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Debbie's story



After having a few migraine headaches this summer, Debbie spoke with her doctor, who immediately sent her for an MRI. The news was an inoperable glioma, and aggressive treatment was prescribed.

Debbie took the news with bravery and grace. Her first priority was making sure her family and friends were okay.

With the support of her husband, Pat; her children, Nicole and Patrick; son-in-law, Clay; two granddaughters, Hope and McKenzie; and a large group of family and friends, Debbie completed her radiation and chemotherapy treatment program.

While researching to find out more about Debbie's tumor, a co-worker received an email about the Walk Ahead for a Brain Tumor Cure. With only a month to go before the walk, we decided to put together a team to support our dear friend by helping to raise money for research.

We are excited and overwhelmed by the response our team has received. When you meet Debbie, her smile will tell you she is one of the most beautiful people you will ever meet, inside and out. To know Debbie is to love her!

-- With love from her friends,  
"Deb's Brainiacs"

December 1, 2011

Dear Friend of the Brain Tumor Center:

In a nation where brain tumors affect over 210,000 people each year, the Brain Tumor Center at the University of Cincinnati Neuroscience Institute is making a difference. We evaluated or treated over 2,000 patients this year and are currently conducting 14 clinical trials of innovative therapies.

Our recent *Beacon of Hope Weekend* included the *2011 Midwest Regional Brain Tumor Conference* and the *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk Ahead for a Brain Tumor Cure*. The conference drew 175 patients and caregivers, while the walk attracted over 1,600 participants and raised more than \$175,000 for research and education. The 2010 Walk proceeds of over \$100,000 funded a novel clinical trial for elderly patients with glioblastoma and the 2011 Conference. These inspiring events would not have been possible without the generosity of our patients, families and friends!

Additionally, operational funding is vital to the Center's mission and progress. Such funds recently allowed us to host a visiting professorship for Dr. Isaiah Fidler, a world-renowned expert in brain metastasis from the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Dr. Fidler recognized the UC Brain Tumor Molecular Therapeutics Program as the first to combine laboratory research and clinical trials in the area of brain metastasis. He presented the program's inaugural lecture that drew enthusiasm not only within the Brain Tumor Center and UC College of Medicine, but also from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

As you make plans for year-end giving, please consider a tax-deductible donation to support the operational growth of the Brain Tumor Center. You may use the enclosed pledge card to make a gift or pledge. If you have questions about gifting options, please contact Gina Weitzel at (513) 558-6112.

Also, stay tuned to our Web site at [www.uchealth.com/braintumor](http://www.uchealth.com/braintumor) for details about the progress of the UC Brain Tumor Molecular Therapeutics Program and the 2012 Brain Tumor Center Wine Tasting Event that will be held this spring.

Thank you for your continued support of our quest to find a brain tumor cure!

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Warnick, M.D.  
Medical Director  
UC Brain Tumor Center

David P. Cook  
Community Advisory Board Member  
Chair, Development Committee

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