



The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization

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Your interactive online resource for raising brain tumor awareness and gaining support!

Current Initiatives:

Community of Navigation and Support (CNS) -navigating survivors with provisions of website access; **LIVESTRONG** Survivorship Notebooks and brain tumor resources;

- Presentations are being scheduled throughout the state at cancer centers, faith-based ministries, university programs, survivor programs and/or support groups.
- Patient backpacks including **LIVESTRONG** Survivorship Notebooks with brain tumor resources included distributed to patients/survivors.

The George Pocheptsov Arts Auction and Gala

- George Pocheptsov, an internationally renowned artist has donated art to benefit The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization and fund the **Minds in Motion** arts scholarship program.
- The **Minds in Motion** Arts Scholarship Program is for brain tumor survivors as a healing arts therapy and encourages participation in an arts program of their choice.
- The Minds in Motion Arts Auction/Gala will be held April 4, 2009 in Greenville, South Carolina and an additional auction event is being planned later in 2009 for the Charleston area.
- Additional venues are being sought to promote the events throughout 2009 by hosting a display of one or more paintings.

The Semi-Postal Stamp Project-

- The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization began lobbying for a semi-postal stamp to benefit brain tumor research programs at the National Institutes of Health and National Cancer Institute in 2004.
- Today, we have joined forces with The Silver Ribbon Coalition who represent brain organizations also seeking the implementation of a Silver Ribbon Awareness Stamp since 1999.
- We have received positive feedback from the United States Postal Service Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee for our project particularly since it would benefit those suffering from traumatic brain injuries, especially our Veterans.
- We have contacted Dr. William Timmer, the brain tumor research program director at the National Cancer Institute and Dr. Raymond Kington, the Director of the National Institutes of Health to discuss how this project can benefit the following programs: The Department of Defense (DOD), The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes (NINDS), and the Brain Tumor Research Program at The National Cancer Institute.
- We have requested that members of Congress introduce this into legislation.

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