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Columbia University to Host 14th Annual Charity Softball Tournament

ROLLING MEADOWS, ILL (October 28, 2016) - The 14th Annual Neurosurgery Charity Softball Tournament, hosted by Columbia University, is planned for Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 in Central Park, New York City. This date has been designated as “Neurosurgery Charity Softball Tournament Day” in the City of New York by Mayor Bill de Blasio, with proceeds benefiting the Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF) of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS).

A post-tournament reception will be held in midtown Manhattan for all participants.

The tournament will feature an expanded field of 40 teams from across the U.S, Canada, and Caribbean. 2017 Participants include:

Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Barrow Neurological Institute  
Case Western University  
Carolina Neurosurgery & Spine Associates  
Columbia University  
Duke University  
Emory University  
Harvard University  
Indiana University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Louisiana State University  
Mayo Clinic  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine  
New York University  
Northwestern University  
Pennsylvania State University  
The George Washington University  
The Ohio State University  
The University of Alabama  
The University of Buffalo  
The University of Tennessee  
The University of Texas - Houston  
The University of Utah  
The University of Virginia  
Thomas Jefferson University  
University of Colorado
For more information on the tournament or to make a donation, visit [www.neurocharitysoftball.org](http://www.neurocharitysoftball.org).

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**About the NREF**

The Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization created in 1980 by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) to support research and education efforts that enhance and confirm the critical role neurosurgeons play in improving lives.

Through voluntary public donations, corporate support, and donations from allied groups, the NREF supports endeavors that impact the lives of those suffering from epilepsy, stroke, brain tumors, spinal disorders, sports-related head injuries, lower back pain and Parkinson’s disease. For more information about NREF, please visit [www.nref.org](http://www.nref.org).