



The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization

www.braintumorawareness.org

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

Programs

- A Community of Navigation and Support (CNS)** -educating professionals, patients, caregivers and advocates about our website, resource packets and support programs.
- Presentations within the 8 healthcare regions through cancer centers, faith-based ministries, university programs, survivor programs and support groups.
 - Distribution of Patient Backpacks including **LIVESTRONG** Survivorship Notebooks with brain tumor resources to patient/survivor upon request.
 - Patient Assistance Program- an intake process whereby the BTAO assesses the resources that patients have identified and exhausted; a one-on-one applications process is completed by volunteers for resources not identified; a written navigation plan is provided and funding allocated to meet “gap” during 2 year waiting period prior to disability benefits/Medicare award.
 - Website provides easy navigation to support resources and a resource directory. Site visitors can locate resources by state, center, program or trial. Forms and resources can be downloaded in PDF format.
- B “Hidden Under Our Hats”** – a collection of hats decorated by patients, survivors and their families in honor of their “Angel” or “Warrior” to donate to a traveling state display which will join the national display annually in Washington, DC.
- C “Heads Up To Heroes”** –a tribute to brain tumor survivors and/or members of their families that have begun advocacy and awareness work in their communities. Individuals are nominated through our website featured in our monthly newsletter monthly and given a web page where they can share their events and efforts. Heroes are encouraged to become affiliates of the BTAO and to remain a regional contact as a part of our resource network.
- D Minds in Motion-** a healing arts scholarship program which funds survivors’ choice of arts-related activity; arts expressions to be promoted as an awareness module during an annual fundraising/awareness event in October/May.
- E Adversity into Action-** training sessions for advocates which will identify their areas of strength to participate in an awareness network. The utilization of technology to self-advocate and promote awareness, fundraising and social network marketing will be addressed. We empower advocates to raise awareness through usage of our website, host their own page, update their community resources and events, and connect others.

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