



About Us - Founded in 2001, the Scleroderma Foundation Rocky Mountain Chapter (SFRMC) is dedicated to serving the needs of the scleroderma community. Our primary goal is to raise funds and awareness for our three-fold mission of **support**, **education** and **research**. The chapter current serves scleroderma patients, their families and caregivers in Colorado and neighboring states.



About Scleroderma - Scleroderma is a chronic, often progressive, autoimmune disease in which the immune system attacks its own body. Scleroderma means "hard skin". It causes thickening and tightening of the skin. It can also cause serious damage to internal organs including the lungs, heart, kidneys, esophagus and gastrointestinal tract. Medications and treatments may help with certain symptoms, but there is no cure. The disease affects 300,000 people in the U.S., with 7,000 new cases diagnosed each year. Scleroderma affects women 3-4 times more often than men and may significantly reduce average life span for both by more than 20 years.



Our Events – The SFRMC provides many opportunities for the Colorado scleroderma community to come together. We host support groups in four locations across the state and virtually each year. Additionally we host an annual Patient Education Day where attendees learn from the region's scleroderma experts.

In June, we host two Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma walks. Our Denver event, in its 16th year, attracts 350 walkers annually. In Fort Collins we anticipate over 200 walkers will join us for our 10th annual walk in 2020.



Each fall we host Food Fight for Scleroderma. This premier philanthropic event offers food lovers and foundation supporters the opportunity to mingle with distinguished chefs and bartenders from Denver's most beloved establishments. Guests enjoy an evening filled with delectable bites and innovative cocktails before casting their vote for best savory, sweet, and sip.





Fund a Need

Your generosity will fund a specific need for the Rocky Mountain Chapter for one year.

Research Sponsor - \$2000+

Help us find a CURE! 100% of research donations are allocated to research funding. The Scleroderma Foundation has funded over \$27 million in scleroderma research.

Marketing Sponsor - \$2000

Underwriting of the Rocky Mountain Chapter's marketing enables us to raise awareness of scleroderma and Foundation activities among patients and medical professionals.

Sponsor a Patient Scholarship for the National Conference Sponsor - \$1500

Send a deserving chapter member and their caregiver to the 2020 National Conference in Seattle, Washington.
Ask about creating an annually recurring tribute scholarship!

Support Group Sponsor - \$1000

This support will fund our 30+ support groups for the year!

Technology Sponsor - \$500

The technology sponsor
Help the Rocky Mountain Chapter update their equipment and software.

Office Supply Sponsor - \$500

Fund the Rocky Mountain Chapter's office supply needs for six months. This includes paper, copying, postage, letterhead, envelopes and general office supplies.

