



Angie's Fund



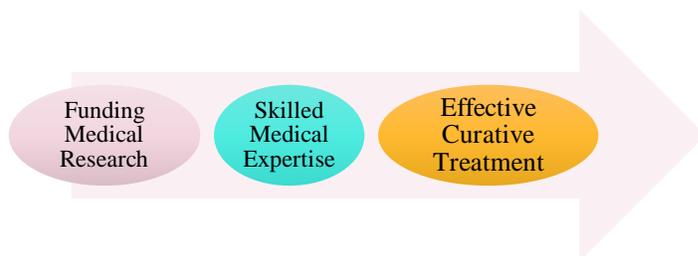
Raising Money
In the fight against
High Grade Brain Tumours

WHY ANGIE'S FUND?

Angie's Fund is inspired by a young Northumbrian mother who wishes to remain anonymous while living with the aftermath of surgery to remove a grade 4 glioblastoma. She would like all funds raised to go towards a national charity for research into combatting high grade brain tumours in both children and adults. The Brain Tumour Charity ('The Charity') gives fundraisers the safe knowledge that 100% of anything raised will fund only the very best, world-class research that they have selected and monitor.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

- Over 9,300 people are diagnosed with a primary brain tumour each year and brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under 40, yet less than 2% of cancer research funding goes on brain tumours in the UK.
- More research is desperately needed and The Charity is leading the way. Since it was established in 1996 it has invested over £12million in world-class, pioneering research that is delivering real breakthroughs and improvements in treatments.
- In addition to other projects in 2014 The Charity invested over £4 million into its research INSTINCT programme: A study co-funded by The Brain Tumour Charity, Children with Cancer UK and Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity in the fight against childhood brain tumours.
- The Charity is accredited and commended by The Association of Medical Research Charities for ensuring that all the research it funds is selected through stringent, independent peer review; the only charity in its field to do so. The Charity also offers a comprehensive service to enable everyone with a brain tumour, their families and carers to receive the best support and information and achieve the highest quality of life possible, as well as raising awareness of brain tumours to improve life chances and reduce diagnosis times.



- Each year The Charity raises over £4.5million and over 10% of this comes via its Supporter Groups, of which Angie's Fund is one. There are now 200 Groups across the UK and all funds raised by these Groups are invested directly into work to meet the Charity's charitable objectives, for example a research project. Each Group fundraises locally whilst taking advantage of the support and expertise of the national charity.
- Sarah Lindsell, CEO of The Charity, said: "Brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of the under 40s and, unlike other cancers, survival rates have not improved over the last 40 years. We are leading the way in changing this and truly fighting brain tumours on all fronts through our work. The Brain Tumour Charity does not receive any government or statutory funding for our work and relies 100% on voluntary donations. The money raised by Angie's Fund will help make vital improvements in the diagnosis, treatment and understanding of high grade brain tumours and help us to save lives in the future."

About The Brain Tumour Charity

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The Brain Tumour Charity is the UK's leading brain tumour charity, formed as a result of the merger of The Brain Tumour Charity (formerly Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust), Brain Tumour UK and The Joseph Foote Trust in March 2013. It is the only national charity that is fighting brain tumours on all fronts – investing in research, providing support and information and raising awareness. It adheres to national recognised accreditations and best practice guidelines for every area of its work.

The Brain Tumour Charity is the only brain tumour charity to fund research through a fair, open and transparent process of peer review and the only one to be a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities. As the largest dedicated funder of research into brain tumours, each year they invest millions of pounds into world-class research covering both laboratory and clinical research in leading institutions across the UK. They are committed to significantly increase this in the future.

The Brain Tumour Charity offers a comprehensive support and information service for anyone who is affected, from a Support & Info Line and support groups to Information Standard accredited fact sheets and family days.

They fund and promote the UK-wide HeadSmart campaign, raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of brain tumours in children and young people to make earlier diagnosis a reality. Earlier diagnosis will reduce long term disabilities and save lives. In just two years HeadSmart has reduced average diagnosis time from 9.1 weeks to 6.9 weeks.

Find out more at: www.thebraintumourcharity.org



About Angie's Fund

Angie's is an official Supporter Group of The Brain Tumour Charity. Based in Whittonstall in Northumberland it was set up by Gina Tillotson on 4 July 2014. Angie's Fund is raising money to support The Brain Tumour Charity's research programme into high grade brain tumours.

Brain tumours – the facts

- Brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under 40.
- Over 9,300 people are diagnosed each year with a primary brain tumour, including 500 children and young people – 25 people every day.
- Almost 5,000 people lose their lives to a brain tumour each year.
- Thousands more are diagnosed with secondary brain tumours, which are not recorded.
- Brain tumours are the largest cause of preventable or treatable blindness in children.

- Brain tumours reduce life expectancy by on average 20 years – the highest of any cancer.
- Just 14% of adults survive for five years after diagnosis.
- Childhood brain tumour survivors are 10 times more likely to suffer long term disability than well children. This accounts for 20,000 additional disabled life years for all the children who are diagnosed each year.
- Research offers the only real hope of dramatic improvements in the management and treatment of brain tumours. Over £500m is spent on cancer research in the UK every year, yet less than 2% is spent on brain tumours.

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