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Columbia University to Host 15th Annual Charity Softball Tournament

(March 12, 2018 - Rolling Meadows, IL) – The **15th Annual Neurosurgery Charity Softball Tournament**, hosted by Columbia University, is planned for Saturday, June 9, 2018. This date has been designated as “Neurosurgery Charity Softball Tournament Day” in New York City by Mayor Bill de Blasio, with proceeds benefiting the Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF), the philanthropic arm of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS).



2017 Champions - Vanderbilt University

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

All AANS members are invited to get involved. For more information regarding the tournament and post-tournament reception, please contact Ricardo J. Komotar, MD, FAANS (rkomotar@med.miami.edu); or Jeffrey N. Bruce, MD, FAANS (jnb2@columbia.edu).

The tournament will feature a field of 40 teams from across the U.S, Canada and Caribbean.

2018 participants include:

Barrow Neurological Institute	The University of Utah
Case Western University	The University of Virginia
Carolina Neurosurgery & Spine Associates	Thomas Jefferson University
Columbia University	University of California, San Francisco
Duke University	University of Colorado
Emory University	University of Florida
Harvard University	University of Kansas
Indiana University	University of Miami
Johns Hopkins University	University of Michigan
Mayo Clinic	University of Pennsylvania
Mount Sinai School of Medicine	University of Pittsburgh
New York University	University of Puerto Rico
Northwestern University	University of South Florida
Pennsylvania State University	University of Toronto
Rutgers University	Vanderbilt University
The George Washington University	Wake Forest University
The Ohio State University	Washington University
The University of Alabama	Weill Cornell Medical College/ Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
The University of Buffalo	Yale University
The University of Tennessee	
The University of Texas - Houston	

For more information on the tournament or to make a donation, please visit 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.