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The McKenna Claire Foundation for Pediatric Brain Cancer (MCF) would be honored to have you join us as an event sponsor of this year's **007th McKenna Claire Foundation Party With a Purpose - A View to a Cure**. Your participation and partnership will help raise funds for critical ongoing pediatric brain cancer research and provide hope to children who continue to fight this terrible disease. This year's James Bond themed event will take place Saturday, April 29th at the Huntington Beach Waterfront Beach Resort with another sell-out crowd expected (350+). The evening is an annual McKenna Claire Foundation (MCF) highlight, featuring live music, dinner, dancing, casino, and amazing silent and live auctions.

The McKenna Claire Foundation was created by my wife, Kristine, and I following the loss of our 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, currently has no effective treatment, and 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, we 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 investments are essential to finding and accelerating solutions.

Since its inception 5 ½ 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 cell line was developed. The foundation has committed to annually funding a research position at Stanford University to oversee the growth and dissemination of cell lines from McKenna's and other tumors for use in 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 support as a sponsor of this years **Party With A Purpose** will fund ongoing pediatric brain cancer research and provide hope for children and families desperately seeking a cure. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like additional information.

With Gratitude,

David Wetzel

Co-Founder / Dad

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