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The McKenna Claire Foundation for Pediatric Brain Cancer (MCF) would like to invite you to join us as a silent or live auction donor for the 5th Annual McKenna Claire Foundation Play It Forward pediatric brain cancer research golf tournament. This year's tournament will take place Friday, October 14th, at the Tijeras Creek Golf Course and is expected to again sell out. Your donated item(s) and/or services will be showcased and part of this year successful fundraiser.

The MCF was founded by David and Kristine Wetzel following the loss of their seven year old daughter, McKenna, to a brain tumor just six months after diagnosis. The tumor, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), is a cancer that primarily affects young children, is currently untreatable, and has a less than a one percent survival rate. Treatment protocols for the disease have not changed in over forty years.

Wanting no other child to suffer what McKenna did, the goal of MCF is to help cure pediatric brain cancer by raising awareness, increasing community involvement, and funding research. Cancer is the number one killer by disease of children, with brain and spine cancers being the most lethal form of the disease. Under the worst of circumstances, the Wetzel's discovered, pediatric cancer research is grossly underfunded, with less than four percent of National Institute of Health funding dedicated to all pediatric cancers. Because of this funding disparity, grants garnered from foundations and private investment are essential to finding solutions and providing hope to families who continue to fight this battle.

Since its inception 5 years ago, the McKenna Claire Foundation has funded over \$1.4 million dollars of cutting edge pediatric cancer research. MCF supports research being conducted in a number of institutions, including Dr. Michelle Monje's lab at Stanford University where McKenna's tumor was donated and a live cell line was developed. The foundation has committed to funding a research position at Stanford University to oversee the growth and dissemination of cell lines from McKenna's and other tumors to research hospitals worldwide. McKenna's donated tumor cells continue to grow to this day, enabling scientists and researchers to learn more about this disease in the last 5 years than the previous forty.

The McKenna Claire Foundation would be honored to have you as a partner in this fight. Your donated gift certificates, products, and services will be auctioned at the October 14th event to generate funds for pediatric brain cancer research.

Grateful for the support,

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