

SPAGN Conference Participant Profile

Name: Tara Ruggiero

Organisation: The Life Raft Group

Role / Stakeholder Type: Patient Advocate, Company representative

Country: USA



What is your connection to sarcoma or your sarcoma story?

At The Life Raft Group, I work with patients and caregivers navigating diagnoses, treatment options, and survivorship. I see firsthand how critical connection, education, and advocacy are for this community. My attendance reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening those connections, participating actively in discussions and working groups, and ensuring that the voices of the patient community are represented. I am eager to bring back new insights, partnerships, and strategies that will directly enhance the support and advocacy we provide to patients and families.



What's most important to know about your organization?

The Life Raft Group is a comprehensive, global community dedicated to improving outcomes for patients at every stage of their journey. Our work is grounded in three core pillars: patient support, research, and advocacy. Together, these pillars play a critical role in ensuring patients have meaningful support, access to accurate information, leading experts, and the best possible treatment options available. We actively collaborate with top clinicians, researchers, and industry partners around the world, helping eliminate barriers that often slow scientific progress. By connecting the patient community with the medical and scientific communities, we play an active role in advancing research, improving care, and ensuring that every patient has the opportunity to be on the best path forward so no one navigates this disease alone.



What are you most interested in collaborating on?

Research, Awareness, Access, Partnerships, Innovation, Patient Support





Your role in the organisation and main areas of involvement:

I am involved in patient advocacy and support, with a focus on education and community engagement. I am responsible for patient support initiatives, educational programming, and community engagement efforts.



How can others best connect with you after the conference?

Email: truggiero@liferaftgroup.org, LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/tara-ruggiero-71604933b Yes we are interested in partnerships.



One fun fact about you or something you are proud of:

I have four kids and enjoy spending time with family and friends. I love traveling and am always planning my next trip or event. I like having something exciting to look forward to. I also enjoy bringing people together and creating meaningful experiences, both in my personal life and at work.

