



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

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Brian Bush Memorial Putt-for-Life **Celebrating Thirty-Three Years of Helping St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** ***Finding Cures. Saving Children.***

Dear Friends and Loyal Supporters of the Brian Bush Memorial Putt-for-Life,

In 2021, the Brian Bush Memorial Putt-for-Life event benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is celebrating our 33rd year and **dedicating this year's event to Tom Matice, Carol Matice and Crag Bush**. We are so excited to share our event with you and hope you will join us on July 31, 2021 at Loeschner's Village Green in Grandville, MI. To date, because of our community's generous support, this event has raised **\$800,003**, and over **\$31,193** was raised last year alone despite not having an event! Thank you! The funds raised from this event ensure that no family will ever 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 long-standing and very special event is held in memory of our son, Brian, who was a St. Jude patient. He was treated at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 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. St. Jude specializes in treating some of the most challenging pediatric brain tumors and has one of the world's leading brain tumor programs devoted entirely to children. When St. Jude first opened in 1962, the survival rate for medulloblastoma was 10 percent. Now, almost 60 years later, it is 85 percent, and St. Jude won't stop until no child dies from cancer. St. Jude freely shares its discoveries, so one child saved at St. Jude means doctors and scientists worldwide, and right here in our Grand Rapids community, can use that knowledge to save thousands more.

In fact, St. Jude is home to the first **proton therapy center** in world dedicated solely to children. St. Jude combines the very best in personalized care with one of the most technologically advanced forms of radiation therapy. The new proton therapy system uses a fine beam of radiation only millimeters wide so the radiation is delivered directly to the tumor, but not beyond, allowing it to spare the healthy tissue surrounding the tumor. The radiation beam uses protons created from hydrogen gas, which are accelerated to more than half the speed of light creating the radiation beam. Despite the incredible power of this machine, patients do not feel it during treatment. And because St. Jude focuses their efforts the entire patient experience, when patients arrive to the proton therapy center, **they are greeted with a musical stairwell that plays music with each step they take and leads them to the lobby.**

St. Jude is nothing short of magical, as you can see, and this is only possible because of generous supporters like you in our community. Please consider joining us as a **hole sponsor**. We promise lots of fun, the opportunity to get involved with your community, and to help save children's lives. Your contributions allow St. Jude to do what it does best: *Finding cures. Saving children.* **We hope to see you on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Loeschner's Village Green in Grandville, MI from 10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.** For more information on St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, please feel free to contact the local St. Jude office at 800.942.5533.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

For the children,

Michael A. Bush

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