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The Kortney Rose Foundation Donates \$100,000 for brain tumor research in 2012

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The Kortney Rose Foundation Makes its Sixth Annual Donation to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Oceanport, NJ – December 21, 2012 – The Kortney Rose Foundation today announced it will present a check for \$100,000 to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on December 24. This is the sixth annual donation from the foundation, which has donated a total of \$628,000 since its inception in support of pediatric brain tumor research, and in memory of their daughter Kortney who died from a brain tumor in 2006.



"Although this was a challenging fundraising year with events cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy, we're pleased to see our support base growing geographically along with awareness about the severity and prevalence of pediatric brain cancer," said Kristen Gillette, mother of Kortney and founder of the Kortney Rose Foundation. "We sincerely thank all of our donors for their generosity and hope for continued support in the coming year."

Patrick Feeley, Associate Vice President of Individual and Principal Giving at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation said, "The Kortney Rose Foundation is among the largest contributors to pediatric brain tumor research at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. They are taking us one more step closer to finding a cure."

Notable corporate sponsors in 2012 included Les Friedland & Associates (Tinton Falls), Wealth Builders Funds (Little Silver) Monmouth Park (Oceanport), Wells Fargo (West Long Branch), ICAP (New York City) and Pauline Poyner, Coldwell Banker (Rumson).

Another important sponsor is the Turning Point Restaurant organization which will be hosting the next Kortney Rose Foundation fundraiser, "Great Food for a Great Cause," at all Turning Point Restaurant locations <http://www.theturningpoint.biz/> on April 27 and 28, 2013.

Kortney Rose Gillette was a vivacious nine-year old girl with a winning smile and unparalleled zest for life. She loved playing with friends and animals (stuffed or real) and enjoyed school at Wolf Hill Elementary School in Oceanport, NJ. This didn't change even after her diagnosis of a terminal brainstem glioma. On April 27, 2006, four months after her diagnosis, Kortney lost her brave battle with this pediatric brain cancer.

The Kortney Rose Foundation (KRF) was founded by Kortney's mother, Kristen Gillette to honor Kortney's memory and celebrate her life. Brain tumors are the #1 solid tumor related cause of death in children 20 and under with more than 3,500 children diagnosed annually. KRF was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2007 to raise money for pediatric brain cancer research and has since supported the program at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia specifically their Large-Scale Genome Project and the new World Class Tissue Bank.

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Pictured: After the check sign was made we received late donations that allowed us to donate \$100,000 rather than the \$95,000 pictured. (left to right Metedeconk River Yacht Club

members, Lisa Scott Brennan, Dawn Wagner and Colleen Van Pell; Kristen Gillette (Founder), Nancy Phillips (Board member KRF), Newcomers' Club of Rumson, Fair Haven, Little Silver & Shrewsbury members, Grace Cashman and Jennifer Egan. Missing: Lori Missing, Fundraising VP for Newcomers' Club.

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