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## BECOMING WELL AGAIN THROUGH... SPEECH PATHOLOGY SERVICES

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A Message

# Care

The American Brain Tumor Association expresses heartfelt sympathy to the families of those lost during our nation's recent tragedies. We send condolences to our sister organization, The Brain Tumor Society, on the loss of their board member, Richard Ross, aboard American Airlines Flight 11. We can only hope that the New Year brings peace, comfort, and brighter tomorrows. 



The brain controls many of the complex activities that we perform on a daily basis. Many of these activities, such as communicating and swallowing, are completed without needing much of our attention. We routinely express ourselves to other people, understand conversations, read, write, eat and drink without thinking about "how to" do these things. Frequently, the first time that we think about these "how to" steps is when we encounter difficulty performing the tasks. In this article, we'll talk about the resources available to help patients with brain tumors and their families surmount these challenges. We extend our gratitude to Sarah C. Stranberg, MA, CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist at Fairview-University Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota for sharing this information with us.

### COMMUNICATION AND SWALLOWING

If you have a brain tumor, you may experience difficulties with communication and/or swallowing for various reasons. First, your tumor may be located in a part of the brain involved with speech, language, thinking, or the control of swallowing. Second, conditions associated with some brain tumors, such as seizures or increased intracranial pressure, may also affect speech, language, thinking, or eating. In addition, treatments such as surgery, radiation, or medications can influence communication and/or swallowing.

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It will be 20 years since our son had surgery and radiation for a medulloblastoma. At the time, diagnosis was by a CT scan, and we felt fortunate that brain tumor diagnosis and research had evolved as much as it had at that time. . . . Our son is now 36, married, and his wife is expecting their first child. We were given your organization's name by a neighbor whose son had the same type of tumor. We appreciate the information you provided and have recommended you to others.

ILLINOIS

I chose to donate to ABTA because a very special man I've known and loved was diagnosed with a tumor almost two years ago. He had most of it removed, went through chemotherapy, and is now monitored periodically. He has to deal with so much, and I think many of his friends and family don't have a full appreciation for what he endures. Most importantly, through the strength of his faith he learned to accept what fate handed him with grace. He is doing beautifully and is living life more fully now than he ever did before. Anyway, I think that he deserves some special acknowledgment.

PENNSYLVANIA

*We agree! Good for you, William.*

The ABTA has helped me "keep it together" because I've been able to educate myself along the way. And I wear my pin everyday.

CALIFORNIA

My daughter and I attended your conference in Lincolnshire, Illinois. We have both taken part in many business and church conferences in our days, but never have we been involved with a conference as excellent as yours. *Thank you, Thank you* for such a wonderful event! You could not have orchestrated things in a more orderly and professional manner. The speakers were compassionate, caring individuals, filled with helpful knowledge. David Bailey was so very inspiring! We purchased his CDs and while listening to his thought provoking and sensitive words, we relive the conference again and again.

CALIFORNIA

*Sample David's music at*  
[www.davidmbailey.com](http://www.davidmbailey.com).

I just wanted to thank you for this wonderful web site [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org) and all its resources. I recently had surgery to remove a right temporal gliosarcoma. Surgery was a success — I feel quite blessed. . . . I guess God's not done with me yet! Next step radiation. We take it one day at a time.

SENT VIA E-MAIL

I received the information you sent out. It is just wonderful — "everything you need to know about a brain tumor but are afraid to ask." Two months ago I knew nothing about brain tumors. Now I know enough to ask questions that need to be asked.

OHIO

# Sharing *Knowledge*

## TREATMENTS FOR GLIOBLASTOMA MULTIFORME — A BRIEF REVIEW

Glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) is the most common of the primary malignant brain tumors and is also one of the most difficult tumors to treat effectively. This tumor arises from star-shaped glial (Latin for 'glue') cells called "astrocytes." Astrocytes are cells that normally play an important role in maintaining the blood brain barrier — the filtering mechanism that protects the brain. These tumors begin when, for reasons not completely defined by scientists, a single astrocyte becomes abnormal. If that abnormal astrocyte multiplies, it will produce other such astrocytes, eventually forming an astrocytoma. In practice, there

are essentially four grades of astrocytoma. In the World Health

Organization classification system, astrocytoma grade IV is the most malignant of the astrocytic tumors. "Astrocytoma grade IV," "glioblastoma multiforme," "glioblastoma," and "GBM" are different names for the same tumor.

Each year, approximately 5 people of every 100,000 living in the United States are diagnosed with a glioblastoma. These tumors represent about 20% of all primary tumors found in the brain. Generally found in people forty through sixty years old, glioblastoma occurs slightly more often in males than females, and usually affects the cerebral hemispheres. It may involve more than one lobe of the brain, or may spread across the hemispheres, creating a so-called "butterfly" appearance on a scan.

GBM is an aggressive tumor that usually regrows within 1-2 centimeters of its site of origin,

and almost never spreads to any other organ of the body. Because of this tendency to remain in the same area, it makes sense to concentrate the treatment 'firepower' locally where it is needed the most. To this end, surgical

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## TREATMENTS FOR GLIOBLASTOMA MULTIFORME — A BRIEF REVIEW

removal of as much tumor as possible can achieve several goals including:

- confirmation of the diagnosis
- relief of symptoms
- removal of potentially treatment-resistant cells before they multiply

- reduction of the number of malignant cells to which the immune system must attempt to respond
- oxygenation of the malignant cells, making them more susceptible to subsequent therapies
- reduction of the amount of harmful by-products released by the malignant cells

Even after the most successful surgery for GBM however, residual microscopic tumor remains. The neuro-oncologist chooses an appropriate treatment plan, intended to kill as many additional cells as possible. This plan may include “systemic” treatments — those that circulate through the body to get to the tumor area — or “focal” treatments — those that treat the tumor locally. The body of this article will review promising focal therapies.

At the operating table, the neurosurgeon is presented with a unique opportunity to make an impact on glioblastoma.

Treating the tumor area directly enables the physician to bypass the use of systemic treatments. Focal treatments may bypass the blood brain barrier — this barrier

has the ability to limit the effectiveness of some drugs given intravenously, or by mouth. Focal treatment options include placement of chemotherapy wafers, temporary implantation of radiation reservoirs, injection of toxin-tagged monoclonal antibodies, T-cell therapies, or gene therapies. Radiosurgery with the Gamma-Knife, modified linear accelerators, or proton beams are other methods of treating GBM ‘focally,’ although these radiation therapy techniques can be used without surgery when appropriate. We detail some of these therapies below.

### CHEMOTHERAPY WAFERS

The term “chemotherapy wafers” usually refers to the use of Gliadel — biodegradable wafers soaked with chemotherapy drug. The active ingredient in these wafers is carmustine, also called BCNU, which is a drug traditionally used to treat glioblastoma. Up to eight dime-sized wafers are laid in the cavity created by surgical removal of the tumor. The wafers then release high concentrations of BCNU locally over a period of two to three weeks. Gliadel does not provide a cure for glioblastoma, however, studies show it is capable of prolonging survival. The side effects associated with this type of chemotherapy delivery system tend to be the same side effects associated with surgery to remove the tumor. Current research

focuses on combining Gliadel with other therapies to increase its effectiveness. Treatments such as radiosurgery, temozolomide (Temodar) chemotherapy, and intravenous infusion of O6BG (a compound designed to overcome a major drug resistance factor) seek to intensify the effects of Gliadel.

### FOCAL RADIATION THERAPIES

Standard radiation therapy is a mainstay of treatment for glioblastoma. In select cases, a high-dose “boost” of focally delivered radiation is an attractive option that may enhance control of tumor growth in some patients. Radiating only the active tumor and a small area around it has the advantage of sparing significant amounts of normal brain from the effects of radiation therapy. Commonly used delivery systems include radiosurgery, high-dose temporary implants with iodine or iridium, low-dose permanent implants of iodine, and temporary balloon catheter implants filled with liquid radiation (the GliSite RTS system). Many studies show a survival advantage in selected groups of patients who received a local boost of radiation to the tumor or tumor area. Limitations to radiation therapy do exist, such as the tendency of GBM to spread into surrounding tissue, the tumor becoming resistant to radiation, and the risk of radiation damage (radiation necrosis).

### BIOLOGIC THERAPIES

There has been considerable interest in the development of effective biologically-based strategies for focal treatment of GBM. Here, the goal is to treat the tumor on a cellular or molecular level. For example, monoclonal antibodies tagged with a toxin or radiation can be loaded into an implantable reservoir then placed into the cavity created during surgery. In principle, these antibodies are intended to seek and destroy only the ‘foreign’ tumor cells for which they were designed. Another biological treatment uses altered T-cells as an immune therapy. Here, GBM cells obtained at the time of surgery are treated in the laboratory then injected into the patient’s bloodstream. This triggers an immune response in which T-cells, a natural part of the immune system, are released in the blood. These activated anti-tumor T-cells are then harvested and infused back into the cavity created during surgery.

Yet another promising area of research is the use of altered genes. Gene therapy relies on the laboratory creation of genetic material that will somehow discriminate and infect or destroy

cancer cells while leaving healthy brain cells functional and unharmed. Usually, this genetic material is inserted into a virus whose purpose is to serve as a delivery system — a “Trojan Horse” approach. Preliminary studies are very encouraging and provide the foundation for amazing new discoveries in this arena.

To summarize, ‘focal’ treatment strategies are a feasible and effective option for those with glioblastoma. Many wonderful and emerging biological agents and chemotherapies are in development — some of these are given by more traditional routes (mouth, vein, artery, or spinal fluid) but are not mentioned in this brief article. Suffice to say that tremendous advancements have taken place in the fight against glioblastoma. The best is yet to come in our relentless search for a cure to this disease. 🙏

We thank Guilford Pharmaceuticals, maker of Gliadel wafers, for inviting Dr. Avgeropoulos to write this article. If you have any questions regarding the information contained here, please take the article to your doctor. He or she is best equipped to respond to your concerns on an individual basis. Inclusion in this article does not constitute endorsement of any of these treatments.



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## BECOMING WELL AGAIN THROUGH...

### TYPES OF COMMUNICATION AND SWALLOWING DIFFICULTIES

**Aphasia** is a disorder of language. There are two types of aphasia — expressive and receptive.

**Expressive** symptoms of aphasia affect a person's ability to express one's self. Signs of expressive aphasia include:

- difficulty finding words to express thoughts
- difficulty with naming objects
- using non-meaningful speech
- difficulty putting sounds together correctly to make the words
- difficulty with writing

**Receptive** symptoms of aphasia affect a person's ability to comprehend others. Signs of receptive aphasia include:

- difficulty following directions
- difficulty responding to questions
- difficulty understanding what others are talking about
- difficulty reading

Difficulties with speech can include **dysarthria** or **apraxia**.

**Dysarthria** is a speech disorder that can be caused by difficulty with coordination, strength, or the range of movements necessary for speech. Speech may sound "slurred," "soft — like your voice is not working," or "like it is coming through your nose."

**Apraxia** is a speech disorder that occurs when it is difficult to begin, sequence, or coordinate the complex movements needed to

speak. Apraxia can sometimes sound like "stuttering."

**Cognitive deficits** affect aspects of thinking. A person may have difficulty with attention, orientation, memory/recall, problem solving, reasoning, judgment, organization of thoughts, or slowed thought processing. Difficulty with aspects of cognition affects one's ability to communicate.

**Dysphagia** is a disorder of swallowing that occurs at any point during the swallowing process — taking food or liquid into the mouth, moving it to the throat, or moving it down the throat to the esophagus and the stomach. The major complications that arise from dysphagia are inadequate nutrition and/or hydration as well as aspiration. Aspiration occurs when food or liquids enter the passages to the lungs rather than those leading to the stomach. Food or liquid in the airway — especially the lungs — can lead to serious, possibly life-threatening pneumonia. Signs of dysphagia include:

- difficulty taking food from a spoon or moving it around in the mouth
- difficulty chewing
- food/liquid leaking out of mouth or coming out of the nose
- difficulty with starting to swallow
- choking
- coughing during or after eating or drinking
- clearing your throat when eating or drinking
- feeling of food "sticking in your throat."

Other signs of possible problems include repeated pneumonias, reflux/heartburn, or weight loss.

### THERE IS HELP... ABOUT SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES

A speech-language pathologist (SLP) is a professional who is trained to evaluate and treat disorders of speech, language, cognition, and swallowing. Speech-language pathologists have a minimum of a Master's degree and complete extensive clinical training prior to certification. In addition to national certification, most states also require licensure or registration for clinical practice. Speech-language pathologists practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, outpatient offices, home health agencies, and skilled nursing facilities. If you would like to be evaluated by a speech-language pathologist:

#### 1. Talk with your doctor

If you have noticed changes in speech, language, thinking, or swallowing abilities, the first step is to discuss your concerns with your doctor. Describe your symptoms, how long they have troubled you, and how you manage them. Your family or friends may be able to add to this history. A discussion with your doctor is important for several reasons. First, changes in communication, thinking, or eating may be related to your tumor or treatment. If so, your doctor may wish to adjust your treatment plan. Second, your doctor can make a referral

for speech-language pathology services. Also, a doctor referral or "doctor's order" is usually required by insurance companies and the rehabilitation facility. It is important to understand that a referral does not necessarily mean that your insurance will cover rehabilitation services; you will need to review your policy or speak directly with your health insurance representative.

#### 2. Locate services

Once you obtain a referral, you will need to contact a speech-language pathologist. Your doctor or insurance/provider network may provide information about rehabilitation programs within your hospital or provider network. If you are already seeing a physical and/or occupational therapist, there may be a speech-language pathologist in their department. If you are having difficulties finding appropriate services, contact a social worker at ABTA or your local support group.

### THE EVALUATION AND TREATMENT PLAN

The speech-language pathologist will conduct an initial interview, possibly including your family or caregivers, to learn about your communication and/or eating patterns. Your own observations

are important to the therapists and can help identify problematic areas. After obtaining your history, more formal testing will be done. Be sure to bring your glasses, hearing aids, dentures, etc., especially if you regularly wear them. Your testing may include an evaluation of your face, mouth, and tongue movements. Other parts of the exam may include listening, talking, reading, and writing. Cognitive tests may be used to test your ability to store and remember information. Sometimes the test questions seem very basic or not related to your own problems — it is still important to complete all of the tests to the best of your ability. This complete set of information is necessary for identifying your challenges as well as your strengths. For a swallowing evaluation, your therapist may ask you to sample various foods and liquids. Sometimes, your therapist may recommend another type of swallowing evaluation called a "videofluoroscopy" or a "modified barium swallow study."

This is similar to an x-ray and is done in the radiology department by a doctor and a speech pathologist. You will be given a small amount of barium in different consistencies to swallow. The radiology study will allow your therapist to see how the food/liquid is going down your throat and if there is aspiration (food or liquid going into the airway).

At the conclusion of these tests, your therapist will review the results with you and discuss your communication or swallowing diagnosis. Your therapist may make a recommendation for treatment. Treatment can be restorative with a focus on improving function, or treatment may be compensatory with a focus on strategies to "compensate" for difficulties. Most treatment programs are a combination of the two. Restorative therapies may include exercises to increase lip and tongue movement,

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improving your ability to listen and understand language, or improving your ability to find the words to express your thoughts. Compensatory strategies may include techniques such as note-taking, improving organizational skills, modifying your environment, or using external memory aids such as calendars or date planners. If you have dysphagia, your therapist may recommend a modified diet that excludes items difficult for you to swallow or items that you may aspirate. Dysphagia management can also include exercises to improve functioning or learning to use strategies to compensate for your specific swallowing problems.

An important part of your program will be learning about your diagnosis, treatment options, and the activities that you can do at home to practice what you are learning in your treatment sessions. Regardless of your goals, however, remember there are services, and professionals, to help you with difficulties in communication or swallowing. Tap into them!

*This article is the latest in the ABTA Quality of Life series "Becoming Well Again Through..." Other topics include Cognitive Retraining, Managing Fatigue, Rehabilitative Medicine, and Stress Management for Caregivers. If you would like a copy of those articles, please call us at 800-886-2282. 📞*

## KNOW YOUR INSURANCE RIGHTS: HOW LEGISLATION CAN HELP

When faced with the diagnosis of a brain tumor, patients and families can find themselves overwhelmed by medical and financial concerns. Obtaining, and keeping, the right health insurance can be extremely important in maintaining financial and emotional security. Yet, many find negotiating the maze of health insurance a daunting experience, made even more overwhelming if it comes at a time when one's physical and emotional reserves are already severely challenged. Fortunately, there are insurance laws that can help. Being aware of your rights is an important step toward ensuring your ability to obtain and maintain the coverage you need. This article provides an overview of health insurance legislation that may be helpful in a variety of situations.



**Bob is a 35-year-old man with a brain tumor that severely affects his vision. His visual challenges left him unable to fulfill his responsibilities as a payroll supervisor at a mid-size company, and thus, Bob chose to leave his job. He has been notified by his employer that he will be eligible for COBRA coverage for his health insurance, but he's not sure he understands this option.**

**He is considering social security disability, and also wonders whether he would qualify for benefits under Medicare. What are his options at this point?**

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, better known as COBRA, requires group health plans covering 20 or more employees to offer continuation of insurance coverage for eligible individuals for 18 months after an individual leaves employment, with a possible extension up to 36 months. Coverage is also available for spouses and dependent children. Under this agreement, the terminated employee assumes responsibility for full payment of his/her health insurance premiums, and may be charged up to 102% of the group rate. Employees wishing to purchase

COBRA coverage must notify their employer within 60 days of leaving their employment; they are also responsible for any premiums due during that 60 day time period. Since Bob was enrolled in a group plan at his company, and his company had 20 or more employees, he would be eligible for coverage under this law. Opting for COBRA coverage would provide Bob at least 18 months in which to find alternate health insurance. Details about COBRA can be obtained from the U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration at 800-998-7542 or from their website at [www.dol.gov/dol/pwba](http://www.dol.gov/dol/pwba).

After beginning COBRA coverage, Bob might apply for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). SSDI is a benefits program for individuals with a work history who cannot do what they did before and cannot adjust to other work because of their medical condition. Having a brain tumor does not qualify an individual for SSDI. However, if Bob has a brain tumor that causes symptoms *that are included on the SSDI list of disabling medical conditions* — for example, loss of vision, fatigue, seizures, depression, significant difficulty with cognitive tasks, etc. — which render him unable to work at any job for at least a year, he may qualify for SSDI. Information about SSDI is available from the Office of Social Security Benefits at 800-772-1213, at your local social security office, or online at [www.ssa.gov/disability](http://www.ssa.gov/disability).

If Bob is approved for SSDI, after 24 months he will automatically be enrolled in Medicare. Medicare has two parts — hospital insurance and medical insurance. Medicare hospital insurance is free, and helps pay hospital bills and some follow-up care. The other part of Medicare, medical insurance, helps pay doctors' bills and other services. There is a monthly premium for that insurance unless Bob qualifies for Medicare coverage through the state in which he lives. For more general information about the program, visit the Medicare web site at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and choose the "Publications" section. "Your Medicare Benefits," HCFA #10116, can be downloaded or sent by mail.

With COBRA lasting only 18 months, Bob could be without insurance for 6 months until his Medicare coverage becomes effective. However, COBRA might extend Bob's coverage by 11 months (for a total of 29 months) if he becomes eligible for SSDI benefits. He must notify his COBRA insurance provider within 60 days of receiving confirmation of SSDI benefits. He would also need to do this before his COBRA coverage expires. If he does this, Bob would likely be able to move from the insurance he had with his employer, to COBRA, to Medicare without any interruption in medical coverage.



**Maria is a 25-year-old accountant at a large corporation. She has a brain tumor which was successfully treated. At this point, she is not experiencing any significant symptoms. Maria is considering a career change, but fears that her tumor will be considered a "pre-existing condition" and could be excluded from health insurance coverage through a new employer. How can Maria take care of her career needs without putting in jeopardy the medical insurance she needs?**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, also called HIPAA, helps individuals like Maria maintain their insurance coverage if they change jobs. HIPAA limits group health plan exclusions for pre-existing conditions to a maximum of 12 months. However, that limitation applies only to conditions for which an individual received medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment in the 6 months prior to enrolling in the new health plan. Otherwise, the condition cannot be considered a "pre-existing condition" under this law, and no exclusion is allowed.

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### PLEASE NOTE

This article is not intended to provide legal advice regarding health insurance issues. Rather, our goal is to provide you with an overview of the resources available to those with insurance concerns. If you are unsure of the services available in your state or would like to know if existing programs apply to you, contact your State Department of Insurance. You can also obtain additional information on insurance, including advocacy organizations and resources, by calling the ABTA Social Work office at 800-886-2282.

If your concerns are of a legal nature, the American Bar Association can provide a referral to an attorney who can provide individualized legal advice. They can be reached at 312-988-5000. You can also contact the National Organization of Social Security Claimants Representatives (NOSSCR) at 800-431-2804 for a referral to a social security disability attorney if your application for SSDI is denied.

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Let's see how this legislation would help in Maria's situation. If she had medical coverage through her job as an accountant for at least 12 months, without more than a 63-day gap in coverage, she is protected under HIPAA. When she goes to her new job, her brain tumor should not be subject to exclusion as a pre-existing condition. If Maria was at her job less than 12 months, the law also allows for the transfer of "creditable coverage," thereby reducing the length of the exclusion period. For example, if Maria had been at her accounting job for 9 months, and her new employer's policy requires a 12 month waiting period for coverage of pre-existing conditions, the 9 months of previous coverage would be credited toward her 12 month exclusion. She would only have to wait 3 months at her new job before any brain tumor treatment would be covered.

Let's say, however, that Maria's new place of employment does not offer an insurance plan, or perhaps she is considering becoming self-employed and would need to purchase her own insurance. What would her options be? In this situation, HIPAA may also be of help to her. If she had at least 18 months of continuous group coverage and is either ineligible for COBRA, or has exhausted COBRA, under HIPAA she may be eligible for a state-provided plan if there is one. For additional information, Maria can contact her State

Department of Insurance for information on HIPAA coverage and the plans available in her state. She can find the number of her State Department of Insurance by calling the National Association of Insurance Commissioners at 816-842-3600 or going to their website at [www.naic.org](http://www.naic.org).



**Rodney is a newly employed 22-year-old clerical worker for a small company that does not offer group insurance. It has been over a year since Rodney was covered by his parents' insurance policy, and he has since been uninsured. Rodney was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor and is not sure what to expect medically. Though he is able to work and likes his job, he doesn't know how he will be able to pay his medical bills without some form of coverage. What are his options?**

Since group coverage is not available to Rodney through his current employer, one option for him to consider is applying for group coverage through any unions, alumni associations or

# Mission *Fulfilling*

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF



*Do I have an estate plan?*

*Have I reviewed my plan within the past three years?*

*Have I recently — moved to another state?  
married?  
divorced?  
lost a spouse?  
become a parent?*

*Have my charitable interests changed since I last reviewed my estate plan?*

*Is the personal representative named in my will still able and willing to serve?*

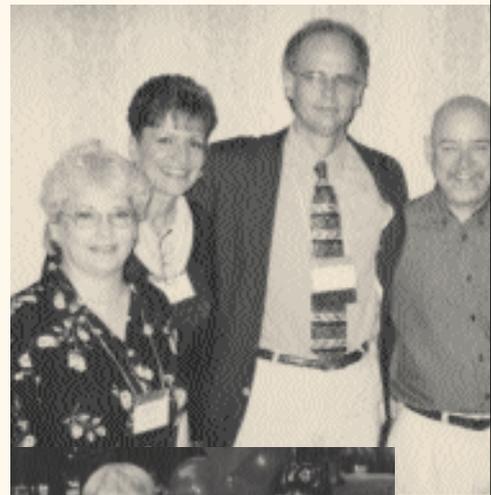
Depending upon how you answered these questions, it may be time to re-draft or add a codicil to your will. If you do make changes in your estate plan, please consider including the American Brain Tumor Association as a beneficiary. Feel free to contact our office to learn more. 📞

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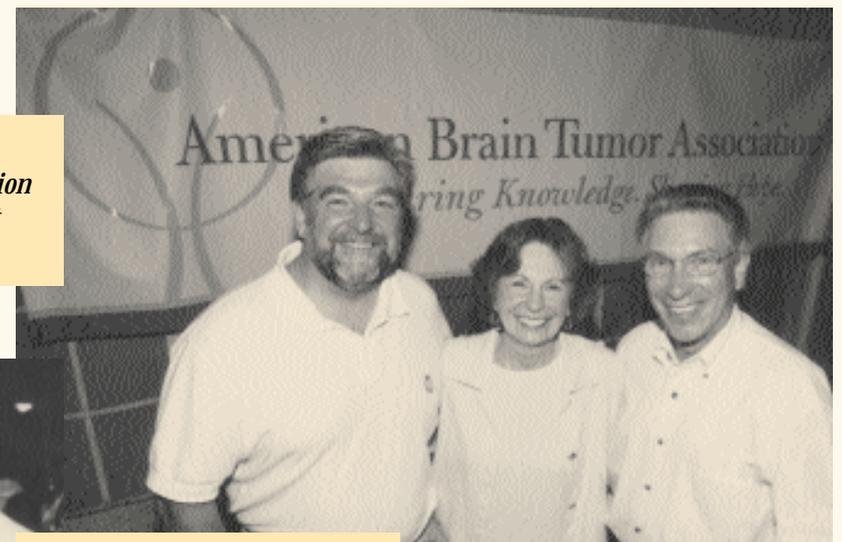
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# Sharing Hope Family Weekend

Blue skies, red and white checkered tablecloths with lanterns glowing, strains of David Bailey's music floating over a picnic grove... hugs, joyous tears, and helping hands... restful corners, giggling groups, and intense quiet — all of these, and so much more, filled a wonderful three day weekend in Lincolnshire, Illinois this summer. Over 720 people came from as far as Scotland to learn about the latest advances in brain tumor treatment, to share experiences with others walking the same path, and for some, to simply relax in a nurturing atmosphere. Here are some of the moments we'll never forget!



*"I liked best the caliber of speakers and the interaction with other patients about their experiences."*



*"The location was perfect! The organization was excellent — I mean really excellent!"*



*"I liked the time and effort spent by the exhibitors to answer questions and present information."*



*"The camaraderie among everyone was the best. I did not feel overwhelmed; I felt it was a very relaxing yet informative weekend."*



*"Family focus was great... whatever you wanted, serene and calm or party hearty, was available."*

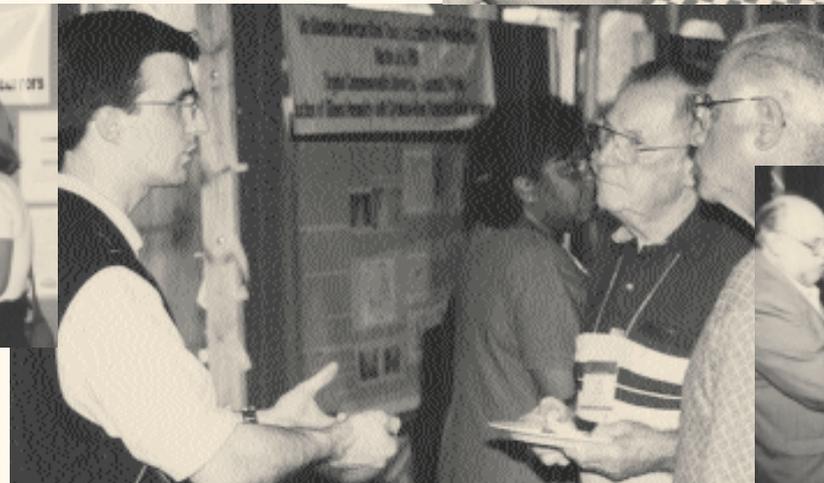


*"It was fantastic... our first. We will be back."*



*"Great speakers!! Great topics!!"*

*"So impressed with the high quality of this entire program; from the meals to the facility to the presenters — just the entire thing. Thank you!"*



*"Great setting. It was handicapped accessible, quiet, and peaceful. I liked the willingness of the speakers to talk to people."*



# Raising Funds & Raising Fun

Each event mentioned here represents a true labor of love for a loved one. Your enormous efforts and dedication are an inspiration. We at the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA), and everyone affected by a brain tumor, express heartfelt gratitude for all you do to raise funds, heighten awareness and share hope. Our grateful and sincere thanks are extended to the organizers, their committees and all the sponsors, and participants for volunteering to make a difference for the entire brain tumor community.

*If you want to pay tribute to your loved one, call 847-827-9910. We will be happy to assist you in your very own special event.*

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## PENNSYLVANIA

In conjunction with the Club La Maison’s Run For Hope, Joan Menige Mastroianni assisted by raising additional funds especially designated for pediatric brain tumor research in memory of her husband, Louis S. Mastroianni. He touched many people during his life, and was even lauded by his doctor as being one of the most extraordinary individuals he ever met. We are grateful for this tribute through the ABTA research programs.



Mary Ann Bondanza (right) stated, “My goal is to raise \$2 million in my lifetime for brain tumor research.”

## TEXAS

Marianne Bondanza, RN organized a golf outing, dinner banquet and auctions in memory of her mother and two brothers — all of whom lost their brain tumor battle. We express sincere appreciation to the Bondanza Family for turning their grief into hope for others.

## MICHIGAN

Our thanks to Judy Roy and her fellow employees of Farmington Hills Amerisure Insurance for naming ABTA as the recipient of their “Jean Day” event.

## IDAHO

Wendy Bell and Becky Morrison organized the 1st Annual Bud Marvel Memorial Golf Tournament to memorialize their father and “to do anything and everything possible to help the ABTA in the goals of research for treatment of this disease.” Thank you for your efforts — they will make a difference.



At the foothill of the mountains, a putting contest is held for the Bud Marvel Golf Tournament.

## MARYLAND

In memory of Kristin Nicole Ruprecht, Kristin’s Friends held its 4th Annual Golf Tournament. Julie, Kristin’s mom, reminds us that her daughter’s life and spirit was the inspiration for this organization’s founding and for each year’s fundraising event. ABTA is extremely grateful and proud to receive part of the proceeds for our pediatric research programs. We look forward to continuing to work with you to benefit our mutual cause.

## OHIO

The 2nd Annual Paul Rene Memorial 5K Run/Walk provided an opportunity to pay tribute to those who lost their battle with a brain tumor. The Rene Family wrote, “Paul’s Run/Walk allows us to work together so we can contribute to this cause with the hope that one day a cure will be found.” We extend our gratitude to Paul’s daughter, Patti Von Fischer and the entire Rene Family for their efforts in funding ABTA research programs.

## ILLINOIS

Kudos to the AuBuchon Family for “walking the walk” that made for a highly successful 3rd Annual Vernon Hills Walk. Friends, family, neighbors and residents of Vernon Hills all come out to honor “George” in her 14th year as a brain tumor survivor and to memorialize Cathy Lundstrom and Mary Jo Milligan. Thank you for your ongoing use.

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## PENNSYLVANIA

To honor his wife and to heighten awareness about our cause, Sgt. Terry Moore sold brain tumor awareness pins at a local benefit.



## ILLINOIS

In honor of her son, Cathy Crowell sold Brain Tumor Awareness Pins at her Paradise Salon to heighten awareness about our cause and to raise research funds. Thank you, Cathy.



Smiles abound at the Mike Crotty Golf Tournament.

## NEW YORK

Jennifer Crotty and her family organized the 1st Annual Mike Crotty Memorial Golf Tournament to celebrate her dad’s life and to benefit ABTA’s programs and the Miller Place Scholarship Fund. In addition to funds and fun, the family also found the experience to be comforting and healing. Thank you all.

## VIRGINIA

Family and friends gathered for an evening of country dancing and “to help extinguish brain tumors” at the 4th Annual John’s Jamboree in memory of John C. Carr, Jr. NOVEC, the Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative, again sponsored the evening’s events. We express gratitude to NOVEC and to the Carr Family for choosing to pay tribute to John through ABTA.

# Raising Funds & Raising Fun



Committee members find time to pose at the 4th Annual Paul Brazen Memorial Golf Outing.

## MICHIGAN

Roberta Semanco, as a loving tribute to her brother, organized the 4th Annual Paul Brazen Memorial Golf Outing. Roberta tells us that everything went great and it was a beautiful day. With her at the helm, it's no surprise that it was great. Thank you for your continuing devotion to our cause.

## VIRGINIA

We are extraordinarily grateful to the Porter Family, Coeburn Civic League and Coeburn Kiwanis for their efforts in making the 4th Annual Justin's Walk a successful activity. This little boy who loved trains captured the collective heart of the entire town of Coeburn with his courage, while battling his brain tumor. We, at ABTA, feel privileged to direct the funds raised to research against the disease that took young Justin from those who loved him.

## ILLINOIS

Thanks to the students and faculty at Holy Ghost School for their "Jeans Pass Day" collection to support ABTA's work.



## PENNSYLVANIA

Heib's family and friends invited to a birthday party in honor. In lieu of gifts, each made a donation to ABTA. What a wonderful surprise for us all. Happy birthday Alma!

## PENNSYLVANIA

Club La Maison did it again! Their 4th Annual Run For Hope raised funds, heightened awareness and paid tribute to their founder, Richard Sposato. Thank you all for your continuing commitment to our programs.

## ILLINOIS

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Research Foundation sponsored the 5th Annual Justin Kats Memorial Golf Classic to remember Justin's spirit and to support the pediatric research programs of ABTA and Children's Memorial Hospital. We appreciate your continuing support of our efforts.

## OHIO

To memorialize her late husband John M. Kerzman on the 5th anniversary of his passing, Lori Kerzman-Murray held a golf outing to raise funds for ABTA programs. Thanks to all who participated.

## KENTUCKY

Jennifer Schlectky is an active member of an online gaming guild. Annually they conduct a charity fundraiser and this year the funds were designated for the real-life fight of finding the cure. Our thanks to Jennifer and her gaming friends for supporting our efforts.

## OHIO

Grateful thanks to Epsilon Delta Tau Fraternity for continuing to pay tribute to your brother Mark Rice who lost his brain tumor battle. We appreciate your annual gift of research funds from your "Car Smash."



Proud Dad accompanies Abby, daughter of Bill and Laurie Deierlein, to the podium during the Celebrate Life ceremony.

## MICHIGAN

Laurie and Bill Deierlein and their special group of friends and family came together for the 4th Annual Celebrate Life Dinner Dance in honor of Laurie Deierlein. The love that pervades the evening's activities is palpable. Everyone truly celebrates life when they congregate to honor Laurie. All their hard work was worthwhile. Everyone had a wonderful time and much-needed research funds were raised.

## OREGON

To honor her lovely 9-year-old daughter, Brittany, Kim Scott had a Brain Tumor Awareness Booth at the Old Fashioned Day Festival.



Organizer, Mary Doyle Lehman, at the 13th Annual Strain for the Brain.

## ILLINOIS

Black clouds have as evidenced by the 5th Annual of Hope Golf Outing benefit pediatric b research in memory of Raymc Our thanks to the Skaja Families for ing zeal in seeking we all crave.

## ILLINOIS

ABTA is proud to be the of partial proceeds from Annual Curley's Charity Tournament as a tribute to Monty Rachell. Your continued support is needed and appreciated.

## ILLINOIS

In memory of Mary Wiley, Kathleen Kowaski donated the proceeds of her Pampered Chef party to ABTA. Thanks for your clever and generous way to pay tribute.

## WISCONSIN

The 13th Annual Strain for the Brain attracted close to 1,000 people! Founded by Marcy Weinsheim in memory of her husband Hal, this event is now spearheaded by the Doyle Family in memory of their mother, Patricia. Accept our continuing appreciation for your work on behalf of our research and patient service programs.

## MARYLAND

Our thanks to Andre McDonald and Jeana Chaffin for organizing the 1st Annual WIIC (WallStreet Investors Investment Club) Charity Golf Tournament in memory of Jeana's mom, Jean Marie Scheirer, to benefit ABTA. Understand the weather was beautiful and the golf game, dinner prize ceremony went extremely well. Congratulations.

## PENNSYLVANIA

A Slezak requested that ABTA be one of the beneficiaries of the 1st Annual Gary M. Slezak Memorial Golf Tournament, organized in memory of her husband. Our thanks to Gary's dear friend Earl Pifer for chairing this event and thanks to all who participated.

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# Raising Funds & Raising Fun



Walkers participate in after-Walk festivities at Cathy's Connection.

## ILLINOIS

Rosemary's spirited enthusiasm brought her wonderful family and friends together to organize the 2nd Annual Cathy's Connection, a 5K Fun Walk, in memory of Catherine Leigh O'Rourke, daughter of Rosemary and Bill O'Rourke. The beautiful park, blue skies, live music, kids' activities, and fabulous raffle prizes made for a marvelous, fun-filled morning. In reflection of Cathy, eldest of eight children, Rosemary reminds us they were "thankful to be able to share in her ten happy years." And we are thankful to you for remembering Cathy in this most meaningful way. Many will benefit from your long hours of preparation to assure the event's success.

## CALIFORNIA

Rick Hardin of Hardin & Coffin attended an educational seminar conducted by West Coast Casualty Service and donated to that company's Buy a Banner, Support a Charity Program to benefit ABTA. Thank you for your monetary donation and for heightening awareness about our cause.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Joan Fenno Grammel published a book about Waites Corner, the neighborhood where she grew up. "I guess everyone says this... but I'm going to say it about Waites Corner: What a wonderful place. What great people..." Evidenced by the fact that ABTA will receive a share of the proceeds of the sale from each book in honor of Mary Fusia, we agree. Thank you.



Sue Jagels, center, is flanked by Brain Train Team members Britt Hohoff, Kristi Brady, Kathy Starzynski and Katherine Ellinghausen.

## ILLINOIS

The 4th Annual George's Jog — A Strain for the Brain Event — was hosted by four lovely ladies, Sue Kamberos and daughters Kristin, Pam and Nicole to pay tribute to their husband and father. The research funds raised are an ongoing legacy to his generosity and zest for life. Thank you for your continuing support.

## WISCONSIN

Fifteen months after being diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor, Sue Jagels ran 11 miles as part of a relay team in the Lake Geneva Marathon. Sue collected donations from family, friends and anyone who would help her make a difference with her "runraiser." Thank you Sue for your successful activity, and for sharing your hope with us.

## NEW YORK

Grateful thanks to all the runners and volunteers of the Kings Park 15 Kilometer Run organized by the Greater Long Island Running Club, with an especial thanks to Mary Ellen Stajk and Michael Polansky. We appreciate being the recipient of a major portion of the proceeds from this successful event.

## MICHIGAN

Julie Coon organized the 1st Annual Robert J. Parker, Jr. Memorial 5K Fun Walk/Run in memory of her father. Julie's mother and other family members also helped in the planning and implementation of this successful event to remember a great husband, dad, son, brother and friend.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Grateful thanks and best wishes to Leah Javaheri for honoring her family and friends at her wedding by donating to ABTA programs in memory of Mrs. Mahnaz Javaheri.



The Student Council of Hillside Middle School poses with assistant principal, Mr. Cracraft, after their successful fundraiser for ABTA.

## MICHIGAN

In memory of the father of Student Council Secretary, Kevin Kay, all the 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes had a friendly competition of "change wars". Each class placed loose change in their room's water jug. Even though the 6th grade class won the competition, "everyone in our school felt the true winners are the people that this money could help." Thank you all for capturing the true spirit of ABTA.

## MARYLAND

The Baltimore Chapter of the Circus Saints and Sinners Club of America held fundraising events in order to contribute to 15 organizations this year. ABTA is proud to be one of your designated charities.

## NEW JERSEY

The Florham Park branch of Salomon Smith Barney had casual summer Fridays for those who contributed to their charity of choice. Thank you to those who chose to benefit the programs of ABTA.



Merriment and smiles abound at the "Nines" Luau.

## MARYLAND

Bil Shockley and his family and friends held the 3rd Annual Nines Party — a Luau this year — on 9/9/01 as a tribute to Bil's nephew, Richard Shockley and to benefit ABTA programs. Live music, Hawaiian and New England food, coupled with leis and raffles guaranteed a good time for all. Thanks for your continuing efforts.

## CALIFORNIA

Kristi and Harry Cole continue to amaze us. Their 4th Annual Penny Golf Classic was even more awesome than the previous ones — hard to believe. Penny Stowell was obviously a special lady; she brings out the best in so many. The spectacular day of golf and camaraderie was capped with evening's festivities that included dinner and an exciting silent auction. It's no wonder they have to turn away players each year. In memory of her mother Penny, Kristi has raised the bar for raising research funds. Thank you.

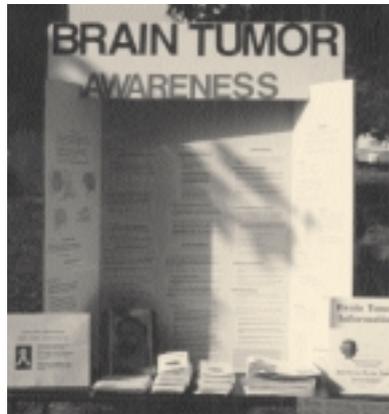
## ILLINOIS

What a day! What an evening! The 4th Annual Paul Fabbri Memorial Golf Outing to keep Paulie's spirit alive and to benefit brain tumor research was a magical moment in time. Paul's friends Jeff Fougousse, Bob Kruchten and Sherrie Izbani ably co-chair the committee. The weather was excellent for golfing and the evening's activities of dinner, music and raffles prizes were overshadowed by the friendships in evidence. Paul was a wonderful son, big brother to Billy, and cherished friend to everyone who attended.

# Raising Funds & Raising Fun

## WEST VIRGINIA

Brain tumor patient Pam Tarnecki held her 1st Annual Party for Life featuring live music, an auction, raffles and an outpouring of community love. The local American Legion sponsored the event so that all proceeds could get us "a little bit closer to a cure." Thank you one and all.



Brain tumor awareness is promoted at the Tulip Festival in Albany, NY.

## NEW YORK

The 53rd Annual Albany Tulip Festival was the setting for promoting brain tumor awareness and conducting a raffle to benefit ABTA. We express thanks to Michelle Cullbertson for her efforts on our behalf. And, Michelle challenged her friends to each sell ten *Happiness is...* calendars to benefit our programs. Thank you, Michelle.

## ILLINOIS

At Jennifer Reusing's Holiday party, she had ABTA information available and asked for donations to further our programs. Thanks for remembering us at that time, Jennifer.

## NEW JERSEY

David M. DePaul organized the 4th Annual David A. DePaul Memorial Golf Outing in memory of his father. The event was a terrific venue for family and friends to gather for golf and good times, and to remember David A. Proceeds from the Outing are restricted for finding answers through research.

## MONTANA

We express appreciation to Elna Boisvert for distributing information about our cause at her community's Relay For Life.

## NEW MEXICO

If you visit Santa Fe, be sure to purchase the Original Santa Fe Walking Map, a must-have for your walking tours. ABTA will receive a percentage of the annual sale proceeds in loving memory of Jesse Taylor.

## NEW JERSEY

In memory of her husband, Karen Deacon co-chaired the 6th Annual Gary J. Deacon Memorial Golf Tournament. Karen writes, "Despite damp weather, a good time was had by all as we raised much-needed funds for brain tumor research and patient support. We recognize the ABTA as an invaluable resource...." Thank you for your kind words and your continued dedication.



Champ Smith and his fishing buddies display their "catch of the day."

## SOUTH CAROLINA

In honor of his son Sea, Champ Smith organized the 3rd Annual Fishing For the Future Kids Flats Fishing Tourney. After treatment for a brain tumor, 3 1/2 year-old Sea is leading a normal toddler's life. To assure continuing research, Champ organizes the efforts of 25 local fishing guides to take out 50 at-risk kids for a day of fishing and fun. This event helps to teach kids about teamwork, sportsmanship, conservation of our valuable resources and dedicated sponsors raise funds. Thank you for an intriguing event to support ABTA's programs.

## LOUISIANA

Mechelle Elliott named ABTA to receive a donation from Amgen as part of their Courage Awards program. Thank you for thinking of us, Mechelle.

## PENNSYLVANIA

To benefit brain tumor research, the 1st Annual William A. Miles Memorial 3K Fun Walk was organized by the family of Bill Miles. A Pennsylvania State Trooper with the entire second half of his life to live, Bill's family hopes to prevent others from going through their same ordeal. Thank you for placing your hope in ABTA's research programs. Together, we can make a difference.

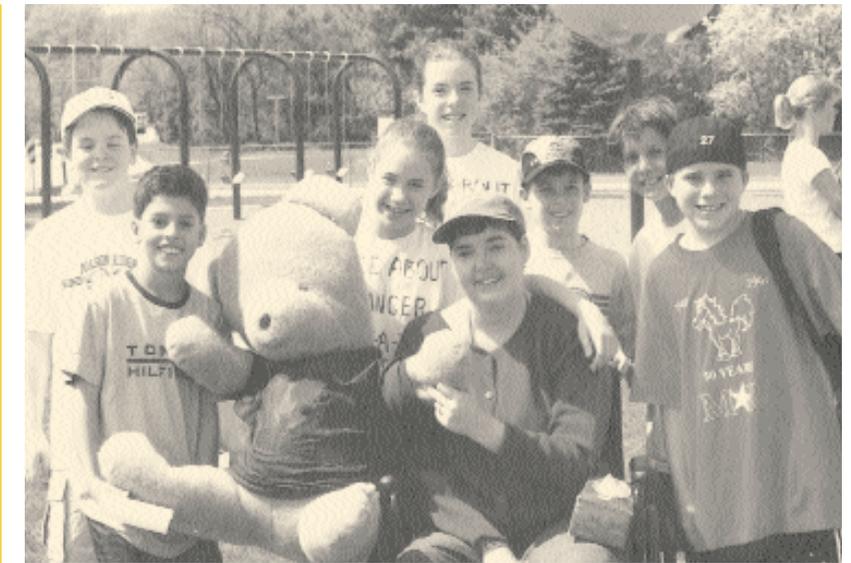
## FLORIDA

When 9-year-old Kaylie Hollis lost her brain tumor battle, she left a legacy of love.

Her community had rallied to raise funds for treatments during her battle, and then rallied support to help create a permanent monument to her — a wall built around her favorite spot — a nature trail.

A portion of the proceeds of these funds were sent to ABTA for our programs. We thank the Hollis Family, parents Noelle and Robert and young sister Breanne for

thinking of other children as a further tribute to Kaylie.



Linda Favero is surrounded by her students at the Care About Cancer Walk-A-Thon.

## MISSOURI

Mrs. Linda Favero, 5th grade teacher with a brain tumor, was the inspiration for the Care About Cancer Walk-A-Thon. Her students and colleagues were determined to raise research funds to find the answers we all seek. Their efforts came to the attention of the Missouri National Education Association and the television news stations. Significant funds were raised and meaningful awareness was created. All organizers and participants got a grade of A+. Thank you all.

## ILLINOIS

The all-volunteer Emily Dorfman Foundation for Children held its 6th Annual Miles for Smiles to pay tribute to their beloved Emmy. In addition to their other programs, the Foundation continues to generously fund pediatric brain tumor research through ABTA. We thank you for your ongoing support.

## NORTH CAROLINA

Nathan Noor was remembered by his classmates when Carly Wooten requested that in lieu of gifts for her 7th birthday, contributions be collected for Nathan's Memorial Fund through ABTA. Our thanks to the 1st grade Brownie Troop 807 at Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic School for organizing this activity.

## OHIO

In memory of Scott H. Lougee, Pamela Mills selected ABTA as the beneficiary of an auction of items donated by Harmony Kingdom®. We extend a grateful thank you to the HK House of Peers, an international umbrella organization of local Harmony Kingdom Collector Clubs, for their mission of returning something to the general community through charity fundraising.

# Raising Funds & Raising Fun



Surfers gather at the shore for the 2nd Annual Marie Becker Longboard Contest.

## NEW JERSEY

The 2nd Annual Marie Becker Memorial Long Board contest was organized by Erich Becker as a tribute to his mother, with assistance by Jim Hyde. Only surfers could be excited about the possibility of "Hurricane Erin coming up the coast for some good surf for the contest." It turned out to be a grand day — good times — significant funds — great press — and good surf. You raised our spirits, too. Thanks for your phenomenal efforts.



A foursome poses at the Robert J. Lynch Memorial Golf Classic.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Nanette Lynch tells us the 2nd Annual Robert J. Lynch Memorial Golf Classic in memory of her husband was wonderful. They had 2½ times the number of people as the first year and raised that much more for brain tumor research. People came from four states and had a wonderful time on a beautiful day for a worthy cause. Our sincere thanks for all you do for our mutual cause.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Brian and Becky Mielke requested that proceeds from Automated Trading Desk's office party be donated to ABTA. Thank you for thinking of us.

## OHIO

The Loveland Piglet raised research dollars for the Marathon. Dan Sullivan piglet, Andrea, was saved for two brain tumors. The piglets adopted by Dan and his family are happy and his family are happy. The piglets adopted by Dan and his family are happy and his family are happy. The piglets adopted by Dan and his family are happy and his family are happy.

## MICHIGAN

The gumball machine in Tricia Elson's classroom was the vehicle for raising research dollars in honor of her, and a student who also had a brain tumor.

# Holiday Shopping

## ABTA SHIRT

A rich purple with the new ABTA logo on the pocket, these short-sleeve polo-style knit shirts are the perfect gift for the holidays, birthdays, or just to say "Thinking of You." The shirts are 50% cotton/50% polyester and run fairly true to size. In response to your requests, there are no sponsors or events on this shirt. Shirts are \$15.00 each, or two for \$25.00.



## HAPPINESS IS... CALENDAR

Young brain tumor patients were invited to submit a drawing depicting what *Happiness is...* A tribute to children diagnosed with a brain tumor, this 4-color calendar features a poignant drawing each month. Special thanks to Colleen Clyder for providing the cover artwork. The calendars are \$10 each.



## AWARENESS PINS

Help raise brain tumor awareness by wearing a Brain Tumor Awareness pin. These 1" lacquered pins are a soft shade of grey, symbolizing the gray matter of the brain. Pins are \$5 each.

## TO ORDER

I would like to order:

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Pin(s) at \$5 each	\$
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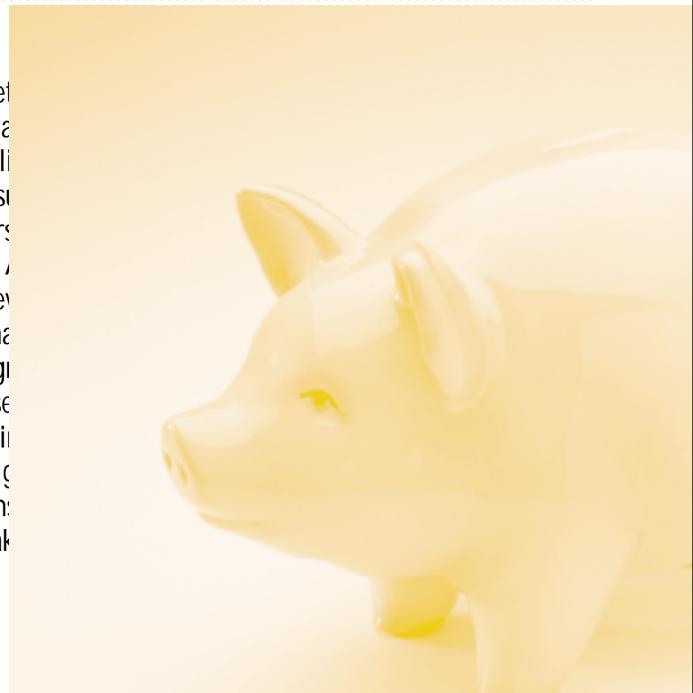
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## CHRISTMAS CASSETTE/CD



The American Brain Tumor Association's *Christmas Memories* collection features ten of the best-known holiday favorites including "White Christmas" and "The Christmas Song." The compact disc also includes "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "A Holly Jolly Christmas" by Burl Ives, "Christmas Time is Here" and "Skating" performed by the Vince Guaraldi Trio from the TV special *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. The compilation concludes with Frank Sinatra's magical interpretation of "The Christmas Waltz." The cassettes are \$8 each; CD's are \$10 each.



# News & Announcements



## TOGETHER IN HOPE

The American Brain Tumor Association and the Florida Brain Tumor Association (formerly the South Florida Brain Tumor Association) will co-host a patient meeting, January 25th and 26th, 2002 at the Wyndham Westshore Hotel in Tampa, Florida. Speakers will include Peter McLaren Black, MD, PhD, Chief of Neurosurgery, Brigham and Women's Hospital, MA; Steven Brem, MD, Director of the Neuro-Oncology Program and Chief of Neurosurgery, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL; Henry S. Friedman, MD, Co-Director of the Clinical Neuro-Oncology Program, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, and the inspirational music of David Bailey. For additional program information, call 888-684-7567; e-mail [Bt1Diva@aol.com](mailto:Bt1Diva@aol.com) or [info@abta.org](mailto:info@abta.org).



## THANKS TO...

### Microsoft

for their exceptionally generous donation of software.

### Lenox Suites Hotel, Chicago

for donating 30 two night stays for raffle/auction prizes at ABTA fundraising events throughout the year.

## EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

The followup album to *Scribblings* is finally here! Born of his own personal experience with a brain tumor, Matthew Zachary's first album combined modern classical, progressive jazz, and new age instrumental themes. The new album, *Every Step of the Way*, reaches a deeper level of inspirational and emotional enlightenment. Listen and order online at [www.matthewzachary.com](http://www.matthewzachary.com).

## DAVID'S NEW CD HAS ARRIVED!

Fans of survivor and award-winning folk guitarist, David Bailey, as well as those yet to discover his awe-inspiring lyrics, are bound to love the latest release...

**LIVE!** A double-album compilation of performances in five states, this is David at his best. Several selections can be sampled at his web site, [www.davidmbailey.com](http://www.davidmbailey.com); order while you're there.



## ALEX'S JOURNEY WINS CINE AWARD

Renowned for the Golden Eagle Awards for excellence in documentary film and video production, the CINE organization awarded the American Brain Tumor Association video, *Alex's Journey*, a Spring 2001 Golden Eagle Award. Recipients of CINE Golden Eagles include eight-time Emmy-award winning producer and director, David Grubin; acclaimed documentary filmmaker and Academy-award winner, Barbara Kopple; and four-time Academy-award winning producer, Charles Guggenheim. Clips can be viewed online at our children's web site, ABTA Kids — [www.abta.org/kids/home.htm](http://www.abta.org/kids/home.htm), or a complimentary copy of the VHS-formatted video is available to parents, healthcare professionals, and libraries by calling 800-886-2282.

# ABTA Tributes

## Anniversary Wishes

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bernstein  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Coren  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dryanski  
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Korbakes  
Mr. & Mrs. Terence O'Hagen  
Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Pollakoff  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schultz  
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Schwager  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Weiner

## Birthday Wishes

Bonnie Bader  
Leah Balaban  
Jonathan L. Ballon, MD  
Mrs. Jerome Behnstock  
Claire Breyer  
Norm Breyer  
Joe Brito  
Alan Chapman  
Mitchell Chukerman  
Blair Dean  
Steven Fischman  
Dr. Laura Greiner  
Jack Houston  
Brooke Ann Johnson  
Elaine Lampert  
Punkin  
Jack Rearick  
Alma Scheib  
Franklin R. Scheib  
Kevin Scopinich  
George Sundel  
Dorothy Vittert

## Congratulations

Jennifer Daskal  
— *Graduation*  
David & Lee  
— *Bar Mitzvahs*  
Elaine Glassman  
— *Graduation*  
The Steve Harris Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Samson  
— *Granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah*  
Mr & Mrs. Stanley Young  
— *Birth of granddaughter Stephanie*

## GetWell Wishes

Barb Baerson  
Bill Fergusson  
Myra Freilich  
Marilyn Galston

Jeri Livingston  
Tommy Phillips  
Dana Schwartz  
Judy Schwartz  
Gail Segal  
Jeanne Shelton  
Donald Silver  
Beth Zollinger

## Holiday Wishes

Justin Fraser  
Brooke Ann Johnson

## Thank You

Dr. C. Dureza  
Andrea Gold  
Nancy & Rachel Hirsch  
Alicia O'Brien  
Dr. Lokesh Tantuwaya  
Dr. Richard Unger

## Thinking of You

Sharman Holmes  
Lois Ines  
Bonnye Johnson  
Mark E. Lockwood  
Gene Rathbun

## To Your Good Health

Timothy D. Nicholson, Jr.

## Wedding Wishes

Dominic & Sherry Bellino

## In Honor

American Brain Tumor Association  
Donna Anchetta  
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Michael Atkins  
Michael Barney  
Ashley E. Bassier  
Roger Beam  
Val & Ron Beardsley  
Rahele Benaiah  
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Janet Berkowitz  
Dr. Thomas V. Bertuccini  
Stephanie Besier  
Nathan Black  
Brianna Borwig  
Sabrina Bradshaw  
Marie Brennan  
Barbara J. Brownrigg  
Carol A. Burba  
James J. Burba  
Molly Burns  
Tara Jo Bush  
Lena Camp  
Dorothy Pacetti Campbell  
Sherry Chiger  
Korwyn B. Christensen  
Debra Clarkson  
Sandra Clinger  
Chris Cooley  
Justin Edward Cox  
Samuel Crisanti  
Gina Marie DiCaprio  
Wendy Dixon  
Patrick Doerr  
Lalitha Doraiswamy  
Virginia Doran  
Dr. Michael Dougherty  
Suzanne Driver  
Earlene Dunn  
Randy E. Dunn  
Benjamin Duty  
Mechelle Elliott  
Thomas Fazio  
Jessica Fewlass  
Drew Fleming  
Timothy P. Foss  
Alicia Gandy  
Hubert Gapinski  
Rachel Gardner  
Trudi Getschel  
Sandy Gilbert  
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