaheen!

3rd annual SaddleBrooke Fundraiser

The SCI teamed up with the SaddleBrooke Tennis Club and The University of Arizona Women's and Men's Tennis Teams in November to raise skin cancer awareness and provide education on prevention and detection. The event raised over \$4,000 in funds to continue our mission to prevent and cure skin cancer. Thanks to everyone who came. It was a great day as always!

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# **Brewers Spring Training**



Spring is here, and with it sun safety becomes more important than any other time of the year. The sun is out, but the temperature is mild enough to spend ample time outside!

Sporting events are one of the major places people get sun burned. Our SCI team was at the Milwaukee Brewers spring training facility in Phoenix earlier this month for a sun safety day. The Brewers have teamed up with us to offer sunscreen to their visitors.

Thanks to the Brewers for investing in a sun safe environment for their fans!

### Save the Date!

Join us for lunch on Friday, April 26th from 11:30-1:00 p.m. at the Arizona Inn.

There will be a "Meet the Researchers" session from 10:30-11:30.



Representatives from Desert Toyota visited the Skin Cancer Institute on January 14<sup>th</sup> to tour the facility and visit with researchers in their labs. Desert Toyota has been an avid supporter of the SCI since 2017 and shows genuine interest in our mission to prevent and cure skin cancer. We appreciate their support and look forward to a long-lasting partnership!





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