

WHAT WE DO

Identify and fund new, medically viable treatments for rare childhood brain tumors.

Provide message forums for families of children with cancer to talk with others fighting the same battle and to learn more about these rare types of tumors. Our forums promote open dialogue between parents, doctors, and researchers worldwide in an effort to find a cure.

Develop and distribute educational material to children's hospitals nationwide to be provided to parents of newly diagnosed children.

Compile and store information supplied to us voluntarily by parents of children battling rare cancers pertaining to their child's diagnosis, treatment protocols, results, and other relevant data. Our goal is to isolate trends and patterns in the data in hopes of helping other parents and doctors make the best choices for their children and patients.

HOW WE ARE DIFFERENT (WHY HELP US?)

Efficiency – More of your money goes toward research and education as we pay no salaries, rent, utilities, or lobbyists. Our services and equipment are donated, so expenses are few.

Focus – Our programs focus on the rare types of pediatric tumors that go largely overlooked by the other organizations.

Motivation – We are fresh and energetic! You can take as large or small of a role as you'd like with us. We value your input, and we need YOUR help to make a difference!



CHILDREN'S BRAIN TUMOR
RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Children's Brain Tumor Research Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting and funding research, furthering education, and building awareness about rare, malignant, childhood brain tumors. CBTRF consists of and reaches out to parents of children diagnosed with these rare cancers, doctors, researcher, caregivers, and concerned friends.

We specifically aim to identify, promote, and support research targeted at delivering therapy directly to the affected areas rather than to the entire body, minimizing collateral damage to healthy tissue and organs, and improving the quality of life for survivors.

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Pediatric Brain Tumors



Angel Aiden

Each day in the United States alone, 3 children die from brain and spinal (CNS) tumors and 10 new cases are diagnosed. That's an entire classroom of children diagnosed with CNS tumors every two days!

Cancer is the #1 cause of disease-related death in American children, and brain tumors have the highest mortality rate of all childhood cancers. Yet large cancer organizations such as the American Cancer Society spend less than 70¢ of each \$100 they raise on childhood brain tumor research. More amazingly, less than 3% of government funding for cancer studies goes toward pediatric brain tumor research!

Because brain tumors are located in the control center for thought, memory, sensation, and movement, their effects on a child's physical and cognitive development are devastating. In addition, current chemotherapy drugs poison the developing child's entire body, causing a multitude of after-effects; that is, if the child is fortunate enough to survive.



Angel Hannah

There are over 120 known types of CNS tumors, and pediatric brain tumors are very different than adult tumors, requiring separate research. Only 1 new pediatric chemotherapy drug has been approved in the last 20 years!



Angel Vivienne

For every child diagnosed with AIDS, fifteen children are diagnosed with cancer, yet funding for research is starkly disproportionate: \$595,000 is earmarked for each AIDS victim and only \$20,000 for each cancer victim!

Childhood cancer spares no socio-economic, ethnic, or geographic group. It can, *and does*, happen to families like yours! Just ask the parents of the children in this brochure who have lost their battles with brain tumors.



Angel Jonathan



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