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PBTf Institutes make breakthroughs in medulloblastoma research

The most common form of childhood brain cancer is the subject of two exciting new breakthroughs.

A team led by Dr. Michael Taylor at the PBTf Institute at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto has discovered that there are actually four different sub-types of medulloblastoma, each with distinct demographics, clinical presentation, transcriptional profiles, genetic abnormalities, and clinical outcome.

PBTf funding supported these findings, which help us better understand why not all children respond favorably to current treatment regimens. Doctors can now tailor treatments for each tumor sub-type, and researchers may also be able to develop new targeted therapies.

Those developments will be aided by the recent mapping of the medulloblastoma genome by scientists at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. Researchers from the three PBTf Institutes at Duke University, SickKids, and the University of California San Francisco collaborated on the project, believed to be the first reported genetic "map" of a pediatric cancer genome (Science Express, Dec. 16, 2010).

"These analyses clearly show that genetic changes in pediatric cancers are remarkably different from adult tumors," said Victor Velculescu, M.D., Ph.D.

"We now know what many pieces of the medulloblastoma puzzle are," adds Bert Vogelstein, M.D., Clayton Professor of Oncology and co-director of the Ludwig Center at Johns Hopkins. "Now, we must figure out how to put the puzzle together and zero in on parts of the puzzle to develop new therapies. This is what scientists will be focused on for the next decade."

In other news, two researchers have joined the research team at the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Institute at Duke: Dr Yiping He, formerly a research fellow at Johns Hopkins, and Dr. Oren Becher, formerly of Memorial Sloan Kettering. Duke's PBTf Institute researchers have also begun protocols to develop vaccine studies for medulloblastoma and PNET tumors (see page 3).

Research collaboration continues with help of PBTf-sponsored meeting

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation® (PBTf) has partnered with the Society for Neuro-Oncology to host the second biennial Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Basic and Translational Research Conference, May 19-20, 2011, in New Orleans.

The 2011 meeting will build upon the inaugural conference the PBTf held in Asheville, N.C., in October 2009. Designed to provide a forum for the sharing of ideas and results, the conference will also facilitate the formation of new collaborative research efforts.

Researchers in the field of pediatric neuro-oncology are invited to submit abstracts to the meeting's scientific program committee by Jan. 24, 2011.

Meeting details and the link for abstract submission can be found online at <http://www.soc-neuro-onc.org/en/art/66/>.

About Us

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that seeks to find the cause of and cure for childhood brain tumors. We fund medical research, increase public awareness of the disease, promote early detection and treatment, and offer family support programs.

Federal employees may make donations to the PBTF using CFC #10190. Charity Navigator, the leading guide to charitable giving, has awarded the PBTF its highest possible rating of four stars.



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From the President's Desk

A year of challenges and successes

The American people are wonderfully charitable, and even during a year of economic downturn they did not forget the devastation of the disease of pediatric brain tumors on children and their families.

Like the nation, the PBTF faced many challenges in 2010, but we found the courage and strength to meet them head on. We were supported in our efforts on many fronts.

- Dedicated Ride for Kids® volunteers organized 40 national events that raised \$4.5 million.
- We partnered with radio stations and their listeners to raise over \$230,000 for our most successful radiothon fundraising year yet.
- Additional funding from corporate sponsors, individuals and patient families enabled us to meet our research commitments and to offer meaningful family support programs.

I'm pleased to report that despite economic challenges, we're beginning to see the results of our past years' work coming to fruition.

In 2010 the PBTF Institute at Duke opened two new clinical trials based on research we funded, our Institute at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto made a major breakthrough in medulloblastoma research, and researchers at all three PBTF Institutes contributed to the mapping of the medulloblastoma genome. These things offer hope for new and novel treatments methods to save children's lives.

Hope is also the theme of our family support program, which created two new educational patient resources and awarded 150 new college scholarships in 2010.

We have come through some tough times, but we are stronger and more dedicated than ever to fight against this disease and to support patient families. We thank our volunteers, donors and sponsors for the many successes of 2010, and we look forward to many more in 2011.

Dianne S. Traynor



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In Memoriam

Sadly, we continue to lose children who are dear and close to our hearts. We will not forget them and their families as we continue our fight against this disease.

Gabriella "Gabby" Anderson

April 11, 2006–Oct. 3, 2007

Kyle M. Funke

March 21, 1988–Jan. 24, 2010

LeShauncey Jamar Harris

May 4, 1992–July 18, 2002

Addison Caleigh Stout

July 7, 2010–Aug. 8, 2010

Nicholas Jonathan Weis

June 28, 2000–June 25, 2010

If you would like us to memorialize your child in the *Caring Hand*, please send your child's name, birthday and date of passing to familysupport@pbtfus.org. You can also call our Family Support team at 800-253-6530.

Learn to identify, cope with late effects in new booklet

A late effect is defined as “any damaging effect related to the tumor or treatment that does not resolve after completion of therapy, or any new problem that becomes evident after completion of therapy.” A new PBTF publication, *Basic Facts about Late Effects of Pediatric Brain Tumors and Treatments*, is now available to help survivors and their parents learn more about these issues.

“Our goal with this booklet is to provide parents with the latest understanding of the possible long-term effects of tumors and the treatments for them as they relate to children,” says PBTF Family Support Program Director Pat Korpik.

“Much progress has been made to reduce the negative effects of treatments, but the reality is that children must be monitored long after treatment is finished,” Korpik explains. “Being aware of these issues is another part of making informed decisions about a child’s treatment, and opens up important dialog with the health care team.”

When compared with the immediate effects of a brain tumor, late effects can be more difficult to anticipate and handle. Eight out of 10 childhood brain tumor survivors will experience some type of late effects that will interfere with daily life. Anticipating late effects and learning to recognize them once they begin are increasingly critical skills for health care professionals, parents and survivors.

Surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, bone marrow transplants and stem cell transplants can all do some harm as well as good. All of these treatments can cause late effects, and some areas of the brain are more susceptible to the effects of treatment than others.

The new 16-page publication includes detailed, informative sections that define the various kinds of late effects and identify basic strategies on how to deal with them.

- **Physical** effects include improper bone growth or weakness, dental or jaw difficulties, abnormal growth rates, hearing or vision loss, infertility, balance and movement problems, heart and respiratory issues, the potential for stroke, and even other cancers.
- **Cognitive** effects encompass areas related to learning, such as short- term memory loss, reduction in I.Q. over time, decline in thought-processing speed, shortened attention, difficulty with language, or impulsive behavior.
- **Emotional** effects may include symptoms of depression or anxiety.
- **Social** effects decreased self-esteem, social isolation, and challenges to one’s ability to live independently and hold a job.

Basic Facts about Late Effects of Pediatric Brain Tumors and Treatments, like all PBTF brochures, is free of charge. Place your order online at pbfus.org, or by calling 800-253-6530.



Duke seeks participants for new research study

A new study known as “Re-MATCH” is being conducted at the Brain Tumor Center at Duke University for children for whom the standard treatment for medulloblastoma or PNET tumors has either failed, or who have been diagnosed with a recurrence of their tumor.

The purpose of the new study is to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an anti-tumor vaccine combined with activated tumor-specific white blood cells following high dose chemotherapy and stem cell transplant.

To learn more about the study, please go to pbfus.org or to www.cancer.duke.edu/btc/modules/ClinicalTrials4/index.php?id=98.

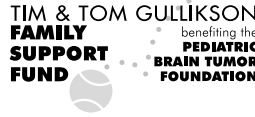
PBTF names 2010-11 college scholarship award recipients

The diagnosis of a brain tumor can devastate a family's finances as well as their emotions. We began our college scholarship program in 2002 to help ease that burden. The first year we had only one applicant, but the numbers have grown steadily each year—more proof that the research we fund is leading to better outcomes for many patients.

Since then, we've offered 788 scholarships to students affected by brain tumors. The recipients of scholarships for the current academic year are listed below.

Program funding is made possible in part by *Cycle World's* Joseph C. Parkhurst Education Fund and by the Tim and Tom Gullikson Family Support Fund at the PBTF.

Scholarship applications for the 2011-12 school year are now available. Go to pbtfus.org or call 800-253-6530 to learn more.



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Amanda A.	University of Missouri-Columbia	Benjamin F.	California State University-Monterey Bay
Adam B.	Upper Iowa University	Amanda G.	St. John Fisher College
Christopher B.	Notre Dame College	Libbie G.	Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame
Kendra B.	Cloud County Community College	Annie G.	Muhlenberg College
David B.	University of Wisconsin-Superior	Eric G.	Maryland Institute College of Art
Crystal B.	Tidewater Community College	Jenna G.	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Tyler B.	Moraine Park Technical College	Dayna G.	Wartburg College
Kelsey B.	Northern Illinois University	Suzanne G.	Indiana University-Indianapolis
Kathryn B.	Western Washington University	Meray G.	Community College of Philadelphia
Lauren B.	Point Loma Nazarene University	Paola H.	Houston Baptist University
Kelly B.	Wittenberg University	Kay H.	Judson University
Kaitlin B.	University of Northern Iowa	Hannah H.	Tri-County Technical College
Jamison B.	Wheelock College	Karina H.	Chamberlain College of Nursing
Patricia B.	Colorado State University	Keith H.	University of Notre Dame
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Chad C.	St. John's University	Audrey L.	Southeastern Louisiana University
Kristina D.	University of Florida	Tia L.	Mt. San Antonio College
Michael D.	Springfield College	Amanda L.	College of St. Joseph
Elisabeth D.	Bellarmino University	Gary L.	Bridgewater State College
Samuel D.	Calhoun Community College	Joshua L.	Anoka Technical College
Meghan D.	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Devin M.	University of Colorado at Boulder
Tyesha D.	San Bernardino Valley College	Katelyn M.	The College of Saint Rose
Rachel D.	Tarleton University	Dianna M.	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Jacob E.	Virginia Tech	Connor M.	Centre College
Mathew E.	University of New Mexico	Calvin M.	Bluegrass Community and Technical College
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Mandie M.	Weber State University	Caitlin R.	Hope College
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Lauren M.	Towson University	Alexa S.	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
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Kayla P.	Nicholls State University	Samuel T.	University of Washington
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Jeremy P.	Washington University in St. Louis	Taylor W.	University of Central Missouri
Bryan P.	Estrella Mountain Community College	Bo W.	University of Pennsylvania
Joshua P.	University of Mississippi	Nathan W.	Louisiana Tech University
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Elizabeth P.	Mount St. Mary's University	Shelby W.	Tarleton State University
Avideh R.	Rhodes College	Diana W.	Spring Hill College
Jessica R.	Pellissippi State Community College	AnnaMaria W.	Appalachian State University
Emily R.	Marymount Manhattan College	Karis W.	Hardin-Simmons University
Kimberli R.	Sinclair Community College	Laura W.	Simmons College
Akeem R.	Johnson and Wales University	Amanda W.	University of New Hampshire

Hope Springs Eternal

Teenage brain tumor survivor becomes 'accidental' optimist

Sometimes people discover that they have a brain tumor quite literally by accident. That's how the story unfolded for PBTF scholarship recipient Chad, who learned of his condition after being taken to the emergency room following a car accident.

"Before being diagnosed with a brain tumor, I was a normal teenager without a care in the world," he explains. "I was doing normal teenager things, having no recollection that the quote, 'don't take life for granted,' would forever affect me the way that it did."

It was a lot for a teen to endure. So, too, was the fact that the first two neurosurgeons his family consulted gave Chad little chance of survival. A third, however, had a different story, promising, in Chad's words, "to do this surgery and make me a normal kid again."

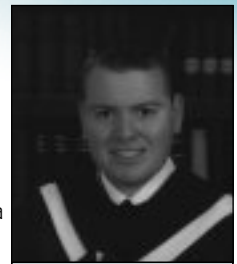
It would not be an easy road, but Chad persevered. He now looks back favorably on that time in his life. "I became more mature and focused on what was most important to me," he says.

Although Chad wanted to graduate on time with his friends, he knew it would be no small feat.

"What I took for granted before was now almost out of my league to do," he says. "I told myself that I have this diagnosis, but it will not be a crutch for me. It is a digression that I must take to continue my life."

Now a college-bound high school graduate, Chad's personal philosophy is proof positive that he is excelling in the school of life.

"Hardships are there for you to beat. If they weren't a challenge, I feel more people wouldn't care about life and what it really means," he notes with wisdom that is well beyond his years. "The last year and a half of my life was hard, but this diagnosis changed with me for the better, and I can say I wouldn't have it any other way."



Chad considers his brain tumor an obstacle to overcome.

Radiothons raise funds, awareness

Radio listeners in the Raleigh, N.C., area gave generously to Bob's Buddies in November, giving \$172,292 to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation® (PBTf). The total included donations, pledges and proceeds from an online auction, as well as funds that came in after the Nov. 24 event.

The 12-hour radiothon, hosted by Bob and the Showgram on G105, also raised awareness about the deadliest form of childhood cancer. Interviews with several young brain tumor patients and their families highlighted the struggles they face in dealing with such a frightening disease.

"Every single penny means the world to [us]," said Elise, whose 3-year-old son, Cooper, is now in treatment. Listeners also heard from Dr. Duane Mitchell of Duke University, who talked about the latest advances in research and therapy.

The cause is close to the heart of host Bob Dumas, who has battled a brain tumor of his own. "How amazing are the people of North Carolina and how thankful are we for their generous giving!" Dumas said. "We're so proud to be a part of the PBTf family."

The donors included a pair of fourth graders who asked for Bob's Buddies donations in lieu of birthday gifts. They raised more than \$1,700 in memory of their late classmate, Nicholas Weis. Another contributor was brain tumor survivor Valarie Asadian, whose "Push the Pace" fundraiser brought in \$3,600.

The week before the radiothon, Bob and the Showgram featured Bob's Buddies as the theme of their float in Raleigh's Christmas parade. The televised event was seen by an estimated 60,000 attendees and 250,000 viewers.

Many sponsors contributed to the success of Bob's Buddies. Thanks go to Bojangles' Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits, Sweet Tomatoes, Moe's Southwest Grill, Coldstone Creamery, Jason's Deli, Bean Street Coffee Company, Aéropostale of Triangle Town Center, ATCOM and Windstream Communications.

The PBTf's radiothon program raised over \$230,000 in 2010. Our next events are in February 2011 in West Palm Beach, Fla., and Phoenix.



Bob's Buddies is a joint effort between the staff of G105 and the PBTf, brain tumor patients and their families, and community volunteers.

A tribute to David Bailey

David Bailey was undeniably special. His music was poetry for the soul, its soothing, rhythmic cadence a powerful reminder that when humans follow their true talent, it leaves a lasting impression.

But there was something else about Bailey that made him a rare man indeed. When doctors discovered a baseball-sized tumor in his brain in 1996, they gave him six months. He lived for 14 years.

David devoted that time to pursuing a music career and becoming an ambassador for brain tumor research. PBTf President Dianne Traynor once had the good fortune of hosting him overnight as he toured the country to share his music and life story with others.

"When David came to Asheville many years ago when he was just starting his career, it was wonderful to hear him share about his journey and where he wanted to go, and then we watched him take his message of hope around the world," Traynor recalls.

"David's willingness to speak out on behalf of brain tumor survivors made a tremendous difference to their quality of life," she continues. "Even though he was diagnosed as an adult, his message held inspiration for everyone."



David Bailey's music and survivorship brought hope to brain tumor patients around the world.

Liaisons help families connect at Ride for Kids®

When patient families attend a Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation® (PBTF) Ride for Kids® event, a very special volunteer greets them, arranges for them to participate in the ride, and introduces them to other families. We call this person the patient family liaison, or PFL.

Because Ride for Kids® events are all about family support, we train our PFLs to interact compassionately with families whose children are recovering from their treatment and may have significant disabilities, or with families who have lost a loved one to a brain tumor.

While the PFL is coordinating with the PBTF to determine how many families will attend the day of the event and to plan for their participation prior to their arrival, local task force leaders are busy recruiting motorcycle sidecar escorts. These escorts make it possible for families to ride safely in the event. We do our best to pair every sidecar operator with a star or family member, although this cannot be guaranteed. These bikes lead each Ride for Kids® procession.

Throughout the process of planning and staging a Ride for Kids® event, liaisons work closely with the PBTF's family support team. They receive formal training before the event and, in turn, they recruit and train volunteers (age 21 or older) to assist with day-of-event family registration.

There is much to be done before, during and after each event, so PFLs don't ride. Yet the rewards are many, including watching Ride for Kids® stars climb out of a sidecar with smiles so big they could light the sky.



Patient family liaisons and PBTF staff members like Shelley Pressley (above left, with Triangle Area star Amelia) assist families at Ride for Kids® events.

PBTF salutes the medical community

Hearing from medical professionals who work with pediatric brain tumor patients is a key component of the Celebration of Life program at Ride for Kids® events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those doctors, nurses and social workers who spoke at our rides in 2010. Their messages of hope and gratitude touched the hearts of everyone in attendance.

- Dr. Laurie Ackerman, Riley Hospital (Indianapolis)
- Dr. Larry Bates, St. Francis Medical Group (Indianapolis)
- Dr. Jonathan Bernstein, Sunrise Hospital (Las Vegas)
- Dr. Daniel Bowers, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School (Dallas/Fort Worth)
- Dr. Arthur Braunwell, Immediate Medical Care on Long Beach Island (Philadelphia)
- Dr. Scott Cyrus, South Crest Hospital (Oklahoma)
- Dr. Anat Epstein, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles (Los Angeles)
- Dr. Michael Etlz, Phoenix's Children's Hospital (Phoenix)
- Dr. Jason Fangusaro, Children's Memorial Hospital (Chicagoland)
- Dr. Nicholas Foreman, Children's Hospital in Denver (Colorado)
- Dr. Debra Friedman, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center (Middle Tennessee)
- Dr. James Garvin, New York Presbyterian, the University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell (Hudson Valley)
- Dr. Gerald Grant, PBTF Institute at Duke (Asheville)
- Dr. Albert Kherdapour, Loma Linda University Medical Center (Southern California)
- Dr. Claire Mazewski, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Atlanta)
- Dr. Joe Neglia, University of Minnesota Children's Hospital (Minnesota)
- Dr. Randal Olshefski, Nationwide Children's Hospital (Marysville)
- Dr. Roger Packer, Children's National Medical Center (Baltimore/Washington)
- Dr. Raymond Pais, East Tennessee Children's Hospital (Knoxville)
- Dr. Gerald Plautz, Cleveland Clinic Hospitals (Cleveland)
- Dr. Diane M. Puccetti, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (Wisconsin)
- Dr. Joshua Rubin, Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis)
- Dr. Joann Sanders, Cook Children's Hospital (Dallas/Fort Worth)
- Dr. Anne Schaefer, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital (South Florida)
- Dr. Richard Shore, Children's Mercy Hospital (Kansas City)
- Dr. Stacie Stapleton, All Children's Hospital (Tampa Bay)
- Lyn Stevens, St. Anthony Memorial Health Center (South Bend, Indiana)
- Dr. Nicole Ullrich, Children's Hospital in Boston (New England)
- Dr. Robert Wechsler-Reya, PBTF Institute at Duke (Triangle Area)
- Jessica Wiggins, University of New Mexico Children's Hospital (Albuquerque)
- Dr. Johannes Wolff, Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (Houston)

Ride for Kids® program serves brain tumor community nationwide

Ride for Kids® events raised over \$4.5 million for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation® in 2010. Those funds will support cutting-edge medical research as well as programs that help families cope with the diagnosis of a child's brain tumor.

Patient families are always welcome at Ride for Kids®. Our events provide support by bringing together survivors and family members at all stages of the brain tumor journey. They also offer a day of fun and excitement in a safe, family-friendly environment.

There is no charge to participate in our events. Survivors, siblings, parents and grandparents are welcome to ride as passengers or on their own motorcycles. Children with brain tumors are the Ride for Kids® "stars" at each event, and get the chance to share their story with ride attendees.

Below are recaps of many of our 2010 events. To learn more or to register for one of our rides, call 800-253-6530 or e-mail familysupport@pbtfus.org. The 2011 event schedule is on page 15, and more details are available at rideforkids.org.

South Bend steps up

Over 350 motorcyclists, fundraisers, volunteers and families turned out for the eighth South Bend Ride for Kids®, which raised \$71,866. Nine survivors rode in the July 11 event, including 6-year-old Carrie.

Her mom, Katrina, told the riders that their support goes a long way. "This disease tears families apart," she said. "Thank you so much for all you do to help us."

Added nurse practitioner Lyn Stevens of St. Anthony Memorial Health Center in Michigan City, Ind., who is also a brain tumor survivor, "There is always a silver lining in a gray cloud and you are it."



Star Carrie (right) and her brother get ready for a thrilling sidecar ride.



Chicagoland's stars proudly display the amount raised for research and family support.

Minnesota shows support

In White Bear Lake, Minn., more than 200 motorcyclists and supporters attended the area's 18th Ride for Kids®, which raised \$47,965.

The uplifting Celebration of Life program featured seven Ride for Kids® "stars," including 4-year-old Domenick and long-term survivor Jewell. Each child's story provided a glimpse of the many different sides of the brain tumor journey.

Said Dr. Joe Neglia of the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital, "New treatments are on the horizon...but this type of research costs lots of money, so you have to keep telling your friends and filling up tents like this one."



Brain tumor survivor Josh approves of the Minnesota ride on July 18.

Above & beyond in Chicagoland

Both temperatures and generosity exceeded expectations at the 22nd Chicagoland Ride for Kids® on July 18. More than 1,000 motorcyclists and supporters brought \$253,165 for the PBTf.

Among the honored guests for the day's festivities at Elgin Community College were 16 young brain tumor survivors, including PBTf college scholarship recipients Kylie and Melanie, who thanked the crowd for their continued support.

Dr. Jason Fangusaro of Children's Memorial Hospital told those present, "What all of you do here today helps all of these families on their very difficult journey."

Lucky 13 greets Utica

July 18 turned out to be a very lucky day for riders at the 13th Utica Ride for Kids®. The event enjoyed another record-breaking year, this time raising \$109,826, an 8 percent increase over the year before.



Mackenzie makes a new canine friend in Utica.

Over 500 people assembled at the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department before a scenic ride through the Adirondack foothills and on to Old Forge Pavilion in the Town of Webb.

Nine brain tumor survivors and their families shared their stories of hope during the post-ride Celebration of Life program. A beaming Cassandra, who has attended nine rides, told the crowd she "wouldn't miss it for the world."

Marysville revs up

Over 200 enthusiastic supporters at Marysville, Ohio's 19th Ride for Kids® raised \$70,560 on July 24.

This year's ride left from Miracle-Gro headquarters for a tour of Union County's back roads before returning to honor local brain tumor survivors Jason, Seth, Erin, Jared, Robert and Caitlin, a PBTF scholarship recipient.

Pediatric oncologist Dr. Randal Olshefski of Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus compared the fight against childhood cancer to the Tour de France. "The researchers are the main riders trying to get to the summit, the research assistants are the team riders and the fundraisers are the backbone that keeps the team going," he said.



Caitlyn (right) puts a smile on Erin's face in Marysville.

Kansas City shows heart

It was hot and muggy on July 25 for the seventh Kansas City Ride for Kids®, but that didn't stop the crowd of 200 from contributing \$39,050 to the PBTF.

Nine local brain tumor survivors attended the event at Overland Park's Johnson Community College. Many of them were sidecar passengers on the ride through



Kansas City celebrates the lives of these star survivors.

Park, past beautiful horse farms and historic homesteads, and around Lake Olathe.

Afterward, participants gathered for the Celebration of Life program to show support for kids like Noah. The 9-year-old touched many when he said, "Thank you all, riders. We appreciate you and hope you will come back next year."

Hudson Valley marks 18th

Ride for Kids® has enjoyed strong support from Hudson Valley motorcyclists for 18 years. Over 500 people came to the Aug. 1 event, which raised \$95,124.

Five patient families joined the ride on a beautiful sunny morning, touring the scenic byways of the Catskills before returning to Central Valley Elementary School for the Celebration of Life.



These young people embody the spirit of survival in Hudson Valley.

"With research you see all of the red lights, but seeing how hard all of you work makes us zip through the red lights to find the cure to this horrible disease," said Dr. James Garvin of New York Presbyterian, the University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell.

Riding strong in Wisconsin

Blue skies and sunshine greeted more than 400 riders and other supporters at the seventh Wisconsin Ride for Kids® on Aug. 1, which raised \$103,446 for the PBTF.



Tyler and his parents enjoy the Wisconsin event.

Twelve local brain tumor stars, six of whom are PBTF college scholarship recipients, enjoyed a two-hour ride through scenic farmland before returning to Fireman's Park in Middleton for the Celebration of Life program.

Richard, the father of "star" Lauren, told the audience, "We didn't expect the care and generosity of strangers who give up their time to be here. We look forward to seeing all of you next year."

Pittsburgh shines in 2010

Motorcyclists at the 10th Pittsburgh Ride for Kids® on Aug. 8 brought \$55,574 in donations for the PBTF.

The ride from Home Depot in Cranberry Township to Slippery Rock University wound through hilly roads with views of Lake Arthur and Moraine State Park. Later, nine Ride for Kids® stars and their families shared their stories.

Said Zachary's mom, Heidi, "What I find so amazing is when we are out of options, the doctors keep coming up with new options for us because of your support. Zachary is our gift and we love to share him with all of you."



Fundraisers in Pittsburgh are making a difference to these children.

Utah celebrates year 6

Saturday, Aug. 14 was a gorgeous day in the Wasatch Mountains, especially at the sixth Utah Ride for Kids®.



These riders eagerly anticipate their trip through the Wasatch Mountains.

The ride, which raised \$35,818, began at This is the Place Heritage Park in Salt Lake City and ascended into the mountains with spectacular views in all directions. Eleven brain tumor survivors, including two PBTF college scholarship recipients, told their stories of hope at the end point in Morgan City.

Jim's mother, Melody, thanked the motorcyclists: "When our son was diagnosed, his chance of survival was 14 percent. His five-year chance of survival is now 75 percent thanks to new treatment options."

One dollar at a time in New England

The 13th New England Ride for Kids® launched from a new start point in Fiskdale, Mass., on Aug. 15, and riders from throughout the region raised \$36,002 for the PBTF.

Tantasqua Regional High School hosted the event on a warm, overcast morning. Stars Caitlyn, Kelley and Ryen were joined by PBTF college scholarship recipient An for the ride and Celebration of Life program.

"With the economy the way it is, every dollar you raise is even more important," said Dr. Nicole Ullrich, a neuro-oncologist at Children's Hospital in Boston. "Your dollar could be the one that finds the cure."



Kelly's smile lights up New England.

Hometown ride is No. 450

The PBTF's national headquarters is in Asheville, N.C., so it was fitting that the 450th Ride for Kids® took place in the beautiful Blue Ridge mountain city on Aug. 29. The 630 participants brought \$117,822 in donations.



Matthew, Julia and Seth are PBTF college scholarship recipients.

"There's a huge difference between surviving a brain tumor and thriving after a brain tumor, and it's what you all do that allows me to thrive," said Julia, a PBTF college scholarship recipient who was one of seven brain tumor survivors present.

"Your support has been unbelievable," said Dr. Gerald Grant, a pediatric neurosurgeon at Duke University Children's Hospital.

Michigan tops \$62,000

Also on Aug. 29, the 19th Michigan Ride for Kids® rolled in Ann Arbor. More than 300 motorcyclists and supporters brought \$62,147 for the PBTF.

Participants met at Washtenaw Community College on a beautiful, clear morning. Survivors Zachary, Katie, Lee Ann, and PBTF college scholarship recipient Ruth spoke at the Celebration of Life.

Katie's father, Rob, spoke from a parent's perspective. "These kids are my heroes," he said. "The days here with you guys are the good days, but the ones with Katie at the hospital are the bad ones. We all need to work together to make all her days good days."



Andrew's enthusiasm is contagious in Michigan.

Birmingham brings smiles

On Sept. 12, bright, sunny skies greeted 465 participants at the ninth Birmingham Ride for Kids®, which raised \$74,906 for the PBTF's medical research and family support efforts.

The motorcyclists rode in honor of seven local survivors: Matt, Bayleigh, Karissa, Molly, Michael, Zack and Xavian. They were treated to a lap around the world-class Barber Motorsports Park, followed by an uplifting Celebration of Life program.

Karissa's mother, Laurie, told the riders that her daughter "is in a treatment program that only exists because of funding provided by people like all of you here today."



Star Karissa (left) and her sister are disguised as butterflies in Birmingham.

Indianapolis on fast track

Indianapolis Ride for Kids® participants got the thrill of a lifetime on Sept. 12, taking a lap around the world-famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway during their event. The 175 attendees raised \$27,781 for the PBTF.



Indianapolis is home to stars of all ages.

Seven local brain tumor survivors—Hannah, Sara, Lillian, Emily, Lisa, Audrey and PBTF scholarship recipient Juliana—led the ride.

Beth, mother of 4-year-old Lillian, said: "Today you made this day shine for our children, and you give them and us hope for the future."

Neurosurgeon Laurie Ackerman of Riley Hospital and oncologist Larry Bates of the St. Francis Medical Group also thanked the riders.

Puget Sound pumps it up

Rounding out the three-event weekend on Sept. 12, motorcyclists from around the Pacific Northwest gathered for the 18th Puget Sound Ride for Kids®.

They raised \$112,770, a 25 percent increase over 2009.

Rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd at Remlinger Farms in Carnation, Wash. Everyone stayed after the ride to hear from 10 local brain tumor survivors and their families.

Said Kris, whose son Brandon succumbed to his illness, "[You] gave me the greatest gift...seven more years with my son."

The crowd also heard from oncologist Bill Thomas of Mary Bridge Children's Health Center.



Puget Sound's rain is no match for Evie's smile.



Aiden gives the Philadelphia event a thumbs up.

Doing it right in Philly

Motorcyclists outdid themselves at the sixth Philadelphia Ride for Kids® on Sept. 19, bringing \$130,042 to the event—7 percent more than the year before.

The crowd of 485 at the IMAX Theatre at King of Prussia Mall included 13 Ride

for Kids® stars. "You all give us life," said Jared after the ride. "This program has let me know that I'm not alone, and knowing that has given me the hope and strength to live life to the fullest."

Said Jared's stepfather, Dr. Arthur Braunwell, "Research is really the key and you help make that happen."

Big win in St. Louis

St. Louis spirits were high on Sept. 19, when over 100 riders and supporters brought \$109,260 to the city's ninth Ride for Kids®. This was a 33 percent increase over the 2009 event.

The crowd met at St. Charles Community College in Cottleville before the morning's ride through the lush green Missouri countryside. The ride honored 13 local brain tumor survivors: Ashleigh, Brian, Hope, Adam, Isabelle, Zachary, Joshua, Challia, Courtney, Daniel, Amanda, Issa and Josh.



Mark Muhlenfeld interviews (from left) Hope and Ashleigh in St. Louis.

Dr. Joshua Rubin, an oncologist from Washington University School of Medicine, reminded those in attendance that the PBTF is funding promising research.

Fun in Baltimore-Washington

Riders rolled into the 19th Baltimore-Washington Ride for Kids® on Sept. 26 with \$248,051 in donations for the PBTF.

A new location, the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Md., hosted the 450 motorcyclists and supporters as they cheered for brain tumor survivors Maggie, Bobby, Teodora, Shelby, Olivia, Paige, Nick and Ethan.

Dr. Roger Packer of Children's National Medical Center, a member of the PBTF's Scientific



A big check equals big smiles in Ellicott City.

Advisory Board, told the group about research advances. "We're getting to a point where we can personalize brain tumor treatment," he said. "We're trying to make life better for these stars so they can reach their life goals."

Texans top \$130,000

Riders in Dallas/Fort Worth brought \$131,206 to the eighth Ride for Kids® on Oct. 3.

The riders enjoyed a relaxing rural route, passing many horse ranches along the way before returning for the Celebration of Life program to hear stories of inspiration from survivors Cristina, Cassie, Kami, Summer, Josephine, Dani, Benjamin, Autumn, John Henry, Ethan, Rebecca and scholarship recipients Nora and Rachel.



These survivors are the reason motorcyclists ride with us in Grapevine.

"Children are continuing to struggle with the side effects and that's not good enough," said Dr. Dan Bowers, director of the childhood brain tumor program at Children's Medical Center in Dallas. "We must find a cure. Together we will."

Vegas draws big crowd

The Las Vegas Motor Speedway played host to over 400 participants at the area's sixth Ride for Kids® event on Oct. 3, raising \$49,916 for the PBTF.



Biker bears are a hit with Las Vegas star Bradley and his sister.

A crowd of 400 turned out to show their love and support for eight local brain tumor survivors—Cheyenne, Devin, Bradley, Nicole, Hannah, Alex, Brandon and Nico. Many of these "stars" joined the ride for a lap around the speedway before heading off to a new end point at Mountain Crest Park.

Following the ride, participants heard more from these special children at the emotional Celebration of Life program. Dr. Jonathan Bernstein, a pediatric oncologist at Sunrise Hospital was also on hand, thanking the crowd and the PBTF for supporting research.

Northern California celebrates

The 18th Northern California Ride for Kids® on Oct. 3 garnered \$100,525 in donations.

Starting off from Solano Community College, the ride passed vineyards, crystal blue lakes, rivers, mountains and farms. Nine brain tumor survivors—Elias, Darren, Reiana, Malcolm, Richey, Vanessa, Jalen, Mario and Tobin—spoke to the 300 participants.



Lilyana shines at the ride in Fairfield.

"Thank you riders for all your hard work and donating money for this cause," 12-year-old Malcolm said. "It will help kids in the future." Said his mother, Leslie, "You don't know from day to day what normal is going to be," she said. "Malcolm's normal is better than most thanks to Ride for Kids."

10 years in Knoxville

Oct. 17 was a gorgeous fall day in Knoxville, which celebrated its 10th Ride for Kids® by raising \$30,887 for the PBTF.

Departing near the tail waters of Norris Dam, participants enjoyed some of the most beautiful roads in eastern Tennessee.

The post-ride program celebrated the accomplishments of brain tumor survivors Jimmy, Jessica S., Hannah, and Jessica Q., a PBTF scholarship recipient.

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Tracey (right) tells motorcyclists about her daughter Hannah's brain tumor.

"Your support is very uplifting," she told the crowd. "I suffer from short-term memory loss and I struggle in college, but I'm proving a lot of people wrong and giving up is not an option."

Arizona champions the cause

Arizona motorcyclists have been riding for the kids for 14 years, and on Oct. 17 they brought \$46,345 in contributions to the PBTF.

Over 300 participants gathered for event that morning at Mesa's Desert Ridge High School. Among those on honored at the post-ride Celebration of Life were brain tumor survivors Gaites, Rosa, Keegan, Emily, Alan, Leslie, Megan and Sabrina, along with PBTF scholarship recipient Nikki.



Phoenix's Celebration of Life ends on a high note.

Doctors like Michael Etlz of Phoenix Children's Hospital are working hard to improve that productivity for kids with brain tumors. He told the crowd that the PBTF "has blossomed into a powerhouse funding research."

San Diego honors heroes

The 200 participants at the sixth San Diego Ride for Kids® on Oct. 17 didn't let overcast skies stop them from turning in \$49,094 for the PBTF.

Departing from Mira Costa College in Cardiff, riders enjoyed incredible views along oceanfront beaches and lush valleys. Nine stars led the ride: Leo, Amanda, Lauren, Michelle, David, Steven, Claire, Danny and Alyssa.

Michelle, the first PBTF scholarship recipient to graduate from college, inspired the audience with her remarks. "You're the heroes behind the scenes for better medicines that cause less harm to us. Times are hard but you are still here."



David and his mom, Miriam, whoop with joy as their fundraising efforts are recognized in San Diego.

Louisiana takes pride

The eighth Louisiana Ride for Kids® raised \$31,214 for family support and research on Oct. 25 in Lafayette.

A warm fall day awaited over 130 riders and supporters, who gathered at SLEMCO headquarters for a ride through the scenic bayou country.

The inspiring Celebration of Life program honored children with brain tumors. Jon, the father of a child who lost his battle, spoke for many patient families when he said: "Because of the [PBTF], my son was able to make it another six years. [They] aren't just looking for a cure, but also for better treatments for a better quality of life."



Volunteer ride organizers have a lot to smile about in Louisiana.

2010 season ends in Tampa Bay

The Tampa Bay Area Ride for Kids® event closed out the 2010 season on Nov. 7. Participants contributed \$48,452 in donations.

The cold, windy morning did not mar the enthusiasm of those gathered at the Walter Heinrich Training Center in Lithia. Among them were six local brain tumor survivors, who led the procession through Florida's beautiful citrus groves and ranch lands.

"I see firsthand what happens with your money and the benefits to the kids," Dr. Stacie Stapelton, director of pediatric neuro-oncology at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, told the crowd of 300. "I appreciate you every day."



Tampa Bay's event featured bright stars and sunny skies.

Personalized tribute cards now available to donors

Donors wishing to honor or remember loved ones through online donations can now request a personalized tribute card that will be sent to the recipient of your choice. The card announces your gift to the PBTf and includes your name and mailing address. This is a meaningful way to honor a friend, a loved one or even to celebrate a special event. We gratefully accept online donations in any amount up to \$5,000. You may also print out and mail a donation form with your payment. To donate online, please visit our website at pbtfus.org. Printable donation forms are available at <http://www.pbtfus.org/help/donationform-hon-mem.pdf>.



2011 SCHEDULE

April 3	South Florida
April 9	Northeast Florida*
April 17	Southern California**
May 1	Houston, TX
	Triangle Area, NC
May 15	Los Angeles, CA
	Middle Tennessee
May 22	Oklahoma
June 5	Albuquerque, NM
	Atlanta, GA
	Cleveland, OH
	Richmond, VA
June 12	Colorado
July 10	Kansas City, KS
	Northern Indiana
July 17	Chicagoland, IL
	Minnesota
	Utica, NY
July 23	Marysville, OH*
July 31	Knoxville, TN
Aug. 7	Hudson Valley, NY
	Pittsburgh, PA
	Wisconsin
Aug. 13	Utah*
Aug. 21	New England
Aug. 28	Asheville, NC
	Michigan***
Sept. 11	Birmingham, AL
	Indianapolis, IN
	Puget Sound, WA
Sept. 18	Philadelphia, PA
	St. Louis, MO
Sept. 25	Baltimore/Washington, DC
Oct. 2	Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
	Las Vegas, NV
	Northern California
Oct. 16	Phoenix, AZ
	San Diego, CA
Oct. 23	Louisiana
Nov. 6	Tampa Bay Area

* **Saturday event**
 ** **Dual sport event**
 *** **Road ride/dual sport**

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