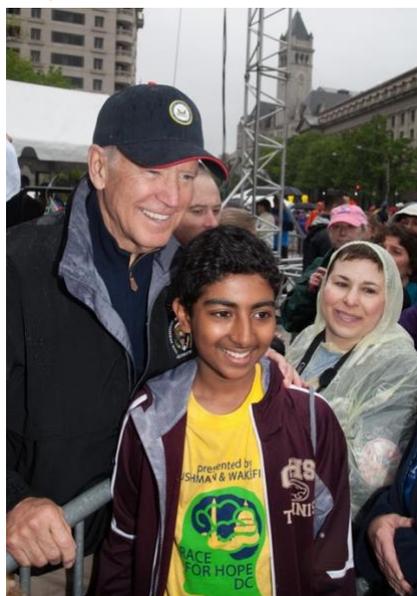




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## **NBTS Congratulates President-elect Biden**



We offer our congratulations to President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris. President-elect Biden and Dr. Jill Biden personally understand the devastating nature of brain tumors and we look forward to working together toward cures. Read our [full statement here](#).

While we're hopeful that President-elect Biden's acute understanding of our cause will provide increased opportunities to advance our public policy agenda, awareness of the devastating nature of brain tumors, and the development of new, transformative treatments, we'll continue to need YOU, our dedicated advocates, to capitalize on this

potential. By continuing to raise our voices and build relationships, we can ensure that the years to come produce real, tangible change for the brain tumor community.

Please join us in letting President-elect Biden know that you stand ready to work together to find better treatments and a cure, [sign our letter here](#).

SIGN THE LETTER NOW

## Grateful for our Advocates



As family and friends gather--either in person or virtually--to give thanks this month, we also wanted to express our gratitude to you, our brain tumor advocates. This year has been challenging for so many reasons, and many of you are dealing with the unique circumstances of 2020 on top of a brain tumor diagnosis. Despite all you have had going on, you have been advocating in greater numbers than ever before!

Head to the Hill, Brain Tumor Awareness Month Proclamation requests, and our In-District Meeting Program all broke records for advocate engagement this year. We couldn't be more grateful!

We look forward to continuing to work together to make a transformative difference for all those affected by brain tumors.

Thank you!

## Meditation Mondays and Brain Tumor Support Conversations



Mental health and well-being has never been more important for our patients and their caregivers. NBTS is pleased to offer [Meditation Mondays](#) and [Brain Tumor Support Conversations](#) to provide support and an opportunity to connect with members of our community. Meditation Mondays are held the second Monday of each month. Our next session is December 14th at 7pm/EST. You can also [view previous sessions anytime throughout the month](#).

[Brain Tumor Support Conversations](#) are offered on the third Sunday of each month. Our next session is December 20th at 7pm/EST. We hope you will join us!

## We Are Here To Help!



The National Brain Tumor Society's [Personalized Support and Navigation](#) initiative connects patients and caregivers with our patient navigator--a medical professional on the NBTS staff--who provides individualized, unbiased information, resources, support programs and services, and assists in meeting other brain tumor- related needs of patients and caregivers. Equipped with knowledge and personalized support, patients and caregivers are empowered to make the most informed decisions possible regarding their treatment and care options.

To connect with our patient navigator, Mary Lovely, PhD, RN, CNRN, email [patientnavigator@braintumor.org](mailto:patientnavigator@braintumor.org).

## Patient and Caregiver Toolkit



The National Brain Tumor Society's [Patient and Caregiver Toolkit](#) is a comprehensive hub of important resources for the brain tumor community that can be found on our website. Here you will find the [Brain Tumor Experience Portal](#), [NBTS Clinical Trial Finder](#), [telehealth information](#), and specialized educational campaigns.

For more information, please contact Rachael Kittleson at [rkittleson@braintumor.org](mailto:rkittleson@braintumor.org).

## ACA Open Enrollment Period



The annual “open enrollment” period to sign-up or switch health insurance plans purchased through the federal marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act is happening now through December 15, 2020. Absent a “[qualifying event](#),” this is the one time a year to enroll in or change your plan for the coming year. You can learn more and search for coverage options by following this link to [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov).

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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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