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## CBTF Honors Researchers at Gala

### Casino Gala *Feature Article*

Held on November 5, 2016, the Casino Gala proved once again to be a momentous occasion when President Jeanne Young welcomed and thanked the attendees, sponsors, auction donors, and supporters for their generous ongoing support. She introduced Dr. Roger J. Packer, Children’s National Health System, who spoke of the importance of research and the cause. Dr. Packer and Brent, Girard staff assistant to Congressman Chris Van Hollen presented citations from Congressman Van Hollen (now MD senator), and Senator Brian Feldman (district 15). To local research honorees (see list on right side panel). Dr. Packer asked each researcher to talk about their research and its importance. Many recounted the early beginnings in the field and commented that CBTF’s support helped them in their research endeavors.

We are deeply appreciative of the support from FD Associates, Whittles Physical Therapy, and anonymous donors for providing sponsorships. Our generous auction donors included Southwest Airlines, Clyde’s Restaurant, Strathmore, Washington Redskins, Baltimore Orioles, Baltimore Ravens, Washington Capitols, and many other dedicated supporters.

This year we look forward to our gala, to be held at the Pony Express Bar and Grille, Bogler Center, on Saturday, November 11, 2017. We welcome your attendance and support. Many activities are included at this venue, inclusive of dinner, musical entertainment, and games. If weather allows, outdoor fire pits and seating will be open. Email us for details: [cbtf@childhoodbraintumor.org](mailto:cbtf@childhoodbraintumor.org)



Juan and ambassadors, Alicia and Camden



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## The Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation

Our mission is to support and fund basic science or clinical research for childhood brain tumors. We are dedicated to heightening public awareness of this devastating disease.



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# CASINO GALA

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**Volunteers welcome!**



# CLARKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL DANCE MARATHON IN MEMORY OF SAM MOORE

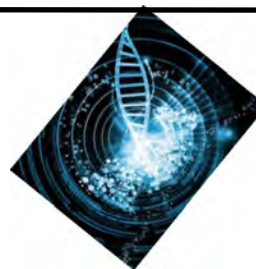


A fundraiser that honors and remembers a dear friend. The Clarksburg High School Dance Marathon started 5 years ago when a former student, Sam Moore, passed away due to a brain tumor. His story inspired the whole Clarksburg community and continues to touch many people's lives. The club has grown significantly in the past 5 years; this year we had the most people ever to participate in the Dance Marathon. We are proud to say we have raised over \$100,000 in Sam's name, but we are not finished yet. This club plans to continue as long as possible so Sam's story can live on and continue to inspire many. At the actual Thon, we have a bunch of activities that all the students participate in, creating many fun-filled memories and a very eventful sleepless night. Over the 12 hour event the students play minute to win it games, sing karaoke, compete in the competitive basketball tournament or a bake off. There's also human bowling, musical chairs, a scavenger hunt, and when everyone's energy is drained we play a movie. This year we made our own photo booth with props and a backdrop so the students had a chance to capture a memorable moment. We wrap the Thon up in the morning with a breakfast where the total is revealed and a couple people share some words. This year we raised \$22,086.77!! We are so proud of the overwhelming amount of support and enthusiasm the students continue to have, which make this club so successful!



*Written by Holly Wilson, one of the event organizers and CBTF supporters.*

CBTF is deeply appreciative of the support shown by the event sponsors, Clarksburg High School students, Christine Trumbull, staff, and the community. Each year, the energy and creativity of the students is amazing in making the event and other fundraising efforts.



**2017 SPRING  
CONFERENCE  
APRIL 2, 2017  
NATIONAL 4-H**

## Education and Updates for Childhood Brain Tumors

**Presented by  
Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation  
in collaboration with Children's National**

Multidisciplinary experts will present information relevant to childhood brain tumors.

The conference is free of charge, inclusive of continental breakfast and lunch. Children accompanying their parent(s) will be cared for by volunteers. Afternoon entertainment includes Rocknoceross and Photo Stop Photo Booth.



### Questions?

Contact:  
cbtf@childhoodbraintumor.org and  
LHancock@childrensnational.org

# Run with the Saints, in Memory of Lauren Lockard



A wonderful time was had by all at the festivities at Trunk-or-Treat and the spaghetti dinner the night before the October 29, 2016 Run with the Saints 5K in memory of Lauren Lockard.

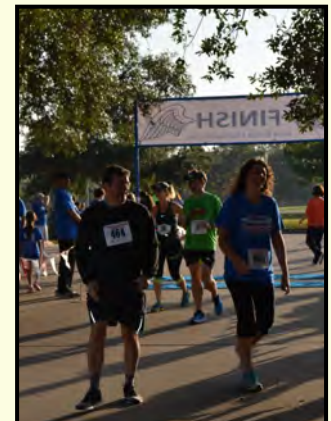
The families enjoyed coming in costume and decorating their vehicle trunks in the Halloween spirit. Following the school parking lot activities the families attended the fund-raising dinner. The children were full of energy and excited about the weekend fun.

Rebecca Bogard, St. John Paul II (SJPII) school principal, and dedicated volunteers gathered the children for the pre-5K race Kids' Run. Immediately after the Kids' Run the 5K participants gathered and took direction from Bernie Weber who signaled Cissie Whit on her bike and the constable to lead the race following Marti Lockard's official signal.



After all individuals that were determined to place, names were announced by Mrs. Bogard and each person that came in first in their age group received a artistically decorated plate and those that placed second or third in their age group received a beautifully decorated ceramic star. The artistic designs were created by students at JPII.

Every year, Lauren is remembered with great fondness. The event sponsors are recognized and shown great appreciation for the support they give in support of SJPII and CBTF. Jeanne Young, CBTF president, acknowledged the dedicated support shown by SJPII and the importance their efforts are to the brain tumor community and the hope and comfort felt by families.





Be AMYazing! the Reston Youth League event that was founded by youth, for youth is going strong in its 7th year. To date the triathlon has raised over \$84,000 in support of the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation for research to find a cure and improve the quality of life for children with brain tumors.



This year their hope is to reach the \$100,000 goal for funds raised to date.

This year's triathlon will be held on May 14, 2017 and as usual registration is nearly full.

Amy Boyle's friends, who were 12-years-old at the time formed a group called Amy's Amigos in 2008 to support their friend, Amy, who was battling brain cancer.

The next *Neurotransmitter* edition will include a write-up with photos of the Be Amazing event and an article about the April 2, 2017 conference for families.

**Thank you** to past Scientific Advisors Derek Bruce, M.D., Peter Burger, M.D., and George Jallo, M.D. who provided dedicated input and support to the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation for many years.

Our advisors provide important review comments and recommendations to ensure that the Foundation selects high quality research. The funds we raise support scientific research and education related to childhood brain tumors.

We **welcome** two new scientific advisors:  
 Charles George Eberhart, M.D., Ph.D.  
 Johns Hopkins School of Medicine  
 The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Cheng-Ying Ho, M.D., Ph.D.  
 University of Maryland School of Medicine  
 University of Maryland Medical Center

**Welcome** to Alicia Gonzalez and Camden Wiseman for joining CBTF as Ambassadors. We look forward to working with them on event and other survivorship items in the future.

Support the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation  
 Visit our GIVE ONLINE donation button:  
<https://www.givedirect.org/donate/?cid=1605>

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**Recent Events**

Clarksburg Dance Marathon—  
 In Memory of Sam Moore

Run with the Saints,  
 In Memory of Lauren Lockard—  
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Casino Gala

**Future Events**

Parent-Family Conference—  
 Spring Sunday, April 2, 2017

CBTF Party: November 11, 2017  
 Pony Express Bar and Grill at  
 Bogler Conference Center,  
 Potomac, MD

%K will move to April 2018

**HELPFUL RESOURCE LINKS**

**Thoughts Can Fuel Some Deadly Brain Cancers (paper in Cell), Michelle Monje** "The discovery of a link between tumor growth and brain activity "has opened up a window into potential therapeutic interventions," says Batchelor

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2015/04/23/401723235/thoughts-can-fuel-some-deadly-brain-cancers>

**New technique treats brain tumors without life altering consequences, Maureen McFadden**

<http://www.wndu.com/home/headlines/New-technique-treats-brain-tumors-without-life-altering-complications-288854281.html>

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**Thank you** to our friends who donated through workplace charitable giving campaigns this year, inclusive of the **CFC, Maryland Charity Campaign** and other independent campaigns.



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### Combined Federal Campaign / Children's Medical Charities of America



### Maryland Charity Campaign

The Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation participates in the **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and Maryland Charities**. Check our Website in the late summer or fall for our confirmed designated numbers. Check your campaign pamphlet for our **United Way number or write us in**.

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**Thank you donors!**



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If you would like to make a stock donation, contact us: [cbtf@childhoodbraintumor.org](mailto:cbtf@childhoodbraintumor.org)

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**Thank you.**

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The Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation is dedicated to funding research for all pediatric brain tumor types.

Contact us if you have any questions: [cbtf@childhoodbraintumor.org](mailto:cbtf@childhoodbraintumor.org)

CBTF also accepts registration payments for the annual gala online. Be sure to include in the message box (number of tickets, names for ticket holders, and any additional donation). Tickets will be sent to the donor, unless noted as a donation in support of the event toward research.

### Gift Matching Opportunities

Many companies offer a matching gifts program to support charitable organizations.

Your human resources department can tell you if such a program exists at your company. Ask them about the form that can be sent to the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation reporting a contribution (donation or event contribution). The form states that they will match your contribution.

We return the form to the employer with the proper acknowledgment and information required.

Our website: [www.childhoodbraintumor.org](http://www.childhoodbraintumor.org)

### Bequests, Planned Giving, and Trusts

Through a trust, bequest, or planned giving you can contribute to furthering the future research and programs of the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation, Inc.



### Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall softly upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

## REMEMBRANCES AND FORM

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