

STAR for HOPE.

Support

We help support patients and families by partnering with other organizations on programs that will increase their quality of life. Thea's Star of Hope has collaborated with the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation on the Starfolio, a notebook for patient caregivers to organize their child's medical information, as well as learn valuable information about their child's diagnosis, treatment options and place to get assistance. We have also worked with the Children's Brain Tumor Foundation to provide programs to survivors, such as adaptive Kayaking and a camping experience at Camp Make a Dream in Gold Creek, Montana.

Treatment

Many treatments for children with brain tumors have not changed in 30 years. These include, surgery, radiation and chemotherapy and have the potential for serious complications and side effects. The majority of children that undergo treatment for their brain tumor have life long medical issues and disabilities related to the treatments that are needed to save their lives. Thea is one of those kids that will suffer for the rest of her life from treatment related complications. Thea's Star of Hope was created to fund research for more effective and less toxic therapies, giving these children a chance to thrive and live, and not just survive.

Awareness

As we work toward raising awareness about pediatric brain cancer, we increase the knowledge of the challenges that these children face, through out their lives, the lack of funding and the lack of new treatments available. As awareness increases, so does funding and funding is what will bring about the cures that are so desperately needed.

Research

Thea's Star of Hope funds research that will help kids with brain tumors live long, healthy lives. We strongly believe in partnering and funding projects that are collaborative in nature. That is why we have supported the Children's Brain Tumor Tissue Consortium with almost \$100,000 in the last 4 years. We have specifically helped to fund two CBTTC projects that identified new potential targets in low grade gliomas. In addition, we have made a multi year commitment, along with the Cure the Kids Foundation/Pediatric Low Grade Glioma Foundation, to fund a multi-institutional clinical trial for a novel drug that will target a specific, common mutation in low grade gliomas.

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