Every brain deserves a future.
More than 28,000 children live with a brain tumor. If we put our heads together, we can save theirs.

Together we brightened the future for children with brain tumors in 2016. The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation continued to serve as the leader of our community. We forged new partnerships, added new programs, served more families and funded promising research.

As an investor in our mission to care for and cure the kids, you provided essential support. I am pleased to share the impact of last year’s work.

One of our most notable accomplishments was the merger of two organizations with the PBTF – the We Can Pediatric Brain Tumor Network and the Vs. Cancer Foundation. Combining forces allows us to serve more families, expanding programs across the country.

We’ve set ambitious goals for the next three years and will only achieve them with your support! We will soon share our plans to reach more families and invest in new research seeking improved treatments and a cure. Thank you for being our partner in this endeavor.

Every child deserves a healthy future, and together we’ll keep fighting for them.

Robin Boettcher, President and CEO

My family has had a relationship with the PBTF for more than 20 years, since we attended our first Ride for Kids with my son Peter, a pediatric brain tumor survivor. Working alongside my We Can co-founder I spent two decades building support programs to help kids, teens and families deal with their pediatric brain tumor diagnosis. Recognizing that we can do more by working together, We Can became the PBTF’s California Chapter in August 2016, and I am now working to expand programs nationally. Our union will allow us to care for more families and move us more quickly toward a cure. Together we are fighting for futures!

Kathy Riley, National Director of Family Support

At 24 I founded the Vs. Cancer Foundation to create a platform where athletes could help kids with cancer. In 2016 I marked 10 years cancer free by becoming part of the PBTF team. Together we are stronger in our fight against the deadliest of all childhood cancers. Together we will build a brighter future for our kids, teens and families.

Chase Jones, Vs. Cancer founder / member PBTF Board of Directors
Advancing Research

We’re pursuing an innovative, multi-pronged research agenda to speed progress.

15 projects involving 20 of the top pediatric brain tumor institutions aimed at:

- Developing new and improved treatments
- Identifying more targeted, personalized therapies
- Gathering more data and models to share with labs around the world
- Spurring collaboration among researchers
- Improving survival and quality of life

Survivor Thea and mom Trisha reading the Starfolio

Supporting Families

★ NEW Starfolio, a toolkit for newly diagnosed families
★ NEW “Meet-the-Experts” programs in Philadelphia, Chicago and LA
★ Expanded online resources

PBTF OFFERS TWO NEW SERVICES:
- Communications app and telemedicine for end-of-life care at UCSF
- Psychology fellow in clinic at CHLA

SERVED FAMILIES THROUGH:
- Family camps in English and Spanish
- Bereavement support
- College scholarships
- Hospital support programs in English and Spanish
- Educational materials and online learning series
- Emergency financial aid

$24 researchers
3 countries

$105 scholarships awarded to brain tumor survivors
349 families received emergency financial aid in 11 states, including 2 new hospitals
140 partnerships with children’s hospitals across the country
Fundraising

We’re leading and building a strong, empowered community to raise awareness and funds to fight childhood brain tumors.

11,703 participants
4,071 volunteers

Events across the USA

189

Fighting For Futures

Our nonprofit funding partners, joining forces to care for and cure the kids!

- Bryan’s Dream Foundation
- Christopher Brandle Joy of Life Foundation
- Friends of Jaclyn Foundation
- The Kyrie Foundation
- From Maddi’s Closet
- Thea’s Star of Hope
How can I help?

Join us in 2017 as we continue fighting for futures!
Register for one of our many fundraising events across the country.

RIDE FOR KIDS
The longest-running, most successful motorcycle charity event in the nation.

VS. CANCER
Our newest signature fundraising campaign, providing any sports team, any athlete, any community the ability to help kids with cancer.

STARRY NIGHT WALK/RUN
An uplifting event that shines a light on the 28,000 children and teens in the United States who are living with a brain tumor, and on the kids who are no longer with us.

START YOUR OWN FUNDRAISER!
We’re here to help, making it easy and fun to care for and cure the kids.

Soon we will share with you our new strategic plan, outlining the aggressive goals and strategies that will result in expanded support programming and a greater research investment. curethekids.org

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