

Chris Elliott Fund's Integrative Patient Support Program at The Ivy Center

Integrative Patient Support Program

The Chris Elliott Fund created the unique and pioneering position of the Integrative Patient Support Specialist in May 2009 for patient care. The Integrative Patient Support Specialists works directly with brain tumor patients giving them emotional support, help with insurance coverage, offering employment and financial solutions and many other needs. A Brain Tumor Support Group for survivors and loved ones is an integral part of the program. CEF has also developed and funded two new support groups - for bereavement and caregivers - which started Spring 2010. This program is in partnership with The Ben and Catherine Ivy Center for Advanced Brain Tumor Treatment (Swedish Neuroscience Institute in Seattle). Swedish Hospital has recently adopted CEF's Integrated Patient Support Program Model and will replicate its success in their primary institutes of health for cancer, heart and vascular, and orthopedic care among others.

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Mission

The mission of the Chris Elliott Fund encompasses four distinct areas:

- Education
- Awareness
- Advocacy
- Research

First, we provide those living with brain cancer with the resources, information and support they and their caregivers need to navigate through a very frightening and confusing time in their life. We are also committed to providing brain tumor patients with access to the best medical treatment available. We advocate for the patient's right for genetic testing of their brain tumor tissue. We provide patient and caregiver support groups and educate medical personnel about the latest advances in diagnosing and treating brain tumors. We host events and fund public service announcements to raise awareness. Finally, we fund research to develop cutting edge medical treatments.

While our ultimate goal is to End Brain Cancer, our more immediate focus is on improving the day-to-day lives of those living with this terrible disease.

Vision: To End Brain Cancer through Education, Awareness, Advocacy, & Research



Chris Elliott lost his battle against glioblastoma in 2002, but his legacy continues through the Chris Elliott Fund for Glioblastoma Brain Cancer Research.

Chris Elliott Fund for Glioblastoma Brain Cancer

The Chris Elliott Fund (CEF) for Glioblastoma Brain Cancer Research is a non-profit organization founded in 2002 by Chris and Dellann Elliott which focuses on raising awareness through education, advocacy and research.

Today, CEF provides resources, information and support for people living with brain cancer. Specifically, CEF funds groundbreaking research in the Christopher S. Elliott Neuro-oncology Lab for Glioblastoma Brain Research and Applied Cancer Science Center at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Mass.

In 2009, the Chris Elliott Fund launched their Integrated Patient Support Program at the Swedish Neuroscience Institute where they provide a multitude of services and outreach for the brain cancer patient. In addition, CEF made a \$300,000 pledge to support the Chris Elliott Fund Integrative Care Coordinator at The Ben and Catherine Ivy Center for Advanced Brain Tumor Treatment in Seattle's Swedish Neuroscience Institute. The Integrative Care Coordinator is dedicated to easing the stress upon patients and their families following a brain cancer diagnosis, and Dellann has helped the Integrative Care Coordinator launch patient support groups to help brain tumor patients understand there is now hope for a cure to this disease and to talk about the advancements available at the Ivy Center.

Brain Tumor Patient Support Group

A drop-in group for those diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor and those who care for them.

Support group members share and experience:

- Practical information about diagnosis and treatment
- Coping skills around the impact of diagnosis and treatment
- Tips on talking with family members and friends
- Meeting fellow participants who have been diagnosed with a brain tumor

Group meets the first and third Wednesday of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.

Swedish/Cherry Hill
James Tower
550 17th Ave.
Education and Conference Center, Room E

These groups are open to all people in the community.

For more information, please call Stacie Beam-Bruce, MSW, at 206-215-9127 or

Jennifer Wulff, ARNP, at 206-320-8297.

Brain Tumor Caregivers Support Group

Having a loved one or friend with a brain tumor can be very stressful. As result you may be feeling: exhausted, helpless, scared, overwhelmed, angry.

Caregivers are invited to attend a support group to share practical information, gain understanding of the care giving experience and discuss feelings in a safe and caring environment.

There is no fee to attend these support groups.

First Wednesday of every month
starting April 7, 1-2:30 p.m.
Swedish/Cherry Hill, James Tower
Education and Conference Center, Room F

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