

December 30, 2013

Keith Desserich
DIPG Collaborative Founding Partner
Chairman, Board of Directors of The Cure Starts Now Foundation
10280 Chester Road
Cincinnati, OH 45215

Dear Mr. Desserich,

On behalf of Dr. Mark Kieran, Director of the Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Center at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, I write to express our sincere appreciation to you and members of the DIPG Collaborative for the pledged \$50,000 grant to support a trial for newly-diagnosed patients with diffuse intrinsic pontine gliomas. This acknowledgement may be posted on your website.

Please send the check to the following contact person and address to ensure efficient processing:

Patricia Courtney
Director of Research Accounting
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
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This project received full committee approval from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Institutional Review Board (IRB) on January 14, 2013 (when accrual began). An annual renewal was approved on November 4, 2013; we can thus confirm that DFCI has been accruing patients for over 6 months, and will continue to do so through 2014. We can also confirm that the protocol is being used in a collaborative manner, as it is already open and accruing at 15 other sites around the US.

The web-link for more information about the protocol and how to enroll can be found here: <http://www.dana-farber.org/research/clinical-trials/clinical-trial.aspx?tid=1829>


Dr. Kieran is the lead researcher, and can be reached as follows:

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A copy of DFCI's W-9 form is enclosed with this letter. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Kieran or myself.

Thank you again for your partnership and dedication to DIPG tumor research, and our best wishes for a happy new year.

Sincerely,


Amy Ehrenzweig
Assistant Director
Office of Grants & Contracts

cc: Mark Kieran, MD, PhD
Joseph Trivino

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