



In The News....

The Ninth Annual Melvin McCall
"Strokes For Progress"
Golf Tournament
benefiting the BTAO

LIVESTRONG Day May 13th SC Event
"UNITE-Celebrate Survival"
sponsored by

The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization
Honoring brain tumor "Warriors" and "Angels" with our
2nd Annual Brain Tumor Vigil

Furman University Neuroscience Club to host "Brain Tu-
mor Awareness Week" table May 5-9

Duke featured in ABC News:
Therapy Uses Immune System to Fight Brain Tumors

Dr. Henry Friedman: Cancer is Curable

ABC News
Profile: Duke Medical Center
Dr. A. Wesley Burks

Head and Neck Cancer Treatment Improved By Ro-
botic Surgery

Healthy Habits Improve a Cancer Survivor's Quality
of Life

Lance Armstrong Honored as One of Time's 100
Most Influential People

View The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center
at Duke Timeline

Angels Among Us Walk 2008
update

**Raising
Awareness
is how we ensure
early detection,
treatment,
support and
survival.**

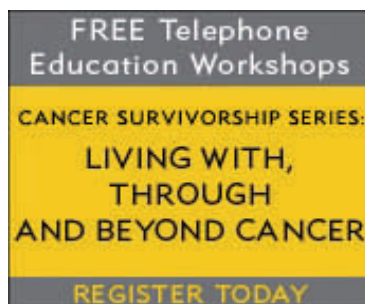
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200,000 individuals are
diagnosed with a primary
or metastatic brain tumor.
Brain tumors have no
socio-economic
boundaries and do not
discriminate among

Mark Your Calendar:

Brain Tumor Awareness Week
May 1-7, 2008

Brain Tumor Awareness Month
in South Carolina

Brain Tumor Action Week
May 5-6, 2008
In D.C.

May 5-9
Furman University
Neuroscience Club to host
"Brain Tumor Awareness Week"
activity

Monday May 12, 2008
The 9th Annual Melvin McCall
"Strokes For Progress"
Golf Tournament

Tuesday May 13, 2008
2nd Annual Brain Tumor Vigil
at
"UNITE-Celebrate Survival"
a LIVESTRONG Day event
Greenville, SC

Greenville High School Junior
ROTC and Boy Scout Troop 282
raise awareness and funds in
South Carolina!
Way to go guys!

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

- Earn Volunteer Service Hours:**
- ▷ Research
 - ▷ Forum posts
 - ▷ Emails fundraising tools to your friends!
 - ▷ Participate in our awareness events!

Contact us!



In The News....continued

[Senate Approves Budget Adjustment for NIH; First Step in Long Battle to Boost NIH Funding](#)

March 18, 2008

On March 13, the United States Senate, by an overwhelming vote of 95 to 4, approved an amendment to the budget resolution offered by Senators Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Tom Harkin (D-IA). The Specter-Harkin amendment added \$2.1 billion in funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to the Senate version of the budget resolution. This amount is in addition to the \$900 million already recommended for NIH by the Senate Budget Committee. As a result of this positive Senate action, the NIH budget could be boosted by as much as \$3 billion, or more than 10 percent, over FY 2008 levels.

This action is only the first step in a long budget and appropriations process that is predicted to last into 2009. It is not a certainty that the increase for NIH recommended by the Senate will be included in the final funding bill, but advocates for biomedical research were buoyed by the strong vote and will sustain efforts to see an aggressive increase in NIH funding. The NABTC joined colleagues in the cancer community in a letter to the Senate that urged a yes vote on the Specter-Harkin amendment.

Click here to see the [Cancer Leadership Council Endorsement of the Specter-Harkin Amendment](#)

[Proclamations for Brain Tumor Action Week](#)

March 9, 2008

The North American Brain Tumor Coalition encourages brain tumor advocates to participate in Brain Tumor Action Week advocacy activities in Washington, D.C. on May 5 and 6. For those advocates who are unable to travel to the nation's capital, there are many opportunities to advance the brain tumor research and care agenda in your local communities. In past years, advocates have been successful in persuading their local and state elected officials to issue proclamations for Brain Tumor Action Week. These proclamations have increased awareness of brain tumors among policymakers and the public and have highlighted the research and health care needs of those with brain tumors. The North American Brain Tumor Coalition encourages you to consider asking your state and local officials to issue a brain tumor proclamation. A sample proclamation is attached for your consideration.

For more information, please see [SAMPLE BRAIN TUMOR ACTION WEEK PROCLAMATION](#)