

PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING AHEAD

CBTF SIBLING PROGRAM

CBTF strives to improve the quality of life for the entire family after facing a childhood brain tumor diagnosis. There are currently no national organizations with programs to address the emotional needs of siblings. Yet, our findings from a sibling survey demonstrate that siblings have a desire to be involved with other siblings who understand their feelings. That's why we look ahead to 2019 and the launch of our national effort to raise support on April 10 - "National Sibling Day" - for the CBTF national siblings program. Stay tuned for announcements and progress reports.



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CBTF & The Biden Cancer Summit

On September 21st, Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden hosted the national Biden Cancer Summit to focus on the patient's journey from prevention through a cancer diagnosis, treatment through survivorship, and determine what we must do to accelerate progress. More than 450 organizations around the country participated by joining in hosting an activity, program or gathering in their own community

In addition, the Summit identified 57 organizations of distinction to feature on its website. Children's Brain Tumor Foundation was proud to be one of those distinguished organizations. Click https://bidencancer.org/patient_caregiver/ to see the CBTF write up on the BCI site.

CBTF committed to a new program called "BT Buddies." In partnership with childhood cancer hospitals around the country, we aim to respond to the social isolation many feel in our community by building a peer support community with the goal of increasing self-esteem and independence.



Peer mentors have been trained and identified and will be linked to survivors who have self-identified or through assessment have been recognized as socially isolated. Mentors will continue to provide peer support for the next 12 months with monthly chats to determine effectiveness and community needs.

COMING IN NOVEMBER

THE CBTF HOUSTON DREAM & PROMISE AWARD BENEFIT, NOVEMBER 15

The CBTF Houston Gala this year honors Dr. David Poplack with a lifetime achievement award, and Dr. Howard Weiner with the Pioneer Award. Both are among the exceptional physicians at the Texas Children's Hospital. The event will be held at the River Oaks Country Club on Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 pm. If you'd like to attend, please email Gary at gjaworski@cbtf.org

THE BIG APPLE CIRCUS IS BACK!

The Big Apple Circus is a longstanding CBTF tradition. In the early years of the circus, CBTF would buy out half of the big top for a performance. This year, CBTF will send 150 members of our community to the circus. We are reaching out to our supporters and partners asking for their support. If you'd like to support, just go online and make a donation through our website.

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NEW JERSEY WALK EXCEEDS GOAL

This year's New Jersey Walk "For The Whole Family" was held at a new location, the Saddle River County Park in Glen Rock, NJ. The Park is a beautiful setting, and features a pond, waterfall, and walk route through a lush park. Over 381 donors helped the organization exceed its fundraising goal. Over \$36,500 was raised on a goal of \$25,000. We are so very appreciative of the many families who participated in the Walk.

CBTF HUDSON RIVER CRUISE

Mother Nature dialed up the perfect day as families and friends from Boston to Washington, DC, Philadelphia, NY and NJ had a fun-filled morning aboard The Duchess while taking in spectacular views of New York City!



Activities included face painting, clowns, magic show, costumed characters, DJ & dancing, and create your own baseball hat! Special thanks to our sponsors Jenna's Rainbow Foundation, Thea's Star of Hope and Kyle Daniel Kerpan Foundation.

NYC MARATHON & CBTF

CBTF is excited to announce that we are an Official Charity Partner of the 2018 TCS New York City Marathon. On November 4th, nine runners will race in the marathon on behalf of Children's Brain Tumor Foundation to help raise money for our programs. Members include survivors, parents of survivors, as well as supportive family members and friends. Over \$21,500 has been raised to date.

