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## **SWIM ACROSS AMERICA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS IN THE BALTIMORE AREA \$3.4 Million Donated to the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins**

**Pool Swim to be Held Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at Meadowbrook in Mount Washington;  
Open Water Swim on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Hide Tide Farm in Pasadena**

**July 11, 2019, Baltimore, MD** – Celebrating a decade of support for groundbreaking cancer research, Swim Across America-Baltimore brings together swimmers of all ages and skill levels, including Olympians, with grassroots fundraising. Making a splash in Maryland 10 years ago, the organization has donated \$3.4 million to the Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center for clinical trials in immunotherapy, genomic-based testing and the creation of a dedicated cancer survivorship program.

A timeline of achievements can be found [here](#).

“Swim Across America-Baltimore provides vital funding for our young investigators—some of the brightest minds in the field of oncology research today—to pursue scientific goals that include improved cancer screening tools, more targeted therapies and, ultimately, life-saving treatments,” says William Nelson, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins.

“In November I will have lived 15 years without any evidence of disease,” says Annie Applegarth, the event’s chair. “I swim and volunteer so that hundreds of thousands of people can say the same--I am cancer free.”

This year’s pool swim is scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Meadowbrook Swim Club in the Mount Washington-area of Baltimore with the open water swim taking place the following day on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at High Tide Farm in Pasadena, MD.

Meadowbrook Swim Club has supported the event since it started in Baltimore in 2010, donating the facilities each year for the pool swim and offering a free, 16-week training program for participants. Sponsors this year include Electra Entertainment, Gertrude’s, Hunt Valley Caterers, Loane Brothers, Mary Ellen Otter Photography, The Wedding Ninja, Utz, Wendy Hickok Photography and Zeffert and Gold Caterers. WMAR-2 News and WYPR are media partners.

To learn more about the Swim Across America/Baltimore, make a donation and/or register to swim or volunteer, please visit <http://www.swimacrossamerica.org/Baltimore>. You can also follow Swim Across America on Instagram and Twitter at @saabaltimore and Facebook [here](#).

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