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Glioblastoma Awareness Day 2020

Working together with our Champions on Capitol Hill and the larger brain tumor community, Glioblastoma (GBM) Awareness Day provided our community with a day to pause and honor, learn, and act for everyone impacted by a GBM.

As part of our [GBM Awareness Day broadcast](#), we shared the stories and experiences of patients, family members, medical providers, and researchers throughout the day to raise awareness of the challenges presented by GBM and why we need more research and more effective treatments.

In our live [Virtual Town Hall](#), we heard about the latest innovations in GBM research, what we need to create progress, and what we all can do to help create cures for patients and families. In addition, there was a discussion on the current status of GBM research and where we are headed, including how the National Brain Tumor Society is working to defeat GBM.

Our community's involvement and support of this year's GBM Awareness Day was inspiring. More than 15,000 unique users viewed our virtual event, and greater than 175,000 social media impressions on July 22, amplifying the message that we need better treatments and a cure for GBM. In addition, more than 100 advocates registered to attend our GBM Awareness Day Advocate Connections calls, and more than 3,000 messages were sent to Congress about the GBM Awareness Day resolution and the need to fund medical research.

For a full wrap up of the day's events, check out our blog post, "[Sights and Sounds: Glioblastoma Awareness Day \(#GBMDay\) 2020.](#)"

Thank you for taking the time to honor, learn, and act on GBM Awareness Day. We are so grateful!



Share Your Story

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. It is also an opportunity to highlight the critical need for pediatric brain tumor research that can lead to safer and more effective treatments for our most vulnerable patients.

This year, an estimated 3,540 new cases of pediatric brain tumors will be diagnosed, and pediatric brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer death in children. NBTS is committed to changing those statistics with its investment in pediatric brain tumor research through its ["Defeat Pediatric Brain Tumors Collaborative."](#) With more targeted and precision-based medical research we can find better treatments, and ultimately a cure, for pediatric brain tumors.

Each experience is unique and vital to understanding the challenges children and their families face as they navigate this diagnosis. Please [share your story with us](#) to honor or remember your loved one.

SHARE YOUR STORY



Ask Congress to Fund Medical Research

With the end of the fiscal year quickly approaching, Congress is still moving forward with their Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) appropriations process, and they need to hear from us!

As they work to craft the FY21 appropriations package, ask Congress to fund vital medical research to find better treatments and a cure for brain tumors.

TAKE ACTION



Do You Need Masks?

A huge thank you to Karyopharm Therapeutics for their generous donation of medical-grade masks for our brain tumor community. If you are in need and would like to request a shipment of complimentary masks, email patientnavigator@braintumor.org and NBTS will ship some to you.

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