

Musella Foundation 2024 Highlights!

Funding impact-driven research

Thanks to your generous support, we have been able to **award more than 200 research grants**, totaling more than \$6.5 million, for brain tumor research, since we started funding research in 2003. We have funded the early work on many of the most promising treatments in the pipeline. Our 2024 research funding has totaled more than \$350,000 so far. See <https://virtualtrials.org/Grants.cfm> for details!

Patient-focused advocacy

We pride ourselves on putting patient and family interests above all else. For the last 25+ years, we have been strong and steadfast advocates for brain tumor patients, ensuring that every patient and caregiver voice is heard and respected.

This year, our priority continue to be the **Promising Pathway Act**, which would create faster and more efficient access to potentially life-saving treatments as well as a learning system to quickly figure out the best treatment combinations. We believe that passing this bill could quickly result in at least a doubling of survival time for our patients. We now have over 120 foundations and over 6,000 individuals joining with us in the fight! Go to <https://virtualtrials.org/activism.cfm> for details and to help!

Patient and family empowerment through education

BCSSA: This year, we were proud to expand our efforts in patient navigation through the creation of the **Brain Cancer Support & Solutions Alliance (BCSSA)**, a partnership between the Musella Foundation, Head for the Cure, and Cancer Commons. The BCSSA was established to provide brain cancer patients and their caregivers with more comprehensive support, education, and guidance during their treatment journey. See <https://virtualtrials.org/navigation.cfm> for details and to participate!

Online Education Resources: Our website, virtualtrials.org, continues to stand out as one of the most preeminent brain tumor resources on the internet. It provides an outstanding array of articles, guides, webinars, databases and our Brain Tumor Virtual Trial research project.

Low Grade Brain Tumor Guide: This year, we began developing a Low Grade Brain Tumor Guide to provide customized information on the many types of low-grade brain tumors. We are excited to announce that the guide is near completion and will be available soon!

We continue to maintain and supply our “**Brain Tumor Guide for the Newly Diagnosed**,” an important resource for anyone battling a high grade brain tumor. We distribute over 10,000 copies every year! We just ordered our fifth printing of the 12th

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edition of the guide and are working on the next edition!

Email Blasts: We regularly share vital updates on brain tumor research through our Brain Tumor News Blast emails. Each update is carefully crafted to prioritize patient interests, with editorial insights that put news into perspective. Our goal is to provide up-to-date, relevant, and accurate information to help patients make informed decisions about their treatment options.

Copayment Assistance

As most of our supporters know, we have special permission from the U.S. Inspector General to run a patient copayment assistance program. As far as we know, we are the only brain tumor organization to ever get such permission, and the program is one of our most rewarding activities.

Since 2011, we have provided over \$12.5 million in copayment assistance **to more than 2,500 brain tumor patients and families**. Sadly, though, this life saving program is struggling. We exhausted all reserves for the program, and we've had to close the program to new patients for a good portion of this year. We have a strong desire to keep this life-saving program going, but we can't do it without your help.

Your Support Matters

Thank you for being a part of our community and for your ongoing support. We could not have accomplished all that we have done without your help. We only send out one request letter a year – so please consider making your donation now. Your donation this holiday season will provide vital support for patients in need! Whether you are donating online at <https://virtualtrials.org/donate> or with the attached donation form, we allow you to choose how your donation will be used:

- **Research Only:** 100% of your donation goes to research.
- **Co-Pay Program:** 91% of your donation supports patients in need, and 9% covers program costs.
- **Unrestricted:** Allows us the most flexibility to use funds where they are most needed.
- **Special Research or Memorial Funds** (on website only)

We have also added new options to make giving easier on our website:

- ✓ **Set up a recurring donation**
- ✓ Donate **cryptocurrencies, stock, donor-advised funds, wire transfers, Venmo** or even via **texting!**

As always – feel free to contact us at **888-295-4740** or musella@virtualtrials.org if you have any questions.