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September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September is observed annually as [Childhood Cancer Awareness Month \(CCAM\)](#) in the United States, a time to recognize and honor children that have been affected by cancer and the families that care for them, while highlighting the critical need to support research that can lead to safer and more effective treatments for our most vulnerable patients. As brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related death in children, as well as the most commonly diagnosed cancer in children 14-years-old and younger, the brain tumor community has an enormous stake in Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

This September, submit a [September Superstar](#), join us at a signature or community event, get social with us by sharing pediatric brain tumor stories using #CCAM, make a gift to support critical research with the potential to advance new treatments and change the future for children facing brain tumors, and [continue to ask Congress to fund pediatric brain tumor research](#).

In addition, for those of you in the Washington, D.C. area, we invite you to attend the 10th Annual Childhood Cancer Summit, which will take place on Friday, September 20, 2019 at **9:00am** in the **United States Capitol Visitors Center**. The Summit is organized by the U.S. House of Representatives Childhood Cancer Caucus. Join with the childhood cancer advocacy community to discuss progress made over the past decade, and priorities for the next 10 years.

[RSVP at this link](#) or contact us at advocacy@braintumor.org with any questions.

Rally for Medical Research Planned for September 18-19

Each year, the National Brain Tumor Society joins more than 300 organizations on Capitol Hill to ask policymakers to make funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) a national priority, while emphasizing the importance of continued investment in medical research that leads to more progress in curing disease. NIH is the largest funder of brain tumor research, and increases in funding are vital to finding better treatments and ultimately a cure for brain tumors. We'll be reaching out to our advocates across the country on September 19th to contact your members of Congress from home, asking that they prioritize funding for NIH in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. In addition, if you are able to be in D.C. on September 18th & 19th and would like to attend, please let us know at advocacy@braintumor.org.

August Recess Meetings

Thank you to all of our advocates who have scheduled and attended meetings with their members of Congress, while they were home this month on August Recess. If you haven't already, make sure to share details from the meeting as well as pictures with us at advocacy@braintumor.org.

If you're still interested in meeting with your members of Congress, it's not too late! You can request a meeting in the district office at any time, and our [In District Meeting Toolkit](#) will bring you through the whole process, step by step. As always, feel free to reach out at anytime to advocacy@braintumor.org for support.

National Brain Tumor Society unrelentingly invests in, mobilizes, and unites our community to discover a cure, deliver effective treatments, and advocate for patients and care partners. Our vision is to conquer and cure brain tumors - once and for all.

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