

2nd DPG Family Gathering



August 2007  
Las Vegas

"Healing Together ~ Working Together"

# Conference Overview



This unique gathering is more than just a social event. It is a chance to spend some time with those who honestly know how you feel, to enter that 'comfort zone' that we can only share together. We will strengthen that bond that was created by our misfortune and discover ways to transcend the legacy our children left behind to make changes in the world.

## Who should attend?

Anyone bereaved as result of a child's death due to a diffuse pontine glioma should attend this gathering. This includes not just parents, but grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone that would like to be a part of this unique group.

## What should I expect?

The gathering was created to bond with others that share the same journey. It has developed into much more. The families bond as we listen to speakers and hold discussions that will help us not only make changes on behalf of our kids, but get into conversations and share ideas to help us through these times.

## How much will it cost?

There will be a registration fee of \$100 per family (\$50 per individual) to assist with cost of food. You will be responsible for your travel and there will be a discounted room rate of \$99/night. Continental breakfast and lunch will be included, but you will be responsible for your own dinners.

## Can I bring siblings?

We are open to planning an age appropriate program for children and finding responsible child care if there is a need. It will be very important that you let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in bringing your children.

## Sponsorship

Are you interested in a sponsorship opportunity?  
Do you know someone that is interested in sponsorship opportunities?  
Would you like to or know someone that would like to make a tax-deductible contribution?

Please contact [info@cameronbrooks.org](mailto:info@cameronbrooks.org).

If you would like to come and need some financial assistance, please email Carla Brooks at [info@cameronbrooks.org](mailto:info@cameronbrooks.org).

## Hotel Accommodations

Accommodations are being held at Treasure Island, They have given us a rate of \$99 + tax. This rate is only guaranteed through July 6, 2007. All rooms will be released off the block after that date and will be subject to space and rate availability.

Treasure Island Hotel and Casino  
3300 S. Las Vegas Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Use conference code **DPG Family Gathering** when registering!  
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## 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 - 2:30 pm	Obstacles - Issues from the Medical Community
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Scrapbooking

### 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

One of our returning families will donate a 6x7 PicFolio to for every child represented. These PicFolios simply have slots for photos and journaling boxes, so they make it really easy to throw a small scrapbook together, nothing too overwhelming. Each family/person that wants to participate only needs to bring photos to put into the book. They will provide the rest of any other supplies needed and host a class to help them put it together on Monday after our speaker.

## 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 grandparents, 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 children. 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 or concerns about their current foundation.



Please indicate what session you are interested in attending?

Session 1	<input type="checkbox"/> I'm not the Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> The Broken Chain	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither
Session 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Hello God - We need to talk	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundations 101	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither

Number of T-shirts

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Can't wait to see you!!!