

Conference Agenda

Sunday, August 5, 2007

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Meet & Greet (Light refreshments will be served)

Monday, August 6, 2007

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - 9:30 am

Welcome & Introduction and Slide Show

9:30 am - 12:00 am

Guest Speaker

12:00 pm- 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Obstacles - Issues from the Medical Community

Tuesday, August 7, 2007

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Tumor Tracker Info and Update

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Session 1

12:00 pm- 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Session 2

Wednesday, August 8, 2007

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Closing Remarks, Group Photo & Open discussion

Host Speaker

Our keynote speaker will be Darcie Sims, author of "Why is the Casserole Always Tuna?" on the topic of How Strong Families Cope. We are excited to have Ms. Sims speak and share her wisdom and experiences.

Obstacles from the Medical Community

Dr. Tracy Richmond McKnight, Assistant Professor at UCSF and member of the UCSF Brain Tumor Research Center, will speak from the medical research side about what the obstacles are for finding a better treatment/cure. She will explain the different types of research - basic, clinical, and translational - the process for funding research, typical budgets for research studies and why they are important. She will also cover the other side of clinical trials - who funds them, what the different phases of clinical trials are, why they are so important and why they get so complicated. She will also touch on the growing, but still underfunded, interest in doing quality-of-life research.

Break Out Facilitated Discussion Sessions

We will offer two difference sessions. They will be open conversations with a facilitator that will guide the session.

Session 1

I'm not the Parent

This session is for grandparent, aunts, uncles or others that traveled the journey with you and can't find their place in the grieving process. She will also discuss how you can possibly help your loved ones.

The Broken Chain

This group will discuss some of the issues that occur in marriages' and families after dealing with cancer and death. The facilitator will give strategies to heal a family that is broken. This group will benefit families that are having issues with their marriage or children.

Session 2

Hello God – We need to talk.

This session was inspired by various conversations from last year. This group will discuss some of the issues that were created after losing our child. It will address the issues about how we prayed and counted on healing and how to mend that relationship that may have been broken.

Foundations 101

Tim Hayden, bereaved parent and founder of the Jeff Hayden Foundation will discuss the steps to creating a foundation and offer some tips. This group is perfect for families that are interested in starting a foundation in memory of their loved one or have any questions of concerned about their current foundation.