# AHEAD OF THE CURVE

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### ARE YOU READY FOR NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS MONTH?

It's happening! June is National Scoliosis Awareness Month! A quick history of this significant summer month reads *just like this*:

- In 2008, Congresswoman Allyson Y. Schwartz proclaimed June as National Scoliosis Awareness Month.
- In 2012, thanks to the hard work of the National Scoliosis Foundation and the Scoliosis Research Society (and other committed scoliosis advocates), National Scoliosis Awareness Month was entered into the Congressional Record, and so it became official!
- In 2017, Setting Scoliosis Straight brings Power Over Scoliosis, a free patient education course, to Miami to spread awareness and education amongst Florida's scoliosis community!

So, where will we go next?

# MIAMI COMES TOGETHER TO GIVE BACKS HOPE!

How did hope help shape your scoliosis journey? How will hope shape the lives of scoliosis patients in the future? At Give Backs Hope, we bring patients and their supporters together to raise funds for the research, outreach, and education that will shape--and then reshape--the lives of patients with scoliosis for years to come. This year's guest of honor is Dr. Harry Shufflebarger, whose dedication and innovation have changed the lives of scoliosis patients for more than 50 years. Our Celebrity Spokeswoman, Lindsay Ellingson, will also be there to ensure that Give Backs Hope is a stunning success! If you would like to support this endeavor, visit www.settingscoliosisstraight.org today, and help us give backs hope!

SATURDAY

June 3rd, 2017

#### Location:

The Biltmore, Alhambra Ballroom **Time:** 

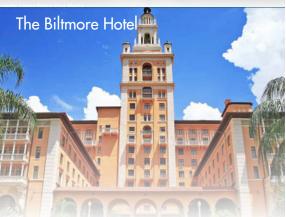
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

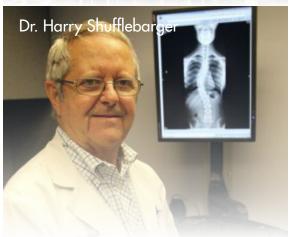
Registration:

\$25 Adults (18+), Kids are FREE

Complimentary Valet Parking









### POWER OVER SCOLIOSIS THEN, NOW, AND WHAT'S NEXT!



In **2016**, we had the first Power Over Scoliosis in Philadelphia. This free course for patients and their parents strengthened ties in the community and shared information between experts, people who had been through the scoliosis journey, and people who were just embarking on their own.

In **2017**, our second annual (and still free) Power Over Scoliosis course in Miami was "sold out" months in advance!

In **2018**, Power Over Scoliosis is coming to San Diego! To find out more about our past event, to sign up as a Miami Power Over Scoliosis volunteer, or to register as a Foundation Family member and get all of the updates for 2018's event, visit www.settingscoliosisstraight.org today!

#### THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING THESE EVENTS SUCH A SUCCESS!





#### Special Thanks to Our 2017 Power Over Scoliosis Sponsors:









**DON'T FORGET!** As a patient volunteer for the **Harms Study Group**, your continued help is essential. Please remember to <u>make all of your scheduled follow-up appointments</u> with your spine surgeon.

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