



Ian's Friends Foundation

September 2021 Newsletter

Update

IFF has continued during these turbulent times to fund innovative research with the goal of finding a cure for pediatric brain tumors. It has continued to be a trying environment for labs but IFF has had successes. We are excited to share some news with you during September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. With IFF Love- Cheryl & Phil Yagoda

14th Evening of Inspiration

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

10.30.21

TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THE INCREDIBLE FAMILIES
WHO ARE THE HEART AND SOUL OF

ian's friends foundation

CELEBRATING OUR 14TH ANNUAL
EVENING OF INSPIRATION
BENEFITING PEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOR RESEARCH

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Join Us *Braves*

The Atlanta Braves have chosen IFF as one of three foundations to support during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Join us this Sunday, September 12th at the Braves home game and throughout the month of September as Braves Nation supports IFF.

Spotlight on Research

Katie and Will Grossenbacher lost their beautiful boy Henry to a rare and aggressive brain tumor called ATRT. The family has taken their tragedy and turned it into a mission to help other children. They have raised money and with IFF have funded a project with Dr. Andy Hong at Emory University/ CHOA about the important role in using proteasome inhibitors in treating ATRT and other SMARCB1 deficient cancers. Dr. Hong proposed that we should look to treat ATRTs (BT16 and potentially Aflac2257 cell lines) with combination therapy of chemotherapy (similar to what we give today) and proteasome inhibitors followed by EZH2 inhibitors when the tumor is in "remission." But the backbone of this work is tackling SMARCB1-deficient cancers such as ATRT so he is excited about this potential opportunity. "Despite being diagnosed with ATRT at 11 months old," Katie Grossenbacher remarked, Henry was still so full of life. This is why we continue to fight for better treatment options in his honor. So other children can have the opportunity of life after treatment."



Henry Grossenbacher