

CALCUTTA TOURNAMENT BENEFITS FSR FOR THE 6TH YEAR

Chicago, IL (10 September 2011) The Calcutta is an annual tennis tournament held at the Saddle and Cycle Club of Chicago. The event raises funds to benefit local charities, and for the sixth year, organizer Ray Smith (pictured at far right with FSR Co-Founders, President Andrea Wilson and Treasurer Reading Wilson) generously selected the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research as one of the organizations to receive funds.

Over the last several years, the Calcutta has raised more than \$15,000 to support FSR's research and education programs. In accepting the check on behalf of FSR, President Andrea Wilson thanked Ray for his ongoing support and acknowledged how this contribution allows the Foundation to continue important work to improve care for patients and to search for a cure. FSR has recently announced plans to fund another research grant in 2011-2012. In addition, the Foundation is in the process of creating a new educational booklet, *Sarcoidosis and the Eye*, and is planning a patient education conference this fall in New York City.



Sarcoidosis (pronounced SAR-COY-DO-SIS) is an inflammatory disease that can affect almost any organ in the body. It causes heightened immunity which means that a person's immune system, which normally protects the body from infection and disease, overreacts, resulting in damage to the body's own tissues. Sarcoidosis is often serious and can even be life-threatening, especially if you do not know you have it. The cause remains unknown and there is no cure.

For more information about sarcoidosis, please visit the Foundation for Sarcoidosis website at www.stopsarcoidosis.com.