



### Shedding Light on Pediatric Brain Tumors

Established in January, 2006, the mission of the Kyle O'Connell Foundation is **to create awareness and raise funds to support pediatric brain tumor research and to assist families who are facing the challenges of pediatric brain tumors.**

#### In 7 years, we have:

- Donated over \$250,000 to pediatric brain tumor research to the Center for Children's Brain Tumors at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital, Stanford, California.
- Donated \$7500 to research and family assistance programs at Children's Hospital Colorado.
- Paid over \$5000 in financial assistance for families with a child undergoing treatment for pediatric cancer.

For 6 years we have put on a successful 5k run/walk—**Steps-n-Strides**—that has attracted up to 900 participants who enjoyed live entertainment, food and beverages, prizes and the beautiful Colorado weather while raising awareness and funds for our great cause.

Our **Bowl-a-Thon** has seen great success in California, raising over \$60,000 in 6 years.

#### Pediatric Brain Tumor Information:

- Each day 11 children are diagnosed with a pediatric brain tumor in the U.S.
- Brain tumors are the deadliest form of childhood cancer. There are **130 different types of brain tumors**, making diagnosis and treatment very difficult.
- Pediatric brain tumors aren't like those in adults. Children's brain tumors require specific research and different treatments.
- **Research that focuses specifically on pediatric brain tumors is crucial to saving children's lives and improving survivors' quality of life.**

*"The Kyle O'Connell Foundation has turned tragedy into hope for families touched by this devastating illness. With their generous support, we are making critical inroads to identify the cause of pediatric brain tumors. Our understanding of the basic events producing childhood tumors will be the stepping stone to a cure."*

—Michael S.B. Edwards, MD  
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