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Take Action for 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. **Join us in taking action below to find better treatments and a cure for children diagnosed with pediatric brain tumors.**

Ask Congress to Pass the Creating Hope Reauthorization Act

In 2012, a major victory for pediatric cancer and all pediatric rare diseases was the inclusion of the Creating Hope Act in the 21st Century Cures legislation that was signed into law. The Creating Hope Act created the pediatric rare disease priority review voucher program.

Priority review vouchers are an incentive for biopharmaceutical companies to develop drugs for rare pediatric diseases, including brain tumors. The goal of these vouchers is to develop new treatment options specifically for rare diseases in children.

The program has already been extremely successful. Since 2014, when the first voucher was issued, 22 new drugs for rare diseases in kids have been approved, including two drugs for childhood cancers.

However, the program is set to expire on September 30, 2020. We can't let this powerful program come to an end!

[Let your members of Congress know](#) that they must include the Creating Hope Reauthorization Act (HR 4439) in the upcoming continuing resolution to fund the government. Continuing to fund this important program will incentive pediatric cancer research to help create change to last a lifetime.

TAKE ACTION NOW

Young Advocates: Write a Letter to Congress

Everyone can make a difference in our communities, no matter your age! Elected officials represent all of their constituents, even those who may not be old enough to vote. [Take a look at our sample letter](#) which will help you write to your elected officials about the importance of brain tumor research. Advocates of any age are welcome to participate in this activity!

If you'd rather use our action alert system to send a message to Congress, you can [do that here](#).

WRITE A LETTER

Join Mike Massé for a CCAM Benefit Concert



[Join us](#) in raising awareness and funds for the National Brain Tumor Society's efforts to defeat pediatric brain tumors during a virtual benefit concert this Thursday, September 17th at 8:30 pm/EST. This special event is headlined by internationally acclaimed musician, Mike Massé, who will perform some of the best classic rock songs of all time.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Get Creative for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (CCAM)



This Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (#CCAM), you can help create change that will last a lifetime. We've created a number of family-friendly opportunities that anyone, at any age, can participate in to help raise awareness and inspire action to advance the development of new and better treatments for our most vulnerable patients, children. [Visit our website](#) to start using your imagination!

[CCAM ACTIVITIES](#)

Share Your Pediatric Brain Tumor Story



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

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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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