

# BRIAN BUSH MEMORIAL **Putt-For-Life**

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## Brian Bush Memorial Putt-For-Life – Lifelong Support

Dear friends and loyal supporters,

In 2016, the Brian Bush Memorial Putt-For-Life event benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is celebrating our 28<sup>th</sup> year! We are thrilled to announce that our event will be held on July 30, 2016. To date, this event has raised over **\$615,000**, of that over **\$31,000** was raised last year alone! Each and every dollar raised goes directly to helping the children of St. Jude! Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food – because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.

Our theme for our 28<sup>th</sup> year is 'Lifelong Support'. The reason for this special theme is because at St. Jude once you become a patient, you stay a patient for life. One way patients stay connected is the via the St. Jude LIFE study and support group, which is an unprecedented research study that brings long-term childhood cancer survivors back to St. Jude for regular health screenings throughout their adult lives. The unique findings from St. Jude LIFE are helping our survivors learn more about their individual health needs, and providing our researchers with novel insights into the late effects of cancer therapy. To date, the study has made significant advances in identifying new and unexpected late health effects, describing how cancer therapies impact organ function, and developing innovative methods to monitor health risks. By better identifying and tracking long-term health outcomes, our goal is to help survivors of childhood cancer take control of their health and enjoy longer, healthier adulthoods.

Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to more than 80 percent since it opened more than 50 years ago. St. Jude won't stop until no child dies from cancer. Survival rates have increased because St. Jude doctors and scientists work closely together and they are always studying ways to better understand and treat all childhood cancers including brain tumors. A huge part of these discoveries comes from the St. Jude LIFE study. For example, if a heart problem is detected in a patient 40 years after they received treatment the doctors at St. Jude can look closer at this. The magnitude of this study can dramatically change treatment protocols and the quality of life of patient that are just being diagnosed. St. Jude freely shares the discoveries it makes, and every child saved at St. Jude means doctors and scientists worldwide can use that knowledge to save thousands more children. This research, treatment, and access to St. Jude is available to everyone including our local Grand Rapids area community.

The dream of St. Jude founder Danny Thomas was that, "No child shall die in the dawn of life." Will you help us make that dream a reality by having fun, doing community service, and saving children? Please become a **hole sponsor**; the levels of sponsorship are enclosed. Please join us on July 30, 2016 at Loeschner's Village Green in Grandville, MI from 10 A.M to 1 P.M. For more information on St. Jude, please call 800.942.5533. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

For the children,  
Michael A. Bush

