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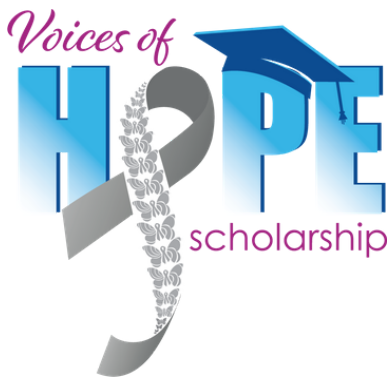
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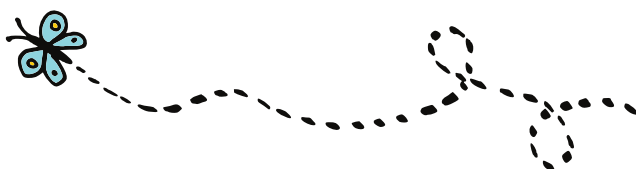
This edition of HORIZONS OF HOPE is packed with info and excitement.

Not only are we celebrating our 26th birthday, we are celebrating the funding of four new brain tumor research projects, and celebrating the opportunity to unite again in Face-to-Face events. Whew, and wow!

We are on the verge of our first face-to-face event, the Muddy Duck Dash, and on the verge of reuniting one of our brain tumor support groups with an in-person event. While COVID-19 disrupted our ways of interacting in 2020, it didn't preclude us from implementing new ways to remain united, to remain connected, and to remain focused on our mission.

While numerous people returned to their place of employment, we realize not all people are ready to return to in-person events, so Race For Research will include a "virtual" element again much like in 2020.

The emergence from COVID-19 is on the upswing, but we all know "life can change in an instant." We remain ever watchful and ever hopeful that each day will bring about a positive change on the life of those affected by a brain tumor diagnosis.

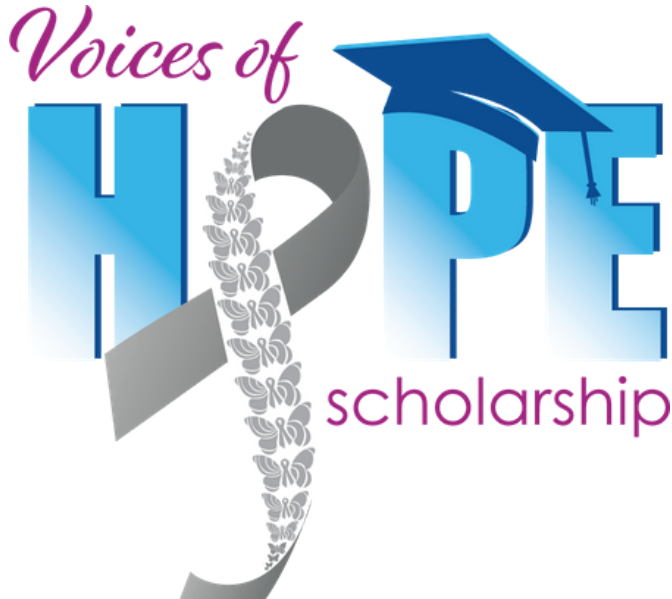


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# VOICES OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIP 2021/2022



## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SELECTED -

The SBTF is pleased to announce this year's Voices of Hope Scholarship winners. More than \$32,000 in scholarship awards are being disbursed. Twelve students, enrolled in post-secondary education programs for Fall of 2021, will share in these scholarship awards. Students will receive a SBTF Voices of Hope Scholarship or a named scholarship award, such as the Craig "Ironhead" Heyward Scholarship, the Will Pridgen Scholarship, or the Faulkenberry family Scholarship....

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### THE FAULKENBERRY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Faulkenberry Family Scholarship is in honor of Ann Faulkenberry lost in 2008 to a GBM. Ann was a teacher who valued education and the family knew this was the perfect way to honor her memory. Her family hopes this scholarship will allow a deserving person the opportunity to obtain post-secondary education either in college, trade school or associates degree.



### THE CRAIG "IRONHEAD" HEYWARD SCHOLARSHIP

As a teenager, Cameron Heyward, a defensive end for the Pittsburgh Steelers, was dealt a devastating blow, the death of his father.

His father, Craig "Ironhead" Heyward, was diagnosed with a Chordoma in 1998 and had been living cancer free until another tumor developed and metastasized to his brain. In 2006, after a long 8-year battle, Cam and his three brothers lost a parent, a friend, and a role model. The family instantly learned firsthand the struggles that parents and children face when there's only one adult in the house or when a child's home life becomes challenging.

The Heyward House, also known as the Cameron Heyward Foundation, knows how important it is for people in those situations to feel the support of the community around them and is determined to offer support. The Cameron Heyward Foundation has once again pledged their support of the community through their participation in the SBTF Voices of Hope academic Scholarship.



### THE WILL PRIDGEN SCHOLARSHIP

Will Pridgen loved life and people, and the mantra "Live Life to the Willest" was penned by his friends and family to describe the example he set for us. Will, who lost his battle with brain cancer at the tender age of 34, was an amazing graphic artist and a wonderful soul. This scholarship award is meant to assist students, whose lives have been affected by either their own brain tumor diagnosis, or that of a close family member; to obtain a post-secondary education at an accredited College, University, or Technical school in the field of Fine Arts.



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## FOUR (4) BRAIN TUMOR RESEARCH PROJECTS FUNDED THUS FAR IN 2021 -

We're only six months into the new year and the SBTF has already pledged more than \$56,000 in brain tumor research funding. As of this writing, two of our four awardees are yet to be notified of this wonderful news. That said, we can't provide details on all four recipients, but encourage you to watch for updates in the [sbtbf.org/newsroom](https://www.sbtbf.org/newsroom).

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Through our partnerships with the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA), the Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF), and the AANS/CNS Tumor Section, we are fulfilling our mission and our commitment to fund brain tumor research. Since inception of our granting program, we've funded 58 projects and are inching closer to the issuance of **\$3,000,000 in award funds**.

Troy Patrick Carnwath received an NREF/SBTF Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship. Troy hails from the University of Cincinnati. Learn more about his project [www.sbtbf.org/newsroom](https://www.sbtbf.org/newsroom) or by visiting [www.nref.org/research/medical-student-fellowships](https://www.nref.org/research/medical-student-fellowships).

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Justin Zihan Wang, MD, pictured above, received an NREF/SBTF Research Fellowship Grant. Dr. Wang hails from the University of Toronto. His research project will study plasma-based liquid biopsies in Meningiomas. Learn more about his research project by visiting [www.sbtbf.org/newsroom](https://www.sbtbf.org/newsroom) or by visiting [www.nref.org/research/Research-Grants-Young-Clinician-Investigator-Awards](https://www.nref.org/research/Research-Grants-Young-Clinician-Investigator-Awards).

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## "IN THE CLINICIANS WORDS" -

Interested in knowing more about all those research projects you've helped us to fund over the years? "In the Clinicians Words" is a new segment appearing on the SBTF website. If you haven't visited the [sbtbf.org](https://www.sbtbf.org) website before, or wondered where to find updates on those projects we've funded, wonder no more!

When grant award recipients provide us with updates, we'll be sharing them with you via this new segment on our website. You'll find it fascinating. Simply visit the [www.sbtbf.org/impact](https://www.sbtbf.org/impact), scroll down to the bottom of the page and enjoy reading the updates about the projects **YOU** helped to fund. We believe you'll find the reading very enlightening and intriguing.

Enjoy.

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## WE ARE CELEBRATING 26 YEARS!

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Back in early 1990's a local family struggled to find resources for their son who was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Trying to connect with others who were on the same journey of selecting a health care team, finding support, and finding answers to questions about treatment options, was like finding a needle in a haystack.

Their story and their journey resulted in the formation of the Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and as a public charity.

We're excited to be celebrating 26 years of incorporation and 26 years of doing good in the brain tumor community.

Your support, as a volunteer, event participant, Board member, sponsor, supplier, and/or donor have provided the opportunity for us to grow on so many different levels; **thank you** for your gifts of support!

As so many of us have come to learn, advancements in curative treatment for brain tumors and brain cancer cannot come soon enough.

Together we ARE making a difference -

## MUDDY DUCK DASH 2021

If you haven't experienced the joy of participating in this event, this could be your year!

The Dash is a family-friendly obstacle-style race. It includes more than 20 fun obstacles and even includes a MUD PIT! All skill levels and abilities are able to complete the course. Don't like an obstacle? Skip it!

We also offer a Duckling Dash for those under 8 years old or for those with limited abilities. This course is approximately 1 mile in length.

Held at the University of North Georgia Gainesville Campus in Oakwood, GA, the event offers crazy costumes, a DJ, food trucks and lots of good clean muddy fun for the family.

JULY 24, 2021  
Learn more at  
[sbtfmdd.com](http://sbtfmdd.com)

It's time to get  
your flock  
together!

REGISTER!



The 22nd annual Race For Research will be here before we know it. Be sure to mark your calendars for September 25, 2021 for our IN-PERSON Race for Research!

Haven't attended previously? You've been missing out on an amazing event bringing together members of the brain tumor community. Registrants can sign up to participate in our 5K, our 1K, or our tot trot event. Walkers, joggers, skippers, and, of course, runners, are invited to participate.

Feel free to hang out in Team Tent village before, during and after the Race. Enjoy socializing with other caregivers, patients, and family members. Learn about our brain tumor support group meetings and meet members of these groups as well as our Facilitators. This is a great space to connect with others who have traveled the same road.

Come meet with your clinicians, and perhaps strike up a conversation with local media personalities.

Race For Research offers something for everyone and we liken our event to an enormous family reunion. We pack a year's worth of memories into a four hour event.

Learn more or register at [sbtfrr.com](http://sbtfrr.com)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Can you see it yet? The light at the end of the COVID tunnel? I think I can! As society begins to emerge from its cocoon, I believe we are all about to see butterflies! It is exciting to be flying free in the world again.

As part of that excitement, I am happy to announce our events this year are in-person! We, of course, welcome anyone to wear a mask based on personal comfort levels, but we will be gathering together to raise funds and awareness at the Muddy Duck Dash as well as the Race for Research. Make sure you get registered for both as a participant or volunteer- we want to see you there!

We are at the half-way mark for 2021 and proud of all that is happening within the Foundation. We have awarded scholarships and grants and continue to host support groups and offer assistance to patients. All this is not possible without the support and energy each of you give the SBTF.

If you have not yet visited our website, sbtf.org, please take a look. It has been updated and contains useful resources, links and updates.

With Hope,

*Kelly Turner*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

June: Scholarships Announcements  
June: SBTF's Birthday  
July: Muddy Duck Dash 5K/1K  
Aug: Young Adult Survivors Mtg.  
Sept: Race for Research 5K/1K  
Oct: Intl Brain Tumor Awareness  
Nov: Giving Tuesday



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## DID YOU KNOW . . . .

Since the beginning of this year, **more than 280 individuals have participated** in the SBTF brain tumor support group meetings.

Four different types of meetings are being offered, conducted via the Zoom platform and 30 meetings have been held to date this year alone. For more information on the different meetings, the dates, the times, and how to join, be sure to visit our website. You'll find support group info listed under [www.sbtf.org/resources](https://www.sbtf.org/resources).

Thank you to our facilitators Brittany Lawton, @ **Piedmont Brain Tumor Center**, Farnaz Arabshahi, RN, NP-C @ **Emory John's Creek**, and Erica Freestone, Speech Pathologist CF @ **Emory Johns' Creek**.

