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Bite Me Cancer Reaches Goal of funding Fourth Thyroid Cancer Research Grant.

Fairfax, Va., Oct. 5 - Bite Me Cancer, a national nonprofit based in Fairfax, Va., that supports teenagers with all cancers and funds thyroid cancer research, announced today that it has reached its goal of funding a fourth thyroid cancer research grant.

The \$57,500 grant will be administered in conjunction with Bite Me Cancer's partner, The American Thyroid Association.

"We would like to thank all of our donors and volunteers who helped make this happen," said Nikki Ferraro, founder of Bite Me Cancer.

Ferraro started Bite Me Cancer in 2010, only months after she had been diagnosed with a rare form of thyroid cancer. She started raising money for cancer research just weeks later even before her first major cancer surgery at age 17.

Fully funding the fourth grant coincided with Bite Me Cancer's sixth anniversary in September.

Thyroid cancer is the third most diagnosed cancer among children between the ages of 15-19 in the U.S., according to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Thyroid Cancer is also one of the fastest-increasing cancer in both men and women.

Bite Me Cancer's previous grants have supported research at some of the top cancer research centers in the world, including The M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York and Weill Cornell Medicine in New York.

In addition to individual donations, Bite Me Cancer partners with local corporations and businesses to raise funds for its work as well as through its Team Bite Me Cancer project which can be found on crowdrise.com. The foundation also holds an annual gala “Cancerversary” Dinner each year. The 2016 event raised \$55,000.

Bite Me Cancer is currently selling tickets and seeking corporate sponsorship for the 2017 Cancerversary event to be held in Chantilly, Va., in April.

Along with raising funds for thyroid cancer research the group provides support, encouragement and understanding for teenagers who have been diagnosed with cancer. Bite Me Cancer provides Teen Support Bags to teenagers in treatment for all cancers through their 70+ hospital partners across the country.

Funding for a fifth grant has already begun, according to Ferraro.

To learn more about Bite Me Cancer or find out how you can contribute your time or money to support the foundation, please visit www.bitemecancer.org.