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Brain Tumor Walk/Run Attracts 6,000 to Chicago Lakefront; Raises More Than \$800,000

Des Plaines, Ill. (May 25, 2010) – A record 6,000 walkers, runners, volunteers and supporters – ages 1 to 94, from 34 states and as far away as Hawaii, England and Norway – converged on Chicago’s Lakefront on Saturday, May 22, 2010 for the American Brain Tumor Association’s (ABTA) 5th Annual Path to Progress Run/Walk. Event organizers estimate that the event will raise close to \$1 million – also a record – for ABTA’s research and patient-family education and support programs.

The Path to Progress has steadily grown since the first event in 2004. The 2010 Path to Progress, with nearly 6,000 participants and more than 300 teams, was the largest to date.

“While significant progress has been made in treatment and care, a brain tumor continues to be a devastating diagnosis,” said ABTA Executive Director Elizabeth Wilson. “Through events like the Path to Progress 5K Run/Walk, ABTA ensures continued funding for critical brain tumor research, as well as desperately needed resources and support for patients and families living with this disease.”

This year, more than 62,000 Americans will be diagnosed with a primary brain tumor and more than 250,000 with a secondary or metastatic brain tumor. More than 600,000 Americans are currently living with a brain tumor diagnosis.

For nearly 40 years, the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) has provided critical funding to researchers working toward breakthroughs in brain tumor diagnosis, treatment and care, with the ultimate goal of finding a cure. The ABTA is also the recognized resource for up-to-date information and compassionate support for the brain tumor patients, families and caregivers who are living with this disease. For more information, visit the ABTA Web site at www.abta.org, or call 1-800-886-2282.