



# Brain SCAN - *Sharing, Caring, Advocacy & News*

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

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## *In The News....*

This year has brought exciting and challenging opportunities for The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization. We have been busily redesigning our website to provide more dynamic elements and to provide multiple forums of interaction and information delivery. This has meant intense training for our staff and stretched our already mounting task force beyond their limits! We are excited about the new format and the wonderful work that others in the brain tumor community have done on their respective sites-most of all employing RSS feeds which will allow updated exchange of information as you access web pages. Enough tech talk!

We have begun recruiting interns, volunteers, and state advocates in an effort to lay the groundwork for our 2008 grey ribbon awareness campaign!

This campaign will allow The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization to put a face on an awareness campaign that has strategy behind its mission, programs to support and educate, and reach its long-term goals of routine scans and direct financial assistance for these and other non-medical needs. By building a national network, we can bring together the energies that can translate into corporate partnerships/sponsorships to sustain these life-giving scans.

We are excited to announce that we are submitting the sample artwork by [George Pocheptsov](#) for the Semi-Postal Postage Stamp Series to raise awareness for brain tumors. To familiarize yourself with George's incredible talent and story, visit his site. Although it may take some lobbying on our part, he is world renowned, is connected to our cause and we as an organization believe we have chosen a very desirable and marketable artist for the subject-again, a milestone for brain tumors!

Please visit our website often to see how you can help-whether it is by donations, gifts, purchases, or volunteering your time or talents! Together, we can share, care, advocate and spread the news!

### Patient Advocate Foundation's Mission Statement

Patient Advocate Foundation is a national non-profit organization that seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of their financial stability.



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## Mark Your Calendar:

**Brain Tumor Awareness Week**  
May 1-7, 2008

**Brain Tumor Awareness Day**

November 13, 2007

**NBTF's 11th Annual Fall Tele-conference Series**

December 4th 2007

featuring Henry Friedman, MD, Deputy Director of the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University.



Also recycle your cellphones! For more information visit our website and click on link above!

BTAO needs your help! Online volunteers, webmasters, state advocates, committee members, fundraising participants and business supporters are all needed to participate via our website to build a much needed network of support for those we serve!



*The Season of Giving-shop with our affiliates and support our community!*



## Many organizations have provided wonderful resources online and here are a few that may interest you:



- ◆ **The Cancer Survival Toolbox** is a free audio program that we have just received and are excited to recommend as it gives great confidence and support to patients needing command of



**CEDARS-SINAI**

Free Community Conference on Adult Brain Tumors



**Lotsa Helping Hands**

*When friends & family need help*



- ◆ **Lotsa Helping Hands** provides a free caregiver support calendar to coordinate tasks, appointments and assistants...

- ◆ **Podcast** of Dr. Jon Weingart discussing brain tumors and their treatments....



**JOHNS HOPKINS**  
MEDICINE



**Video Presentation**

**The Brain Tumor Foundation** offers MRI Brainscans now available for \$169 in Manhattan – cheaper than a mammogram. And unlike the much-publicized full-body scans, brain scans emit no radiation. They are also painless, non-invasive and take ten minutes or less. Furthermore, brain scans are focused only on the brain, narrowing the search for potentially dangerous irregularities and reducing the risk of detecting abnormalities that turn out to be harmless.

### TIPS FOR LIVING AND COPING

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