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# Press Release

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## **The Kortney Rose Foundation Raises over \$115,000 for Pediatric Brain Tumor Research**

Kristen Gillette of Oceanport presented Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) with a check for \$115,000 on December 14, 2010 in memory of her daughter Kortney who died from a brain tumor in 2006.

**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. It was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2007, to raise money for pediatric brain cancer research and awareness. This year's amount brings the four year total donated to \$375,000 donated to the pediatric brain tumor research program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) specifically their Large-Scale Genome Project and the new World Class Tissue Bank.

Kristen Gillette would like to thank everyone who made this donation possible especially The Turning Point owners Kirk and Pam Ruoff and General Manager of the Long Branch store Donna Kleiner, who have been consummate supporters of The Kortney Rose Foundation for several years. This year's first annual

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"Great Food...Great Cause" event at all five Turning Point locations raised over \$15,000. "We are so grateful to have had this opportunity and look forward to working with all of the wonderful people at all of the restaurants again. Every employee of these restaurants is extremely friendly and went above and beyond during this fundraiser to make it the huge success it was."

Additional fundraising events in 2010 included a family Luau at Shaka Restaurant in Pier Village, The Fifth Annual Kortney's Challenge 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk and Day at the Races at Monmouth Park, TEAM KORTNEY participation in both the New Jersey and ING New York City Marathons. We would also like to thank our corporate sponsors, in addition to The Turning Point, including Les Friedland & Associates, Monmouth Park Racetrack, and **The Two River Times**, our many individual donors, large and small, and our loyal volunteers all of whom helped to make 2010 our best year ever. In addition to funding brain tumor research, KRF also works hard to raise the level of awareness to the public that brain tumors are the #1 cancer-related cause of death in children 19 and under. Thanks to the continued support of our foundation's mission, we now have many more people working together with us to get Brain Tumors OFF Kids' Minds!

**Pediatric brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children 20 and under. Children are now being diagnosed with brain tumor as often as Leukemia.**

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