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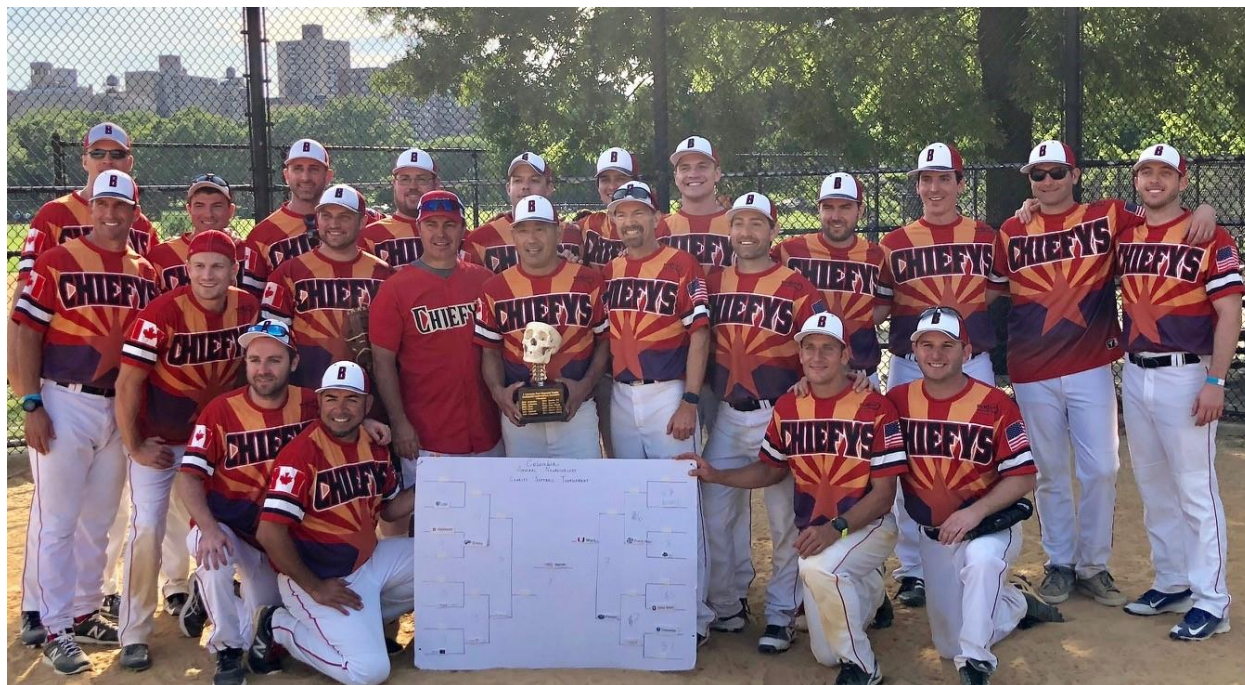
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Columbia University to Host 16th Annual Charity Softball Tournament

(February 27, 2019 - Rolling Meadows, IL) – The **16th Annual Neurosurgery Charity Softball Tournament**, hosted by Columbia University, is planned for Saturday, June 8, 2019 with proceeds benefiting the Andrew T. Parsa fund for brain tumor research within the Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF), the philanthropic arm of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS).



2018 Champions – Barrow Neurological Institute

The 2019 tournament will feature teams from across the U.S and Canada. A post-tournament reception will be held in midtown Manhattan for all participants.

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

2019 participants include:

- Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- Barrow Neurological Institute
- Columbia University
- Dartmouth University
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins 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 Utah
- Thomas Jefferson University
- University of Colorado
- University of Florida
- University of Miami
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of South Florida
- University of Toronto
- Weill Cornell Medical College/Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

For additional information about 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.