



The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization

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

The History of The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization

The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization was founded in 2006 by Julie Houston, after her spouse was diagnosed with a grade 3 brain tumor survivor. As a caregiver, she defined the needs that most identify upon diagnosis and formed an organization to complement existing brain tumor organizations- all who answer a need in the areas of research, treatment, assistance, advocacy and support. The focus of The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization was to streamline these resources in a comprehensive website so that a brain tumor patient or caregiver could access and digest at their own pace, the available programs and information they offer. This primary focus provides a navigation process for those that visit our site which can save hours, alleviate stress and provide a safety net for those in the crisis phase of the disease.

Our Mission:

The mission of the Brain Tumor Awareness Organization is to raise awareness for brain tumors on a local, state and national level through an online resource community for patients, advocates and caregivers and reduce the burden of this disease through interaction.

Milestones

- “Brain Tumor Action Week” proclaimed by the Governor of South Carolina 2005-2011
- “Brain Tumor Awareness Month” proclaimed by the Governor of South Carolina 2005-2011
- Online Web Resources launch May 2008
- May 2007-2009- Annual Brain Tumor Vigil
- The **Community of Navigation and Support (CNS)** Program launches April 2009

Member

- The South Carolina Cancer Alliance
- The North American Brain Tumor Coalition
- International Brain Tumour Alliance
- The Grey Ribbon Crusade
- The Silver Ribbon Coalition.

Advocates

- As delegate for the North American Brain Tumor Coalition 2004-present
- Participant/Sponsor of The Healing Exchange BRAIN TRUST Vigil 2005-present
- The South Carolina Cancer Alliance Survivor and Family Issues Task Force 2007-present
- The Lance Armstrong Foundation LIVESTRONG Army 2007-present
- As National Patient Advocate Foundation State Policy Liaison 2007-present
- As National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship Advocacy Network member

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