



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

Dear Middletown Families,

The Kortney Rose Foundation is grateful to the Middletown School families for their support of **Kortney's Cash for a Cure** Fundraiser that raised an awesome \$8,000 in 2016! We are honored to be involved with your caring communities, and have a lofty goal of raising \$10,000 this year.

Our daughter Kortney Rose Gillette was a healthy, happy nine-year-old who loved sports, animals, school, and playing with friends. However, just after her ninth birthday, Kortney was diagnosed with a brainstem glioma, one of the rarest and the deadliest forms of brain cancer. After only four months, Kortney passed away. We started The Kortney Rose Foundation (KRF) to create Kortney's legacy of helping other children with brain tumors through the promise of research.

KRF's mission is to find better treatments and cures for brain tumors, the #1 disease killer of children. With a battle cry of "Help Get Brain Tumors Off Kids' Minds," the foundation has raised over \$1.5 million for pediatric brain/central nervous system tumor research. KRF prioritizes collaborative research, and over the past decade, its funding helped establish the Children's Brain Tumor and Tissue Consortium (CBTTC). Housed at CHOP, CBTTC is made up of 15 global institutions, operates the world's largest brain tumor tissue database and shares data via CAVATICA, the first ever pediatric cancer data cloud pioneered by CHOP. These advancements are having implications for broader pediatric cancer and structural birth defect research including the National Institute of Health's Gabriella Miller Kids First Program with which KRF is involved through CHOP.

Your child is bringing home an envelope to collect donations. The fundraiser runs from **November 20-30**. Your child may return the envelope to their homeroom teacher any time during this time frame. However, all donations must be received by **November 30th** to be included in the tally. New this year, the homeroom in each school that raises the most money during this time frame, will be awarded a Kortney's Cash for a Cure trophy.

For more information on The Kortney Rose Foundation and upcoming family fundraising events, or to make a donation online, visit thekortneyrosefoundation.org. Be sure to write details of your child's school and homeroom in the instruction area if donating online or by check. Please make checks payable to The Kortney Rose Foundation.

Thank you again for your thoughtful gift. We appreciate every donation no matter the amount.

All my best,

Kristen Gillette

Founder/Executive Director
The Kortney Rose Foundation

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