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Active grants & programs in 2005

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's primary mission is to fund medical research into the cause and cure of childhood brain tumors. With guidance from our highly skilled Scientific Advisory Board, we choose to fund promising research projects around the world. No matter where a discovery is made, it will benefit children of all nations.

Scientists in the United States, Canada and Australia conducted research associated with the PBTF in 2005. Grants being funded in 2005 represent a commitment by the PBTF of more than \$8 million in research dollars.

Those dollars include research grants totaling \$2.25 million for three pre-Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Institute grants at the University of San Francisco, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, and the Hospital for Sick Children; two basic research grants to the Baylor College of Medicine and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and our ongoing financial commitment to the PBTF Institute at Duke University.

The new grants will enable researchers at these institutions to collaborate to generate scientific knowledge of pediatric brain tumors that will bring about innovative and less invasive clinical treatments. (For more details, see page 3.)

PBTF Institute at Duke

Director: Darell Bigner, M.D., Ph.D.

Project 1: Establishment of Cell Lines, Xenografts and Monoclonal Antibodies, Darell Bigner, M.D., Ph.D.

Project 2: Serial Analysis of Gene Expression of Childhood Brain Tumors, Hai Yan, M.D., Ph.D.

Project 3: Altered Signal Transduction, Pathways and Small Molecule Inhibitors, Jeremy Rich, M.D.

Project 4: Gene and Radiotherapy, Michael Zalutsky, Ph.D.

Project 5: Definition of Non-AGT/DNA Mismatch Repair Deficiency Mechanisms of Resistance to Temozolomide, Henry Friedman, M.D.

Project 6: Fibro Growth Factor as a Therapy for Medulloblastoma, Rob Wechsler-Reya, Ph.D.

Project 7: Investigational New Drug and Reagent Preparation Core, Michael Granger, Ph.D.

Project 8: Tissue Bank Core, Roger McLendon, M.D.

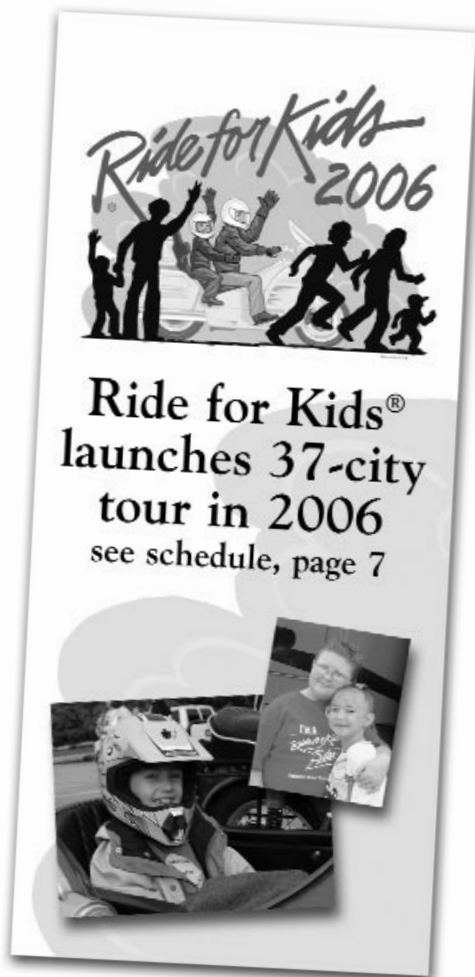
Project 9: Pilot Project Core, Darell Bigner, M.D., Ph.D.

PBTF Institute Awards

University of California at San Francisco, Program on Pediatric Brain Tumor Biology and Therapeutics, Mitchel S. Berger, M.D., Principal Investigator.

Certain types of pediatric brain tumors, brainstem glioma and medulloblastoma in particular, are associated with poor outcomes. This research proposal from UCSF includes five projects that address these problems using new approaches.

Project 1 focuses on the developmental origin of brainstem gliomas with the overall aim of identifying stem cells within the brainstem that may cause malignant gliomas.



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Project 2 will grow pediatric brain tumors directly in a hosts. This approach facilitates a detailed characterization of these tumors, as well as providing a resource for other projects.

Project 3 explores the role of specific oncogene, NMYC, that is important for the development of medulloblastoma. This project will also study the effect of an exciting new family of agents that target this oncogene.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



*Where are we going,
will we ever get there?*

On a wall in my home I have a small picture of a 4-year-old boy wearing a big grin with no hair on his head and a gleam in his eye that says, "I am going to make it!"

I see it every morning when I start my day in prayer and I am reminded of why I do what I do, where I am going and what will be there when I arrive. This little tiger is named Ethan, and the photo is a gift from him. It has a handmade frame around his impish smile that he crafted when he was in the hospital for his final tour with the volatile insult to his body that his chemo gave him. That caustic treatment saved his life, along with the radiation he was bombarded with, and the incredible love of a brave mother and father and excellent medical care he received.

When I arrive at my office refreshed from riding to work on my motorcycle, I am met by the charming and graceful smile of a 12-year-old young lady named Meredith, whose mere photographic image lifts me up as I recall the aura that surrounded her life while she bravely fought her brain tumor. Just seeing her picture fills me with a sense of purpose and an assuredness that I am using my life in the best possible way.

If you are reading this then you are one of those people who is helping us honor the life and courage of Meredith while you ensure that Ethan will one day make his mark in the world as a brain tumor survivor. Both you and I can take immense comfort in knowing that as we work to support the Ride for Kids® this year we are giving of ourselves in a way that would make Meredith very proud of us and that Ethan is very grateful to us for.

There is only one way that we can make all of this impossible dream come true, and that is by our continuing to band together to raise the funds necessary to fuel the research the children so desperately need. During the past 23 years of running the Ride for Kids® program and the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, we have learned a great deal about how to achieve the best results in research. Our reward has been seeing 88 young men and women attend college on our scholarships this year and the beginning of three pre-Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Institutes (PBTFI) to join the successful work we are seeing at the PBTFI at Duke.

Yes, we do know where we are going, and we see continual evidence that we will most assuredly reach our destination. That is happening because of you and your dedication to the dreams of all the children we serve. I look forward to seeing you at a Ride for Kids® event this year to fulfill those dreams!

Godspeed, Meredith!
Mike Traynor

Promise of the future: Collaborations in pediatric brain tumor research

by Dianne Traynor

As our executive director, Aggie Alexander, says, "Even one child diagnosed with a brain tumor is one child too many." It is with that attitude that the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation funds research.

We've always tried to "think outside the box" when it comes to finding new ways to support pediatric brain tumor research. In 1992 we pledged to financially support the establishment of the Central Brain Tumor Registry and made it our goal to encourage basic science researchers to focus on pediatric brain tumors, as well as adult brain tumors.

PBTF also answered the request of pediatric neuro-oncologists to support clinical trials research and responded to a request from the Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium (PBTC) with funds to establish the PBTC virtual Neuro-Imaging Center. We were one of the first to fund quality of life studies for pediatric brain tumor survivors, and we provided a founding grant to the Society of Neuro-Oncology to start the medical journal *Neuro-Oncology*.

In 2001, after consultation with our Scientific Advisory Board and the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the PBTF decided to fund a \$1.25 million, five-year research grant for pediatric brain tumors.

It was with an eye to the future that we then committed to encouraging collaborative research efforts for pediatric brain tumor research. In 2003, we granted \$6 million to start the first Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Institute at Duke University, with multiple research projects and collaborative efforts with researchers in the United States, the United Kingdom and Germany.

At the time, we announced our intention to expand this PBTF Institute initiative so that additional research collaborations could be formed. That opportunity came in 2005, when we committed a total of \$900,000, over three years, to support three pre-PBTF Institutes at the University of California at San Francisco, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. We also funded \$100,000 in basic research grants at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Texas Children's Hospital, gave \$1 million to the PBTFI at Duke, and supported various brain tumor research meetings, grants and research awards, as well. □

Dianne Traynor is a founder of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and serves as its director of research funding and advocacy.



About the PBTF



PEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOR FOUNDATION
cure the kids

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

- find the cause and the cure of childhood brain tumors through the support of medical research
- increase public awareness about the severity and prevalence of childhood brain tumors
- aid in early detection and treatment of childhood brain tumors
- support a national database on all primary brain tumors
- provide hope and emotional support for the thousands of children and families affected by this life-threatening disease.



If you are a federal employee, you can make a donation to the PBTF through the Combined Federal Campaign using CFC #2925. Charity Navigator, the leading guide to charitable giving, gives the PBTF four stars, its highest possible rating. □

Grants & programs

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Project 4 will study medulloblastoma using a number of new techniques that allow the entire genome to be analyzed. Also, a technique called siRNA inhibition will be used to turn off specific genes that may drive tumor growth.

Project 5 will study two new strategies convection-enhanced delivery and intra-nasal delivery, to directly place chemotherapy drugs into the brainstem. Finally, these projects will be supported through an Administrative Core and a Pediatric Brain Tumor Bank.

Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, Biology and Therapy of Pediatric Brain Tumors: Saving Lives, Saving Neurons, Robert C. Seeger, M.D., Principal Investigator.

Biology and Therapy of Pediatric Brain Tumors: Saving Lives, Saving Neurons is based on the idea that improvement in survival and quality of life for children with brain tumors will come from a better understanding of the these tumors. The research focuses on tumors diagnosed before ten years of age.

Project 1 determines the “molecular portrait” of medulloblastomas to discover genes that are important in cancer behavior and that may be targets for treatment. Project 2 investigates how medulloblastomas and gliomas create new blood vessels, which allow tumors to grow, and develops treatments to kill blood vessels to shrink tumors.

Project 3 studies how cells of the immune system called natural killer T cells (NKT) can be used to treat gliomas. Project 4 tests anti-cancer drugs for activity against childhood brain tumors using a

laboratory-based test system that can determine the best way to combine different drugs.

Project 5 images brain stem gliomas in patients to obtain information for developing and evaluating new therapies. These studies will advance knowledge about childhood brain tumors and will lead to more effective diagnosis, classification, and treatment.

Hospital for Sick Children, James T. Rutka, M.D., Ph.D., Principal Investigator.

In the past, the limited number of genes identified as important in the pathogenesis of medulloblastoma have been identified using a candidate gene approach. We hypothesize that recently developed techniques in genomics and molecular genetics will allow us to identify novel oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes not previously suspected as playing a role in the etiology of medulloblastoma. Identification of the key genetic events in the initiation, maintenance and progression of medulloblastoma will allow for the rational design of targeted therapeutic strategies.

2005 Basic Research Awards

Baylor College of Medicine, Adoptive Immunotherapy for Medulloblastoma with EfbB2-specific T cells, Stephen Gottschalk, M.D.

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Identification of Genes Involved in Medulloblastoma, Martine F. Roussel, Ph.D.

2005 Translational Research Project Grant

Darell Bigner, M.D., Ph.D., Duke University Medical Center

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Research grants inspire RFK participants

“I’m extraordinarily proud to support the work of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation through the Ride for Kids program. This research grant is proof that fundraising really does make a difference in the lives of children with brain tumors.”

– Rick Case, owner of Rick Case Honda Powersports, Davie, FL

“I attended my first task force leaders training meeting in California with my 2003 co-task force leader, Larry Morrison. I will never forget saying to him, ‘What am I doing here?’ I remember listening to Dr. [Darell] Bigner and meeting the children, and I felt in that moment a compelling connection to the cause and the children. When I was given a memory card for Maryann Sluder—a singing little angel who danced her way into heaven—she became my driving force; I placed it in the plastic sleeve of my notebook cover, where it remains today. Now, I no longer think this is a tough job. I have had so many more ‘defining moments’ along the way, and each one is a blessing. The PBTF’s research grants are vital to the future of our other Ride for Kids® stars.”

– Vicky Harding, Kansas City
Ride for Kids® Task Force Co-Leader

Ride for Kids® supports \$2.25 million in new research grants

Research into the deadliest type of childhood cancer received a significant boost in 2005 from the PBTF, which awarded research grants totaling \$2.25 million. Pre-Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Institute grants went to researchers at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), Childrens Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA), and the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) in Toronto, Canada. Basic research grants were also awarded to Baylor University College of Medicine and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

The UCSF, CHLA and SickKids pre-PBTF Institute grants join the foundation’s ongoing financial commitment to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Institute at Duke University, directed by Darell Bigner, M.D., Ph.D. The PBTF-Duke Institute is devoted exclusively to pediatric brain tumor research. With these new grants the researchers at UCSF, CHLA, SickKids and Duke will collaborate to generate scientific knowledge of pediatric brain tumors that will bring about innovative and less invasive clinical treatments.

To determine the 2005 awards, the PBTF invited institutions to apply for the pre-Institute grants based on certain prerequisites, including a commitment to significantly advance pediatric brain tumor research within their institutions. The pre-Institute grant winners were chosen by a scientific peer review committee. Over the next three years, they are expected to make substantial research progress. In year three, if appropriate progress has been made, they will be invited to reapply for an additional two years of funding. The basic grants to Baylor and St. Jude were also awarded through peer review.

“When we established the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Institute at Duke with a six-year, \$6 million dollar grant in 2003, it was with an eye toward expanding to other institutions in the future,” said Dianne Traynor, PBTF’s director of research and advocacy. “The collaboration of these institutions will help to fast-forward our understanding of pediatric brain tumors.”

Traynor also points out that these grants were made possible in part by the fundraising efforts of thousands of caring motorcyclists around the country. “Your participation in Ride for Kids® events really does make a difference in our quest to cure the kids,” she says. “We’re all so grateful for your support.” □

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2005 Peter Steck Memorial Research Award and Lecture, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Research Award: Hai Yan, M.D., Ph.D., PBTF Institute at Duke

Guest Lecture Award: Webster K. Cavenee, Ph.D., director of the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, University of California

Research Grants Active in 2005

Basic Research

David M. Ashley, M.D., Ph.D., and Denise A. Caruso, Ph.D., Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne, Australia

Zhimin Lu, M.D., Ph.D., M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Kwong-Kwok Wong, Ph.D., Baylor College of Medicine

Maribel Vazquez, Sc.D., City College of New York

Rosalind A. Segal, M.D., Ph.D., Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Eric Van Meir, Ph.D., Emory University

Scott Belcher, Ph.D. University of Cincinnati

Clinical Research

Alyssa Reddy, M.D, Ph.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham

Translational Research

Tom Curran, Ph.D., St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

2005 Awards & Programs

Society of Neuro-Oncology

Platinum Sponsor, SNO Foundation

Brain Tumor Epidemiology Consortium Meetings

Edinburgh, Scotland; Chicago, IL

International Neuro-Oncology Symposium Sponsor, Edinburgh, Scotland

International Germ Cell Brain Tumor Meeting

Sponsor, Los Angeles, CA

Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers

Sponsor, Annual Meeting Education Day

PBTF Scholarship Awards

88 active college scholarships, supported by the *Cycle World* Joseph C. Parkhurst Education Fund

Family Support Program Awards

Sponsor, Lutheran General Hospital "Pedes in the Weeds" Picnic

WHERE HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

Stories of hope from survivors, caregivers & researchers

PBTF scholar expresses herself through art

It's 4:30 a.m., and Amanda awakens, ready to tackle her day. By 5 a.m., she's working up a sweat in the gym, something most people could not fathom at such a tender hour. But Amanda is different. Hailed by her high-school counselor as "one in a million," her life was altered forever when she was diagnosed at age 11 with a rare



craniopharyngioma. And, although surgery to remove it was successful, she is constantly challenged by the medical and hormonal complications left in its wake.

Despite her uphill battle, Amanda remains undaunted. "I have learned a hard lesson: to love life's journey, not the destination," she said in her application for

a PBTF college scholarship. Amanda's joie de vivre is every bit as evident on canvas as it is in her words.

"Although I have always dedicated myself to academics, my passion lies in the fine arts. Painting is a medium of visual expression that strikes me as a metaphor for life," she said. "As a consequence of my surgery, a new perspective emerged that allowed me to evolve artistically and transform my emotions in to meaningful swirls of color and bursts of light on canvas. I relish the indefinable freedom the brush provides."

Although Amanda graduated high school among the top in her class, she managed to find time to amass a list of extra curricular activities and volunteer commitments that is nothing short of extraordinary. Of

particular merit is her commitment to volunteering in a local assisted-living facility for senior citizens, where she has acquired over 400 service hours since 2001. She is also an avid participant in the Los Angeles Ride for Kids® event.

As a 2005 PBTF scholarship recipient, Amanda is now pursuing a pre-med curriculum at UCLA. Her resolve to beat back her own obstacles has become her biggest asset, and she is determined to offer encouragement to kids in similar circumstances by allaying their fears and demonstrating her own positive outcome.

"Given my own medical history, it would seem that I am destined to be a part of the medical community," she said. "In my opinion, there is no higher calling than being able to improve one's quality of life. In my time of need, I was so impressed with those who rallied to help me and so I want to dedicate my life to helping others in a similar manner." ■



PBTF honors nation's top performers in 2005

The national Ride for Kids® program raised a record-breaking \$4.1 million in 2005, thanks to the generous support of the motorcycling community. With their help, the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation has become the largest nongovernmental source of funding for research into childhood brain tumors.

We applaud all the dedicated, hardworking fundraisers who give so much of themselves to our cause. The top clubs and chapters of each national motorcycle organization and the nation's top dealers and shops for each brand are listed below. Thank you for everything you do to help us cure the kids! ■



The Nation's Top Ride for Kids® Clubs/Chapters in 2005

National Organization	Chapter Name/Designation	City/State	Total
Top Gold Wing Road Riders Association Chapter	GWRRA IL-G2	Chicago, IL	\$98,276
Top Honda Rider's Club of America Chapter	Northwest Honda Red Riders	Houston, TX	\$52,404
Top Dual Sport Club	Orange County Dualies	San Bernardino, CA	\$40,050
Top Gold Wing Touring Association Chapter	GWTA CA-O Shascade Wings	Redding, CA	\$37,962
Top Harley Owners Group Chapter	Erie Canal Chapter	New York Mills, NY	\$13,418
Top BMW Motorcycle Owners of America Chapter	BMWMO of Georgia	Atlanta, GA	\$10,227
Top Southern Cruisers Chapter	Birmingham #65	Birmingham, AL	\$9,410
Top Star Touring & Riding Chapter	Star Touring and Riding #208	Richmond, VA	\$9,035
Top Christian Motorcyclists Association Chapter	CMA Riders of the Spirit	Elko, NV	\$7,224
Top Blue Knights Chapter	Blue Knights NY 14	New Windsor, NY	\$6,625
Top Retreads Chapter	North Country Retreads	Beaver Falls, NY	\$6,457
Top American Gold Wing Association Chapter	AGWA IL-H	Carol Stream, IL	\$5,886
Top Red Knights Chapter	Red Knights of Ohio	Hudson, OH	\$4,205
Top ABATE Chapter	Abate of Georgia	Pine Lake, GA	\$2,615
Top Honda Sport Touring Association Group	HSTA of California	Santa Rosa, CA	\$1,951
Top Women on Wheels Chapter	Atlanta Peachstate Riders	Atlanta, GA	\$1,385

The Nation's Top Ride for Kids® Dealers in 2005

Top Performer	Brand/shop	Location	Total
Nielsen Enterprises	Top Honda Dealer	Lake Villa, IL	\$109,938
Gary's Hobbie Shop	Top Independent Shop	McDonough, GA	\$49,698
Bob's BMW	Top BMW Dealer	Columbia/Jessup, MD	\$44,313
Jim and Jim's	Top Suzuki Dealer	Santa Rosa, CA	\$28,211
Hinshaw's Motorcycle Store	Top Victory Dealer	Auburn, WA	\$23,789
Suburban Harley-Davidson	Top Harley-Davidson Dealer	Palatine, IL	\$22,565
Florida Sports Cycle & Marine	Top Kawasaki Dealer	Stuart, FL	\$20,253
Sloan's Motorcycle ATV Supercenter	Top Yamaha Dealer	Murfreesboro, TN	\$20,364

FANTASTIC FUNDRAISERS

Firstgiving makes asking for RFK donations easy

Dozens of PBTF fundraisers are taking advantage of a tremendous new fundraising tool—Firstgiving.com. How does it work?

Firstgiving.com provides online fundraising pages that can be personalized and e-mailed to friends, family and co-workers to request secure online donations for your RFK event. We launched this in 2005 and had great response from our fundraisers, with more than 50 personal fundraising pages. In fact, a number of RFK fundraisers are already collecting donations for 2006.

“We found out about Firstgiving on the PBTF website,” said veteran Chicagoland Ride for Kids® fundraiser Scott Koenig. “Since we are always trying to find ways to stay in the top five in Chicago (and that’s not easy! – ed.), we go there to find the latest updates and to see how well the organization is doing each year.”

Koenig was impressed with the ease of setting up a personal page. “It was very easy to start the page and it turned out nicely,” he said. Getting the word out was also hassle-free. “While I have not done my big push yet, I did contact some people at the end of year to remind them that they could sneak in a tax deduction before January 1.”

Koenig mentions his fundraising page at firstgiving.com/scott_and_jen every chance he gets. “I offered a challenge on a motorcycle board that I frequent to match dollar for dollar any donation up to \$1,000. I’ve also put the link to the web page on every e-mail I send out personally and I am trying to get it approved for my work e-mails too. I’ve had good success with this strategy.”

Brain tumor survivor Nathan is another Firstgiving.com success story. Like a lot of 15-year-olds, he needed a nudge at first. “My parents saw it on the brochure for the South Florida Ride for Kids®. They told me about it and, after a little procrastination, I made the website (firstgiving.com/nathanlundell) about ten days or so before the [Jan. 22] ride.”

Success for the Ride for Kids® start came overnight—literally. “I set my goal at \$500 the night I made the site and by the time I woke up the next morning, I had already exceeded it. Success comes from what you write. If you show that this really means something to you, people are more likely to help.”

Nathan’s page is one of 197 that have raised more than \$70,000 for the PBTF to date. To start your own personal fundraising page, go to firstgiving.com/pbtfus today. □



RFK “star” Nathan (front row, center) used his Firstgiving page to raise funds for the South Florida event.

firstgiving
fundraising made easy

Volunteers give a little, get a lot

First-time participants in a Ride for Kids® event often remark how well organized it is. If you’ve ever been to a motorcycle ride, you know that this is not happenstance. The logistical success of each Ride for Kids® relies on a core group of dedicated motorcycle community leaders and dozens of day-of-event volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure a smooth, safe outcome.

Every Ride for Kids® event is organized at the local level by an all-volunteer force led by one or more task force leaders (TFLs).

There are a number of important jobs at every Ride for Kids®. Each of them is clearly defined, and everyone knows what their job duties will be. For example, Greg Mathes is the start point coordinator for the two-year-old South Florida Ride for Kids®.

An air traffic controller who is the club coordinator for his local chapter of the Honda Rider’s Club of America, Mathes is accustomed to managing volunteers and making on-site decisions. “I enjoy working with people and thrive in crisis situations,” he says.

Many coordinators first get involved as day-of-event volunteers. Vann Waters volunteered with the Asheville Ride for Kids® start-point parking crew four years ago. He enjoyed it so much that, two years later, he volunteered to become the end point coordinator.

“Throughout the year, I stay in touch with the city of Lake Lure officials and their police department—who really enjoy our event—and make sure the permits are in order,” says the engineering firm project coordinator.

One of the most visible coordinator positions is that of the patient family liaison, and there’s no better example than Petra Miyasato of the Sacramento Ride for Kids®. A registered nurse who works in the office of Dr. Michael Edwards, a pediatric oncologist, Miyasato first started coming to the ride with the rest of Edwards’ staff to greet and register the brain tumor survivors whom Edwards was treating.

The Sacramento event, which has hosted as many as 23 brain tumor survivors and their families, has become a model for the patient family program. Miyasato will head up the effort for the first time this year.

“A lot of our volunteers are nurses and staffers like me, plus a number of parents of brain tumor survivors help us on the ride day,” she says. “We thrive on organization and we welcome everyone that wants to help.”

If you’ve marveled at the organization of your local Ride for Kids® program and would like to pitch in, call or write the PBTF at (800) 253-650 or send an email to rideforkids@pbtfus.org. If you thought donating funds to help this great cause was fulfilling, you’re in for another bonus as a volunteer. □



Petra Miyasato, RN, works with the families of patients like Jalen at the Sacramento Ride for Kids®.

RFK thanks sponsors

As the Ride for Kids® program enters its 23rd year, we would like to acknowledge the substantial support we receive from a number of organizations that have aligned themselves with our mission to find the cause and cure of childhood brain tumors.

We’re especially grateful to the Honda Rider’s Club of America, which has served as the presenting sponsor of the Ride for Kids® program since 1991. The people of the Motorcycle Division of American Honda Motor Company, Honda of America Manufacturing and other Honda companies, along with hundreds of Honda motorcycle dealers, have contributed enormously to our success.

We also deeply appreciate the support of Dunlop Tire Company and AGV Helmets, both of whom donate products for our Ride for Kids® events. Other generous donors include *Cycle World* magazine, Advantstar Communications, Cobra Engineering, Dailey and Associates and R.K. Accessories. □

South Florida kicks off 2006 Ride for Kids® season

Hundreds of generous motorcyclists turned in more than \$66,000 in donations at the second annual South Florida Ride for Kids® on Jan. 22, bringing hope to childhood brain tumor patients everywhere. The event inaugurated the 23rd year of the national Ride for Kids® program, which benefits the medical research and family support programs of the PBTF.

Led by several young brain tumor survivors in sidecars, the long column of motorcycles left Sawgrass Mills in Sunrise on a breezy, humid day with light rain. The police-escorted ride toured the Broward County countryside on its way to Vista View Park in Davie.

At the South Florida event, five survivors shared the stage for the Celebration of Life program: Kate, 2; Travis and Kaley, 11; Nathan, 15; and Nicole, 16. Kaley's dad, Maurice, thanked the crowd of 700 for being there. "God doesn't always give you the big miracle when you ask for it," he said. "What he does is bring people into your life to help. You are those people!"

The total raised at the South Florida event was \$66,676. Top individual fundraiser honors went to Rick and Rita Case, who brought \$5,300. The top club, HRCA Florida Sports Red Riders of Stuart, Fla., contributed \$16,187, while the customers of Florida Sports Cycles of Stuart made it the top dealership with \$16,567 in donations. The grand prize, a brand-new Honda motorcycle, went to Barney Salzbarg of Okeechobee, Fla.

Special thanks went to South Florida's hardworking volunteer task force, led by Rhonda and David Friedenbergs, Linda Kralik and Monica Tobon. The event was also supported by dozens of day-of-event volunteers. It was an amazing effort from a community that has been literally torn apart in recent months by hurricanes.

The next Ride for Kids® events are Sunday, April 23, in Albuquerque, NM (a new ride for 2006), and Sunday, April 30, in Houston. For more information, go to rideforkids.org or call (800) 253-6530. ■



South Florida Ride for Kids® "star" Kate, 2, with task force leader Rhonda Friedenbergs.

Ride for Kids® 2006 Schedule

The Ride for Kids® program is coming to 37 cities in 2006, with brand-new events in Albuquerque, N.M., and the San Francisco Bay Area. Our biggest ride, Chicagoland, has a new start location (South Barrington, Ill.) and a new route, while our Dunnellon event has moved to Sarasota.

The majority of our events are road rides, with the exception of two dual-sport rides in San Bernardino, Calif., and Ann Arbor, Mich. All the rides benefit the PBTF's medical research and family support programs.

Free event kits and details are available at rideforkids.org. No matter what brand of bike you ride, you're invited to join a Ride for Kids® event near you. With your help, we'll cure the kids!

April 23	Albuquerque, NM*, Road Ride
April 30	Houston, TX, Road Ride
May 7	Triangle Area, NC, Road Ride
	Los Angeles, CA, Road Ride
June 4	Atlanta, GA, Road Ride
	Richmond, VA, Road Ride
June 11	Cleveland, OH, Road Ride
	Southern California (San Bernardino), Dual Sport
June 18	Pittsburgh, PA, Road Ride
June 24	Knoxville, TN, Road Ride
June 25	Colorado (Golden), Road Ride
	San Francisco Bay Area*, Road Ride
July 9	Indiana (South Bend), Road Ride
July 16	Chicagoland, IL, Road Ride
	Utica, NY, Road Ride
July 23	Kansas City, MO, Road Ride
	Minnesota (White Bear Lake), Road Ride
July 29	Marysville, OH, Road Ride
Aug. 6	Hudson Valley, NY, Road Ride
	Madison, WI, Road Ride
Aug. 20	New England (N. Oxford, MA), Road Ride
	Salt Lake City, UT, Road Ride
Aug. 27	Ann Arbor, MI, Road Ride/Dual Sport
	Asheville, NC, Road Ride
Sept. 10	Puget Sound, WA, Road Ride
Sept. 17	Philadelphia, PA, Road Ride
	St. Louis, MO, Road Ride
Sept. 24	Baltimore/Washington DC, Road Ride
Oct. 1	Sacramento, CA, Road Ride
	Las Vegas, NV, Road Ride
Oct. 8	Dallas/Fort Worth, TX, Road Ride
Oct. 15	San Diego, CA, Road Ride
	Phoenix, AZ, Road Ride
Oct. 22	Louisiana (Lafayette), Road Ride
Nov. 5	Gulf Coast Florida (Sarasota), Road Ride

TRIBUTES IN HONOR

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St. Edward Epiphany School

Michael Baaden

House of Refuge Sunnyslope

Matthew Barton

Ms. Brittany Blowers

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