



# Help Us, Help Doctors, Help Kids GET BRAIN TUMORS OFF KIDS' MINDS

November 19, 2018

Dear Middletown Families, Teachers, Staff and Administration:

The Kortney Rose Foundation (KRF) is very grateful for your continued support of the **Kortney's Cash for a Cure Fundraiser**. Our support over the years to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and as a primary funder of the Children's Brain Tumor Tissue Consortium (CBTTC.org) have been significant thanks to donors like you. We realize you are the key to our success and cannot thank you enough.

## **Total Raised by all schools including high schools-**

**\$10, 312.56**

***An Increase of over \$2800 over last year! Phenomenal!***

Through its collaborative research model, CHOP is thinking outside of the box and setting up systems that will improve the landscape of pediatric research. KRF has supported the Children's Brain Tumor Tissue Consortium (CBTTC) since its inception and has helped to fuel its growth from four initial collaborating institutions to 16. Our foundation is also the primary funder for the Open DIPG study which is the pilot clinical trial coming out of the CBTTC and is in collaboration with another 15 member consortium, making it the first ever multi-consortia study done on a pediatric tumor. The Open DIPG Study will be the first trial utilizing real time data to inform patient care by accessing the largest source of pediatric cancer data from CHOP's cloud called Cavatica. This cloud is another first in pediatric research. We are grateful to be involved with these cutting edge institutions that are working together to break down the silos that have kept pediatric research behind for decades. Your donations will be used toward our commitment to fund transformative immunotherapy research. Doctors at CHOP discovered a successful immunotherapy treatment for one form of Leukemia, that will now be studied in brain tumors, the #1 disease killer of children.

We can no longer rely on the government's National Institute of Health (NIH) for research funding; it only allocates 4% of its total research budget to all childhood cancers. It's the small foundations, like ours, that are allowing this life saving research to begin and continue. That's why our support is vital.

Your school community's donation proves that every penny counts and it all adds up to make a significant impact. Please Help Get Brain Tumors Off Kids' Minds and stay in touch by signing up for our updates through our website. Please also feel free to contact me if you are interested in learning more about the brain tumor research we support, our events, and/or would like to become involved with KRF.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!!

*Kristen Gillette & The Board of The Kortney Rose Foundation*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**November 29**  
**VINEYARD VINES**  
**fundraiser at all 3**  
**NJ locations.**  
**(See our website or**  
**Facebook page for**  
**details.)**

**HAPPY THANKS FOR**  
**GIVING & YEAR**  
**END CHALLENGE**  
**ARE ON NOW**  
**THROUGH THE**  
**END OF**  
**DECEMBER.**

**NOVEMBER 27 -**  
**Giving Tuesday &**  
**KORTNEY'S**  
**BIRTHDAY**

**Save the Date:**  
**Sunday, Aug. 4,**  
**2019 - Kortney's**  
**Challenge 2 Mile**  
**Fun Run/Walk at**  
**Monmouth Park**