



BRIAN BUSH MEMORIAL Putt-For-Life

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Brian Bush Memorial Putt-For-Life –“Thirty-one years of *Finding Cures. Saving Children.*”

Dear friends and loyal supporters of the St. Jude / Brian Bush Memorial Putt-for-Life,

In 2019, the Brian Bush Memorial Putt-For-Life event benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is celebrating our 31st year! We are thrilled to announce that our event will be held on July 27, 2019. To date, this event has raised **\$727,800.00**, and over **\$40,575.00** was raised last year alone! Each dollar raised goes directly to helping the children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. 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.

This Putt-For-Life event is in memory of our son, Brian, who was treated at St. Jude in 1988 after being diagnosed with medulloblastoma. Medulloblastoma is the most common malignant pediatric brain tumor, and accounts for about 20 percent of all childhood brain tumors. When St. Jude Children's Research Hospital first opened, the survival rate for medulloblastoma was 10 percent. It is now 85 percent. St. Jude won't stop until no child dies from cancer. The research, treatment, and discoveries made at St. Jude are available to everyone, including our Grand Rapids community. 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.

In fact, a recent discovery made at St. Jude serves to highlight just that point. A St. Jude-developed gene therapy was given to ten infants who were born with a rare, life-threatening genetic disorder that is sometimes called “**Bubble Boy**” disease. The name is a reference to measures taken to protect patients, who are born with little or no immune protection. Untreated patients usually die early in life. However, the patients who received this gene therapy at St. Jude, now toddlers, have been cured by this discovery, and are producing fully-functional immune cells for the first time in their lives. This is a great example of the kind of breakthroughs that are possible at St. Jude, and which will be shared with medical communities around the world.

Please consider joining us as a **hole sponsor** – we promise lots of fun, plus the opportunity to get engaged with your community, and help save children. Your contributions will do miracles to help the kids at St. Jude. **Please join us on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Loeschner's Village Green in Grandville, MI from 10 AM to 1 PM.** The sponsorship opportunities are attached; for more information on St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, please call the local fundraising office at 800.942.5533.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

For the children,

Michael A. Bush