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Dear Joshua's Wish Supporter,

When I first met Joshua, he was beginning the toughest battle of his young life. What struck me immediately that day was the look in his eyes that was not one of fear, but one that said, "I'm ready for this, tell me what I need to do". Joshua did everything we asked of him without any complaints. In fact, he faced every day with a smile on his face and a joke for everybody he met. If Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) could be treated with a positive attitude and laughter, Joshua would have cured all the patients in the hospital and more! Sadly we don't have a good treatment for DIPG.

My research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati is focused on High-Grade Glioma (HGG), an aggressive form of brain cancer in children which is closely related to DIPG. By studying both laboratory models for the disease and human tumor specimens, we hope to gain a better understanding of this terrible disease in order to design new and more effective ways to treat patients. My goal, like many other researchers in this field, is that one day, when a patient says, "Tell me what I need to do", we will have the answers that were not there for Joshua.

I am proud to serve on the Medical Advisory Board of Joshua's Wish and thank you for your generous support of research in DIPG. If we listen carefully, we can hear Joshua telling us all what we need to do to bring the day when we have a cure for DIPG closer. And he also has a joke to tell you...

Sincerely,



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