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\$25,000 Check Presented To St. Jude

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One Tri-State girl's memory is now giving hope to many others who are also diagnosed with brain cancer.

Elena Desserich's parents started "The Cure Starts Now" after their daughter passed away last year.

On Tuesday, Brooke Desserich presented St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with a check for \$25,000, which will help fund new brain cancer research projects.

"As elated as we are to give this money away, it's also on the wings of many other children we have lost, so we're very pleased that St. Jude is one of the very first hospitals that we give it to."

Desserich said on the same week they decided where the money was going, six more children lost their lives with the same type of brain cancer their daughter Elena had.

Much of the money presented Tuesday was raised at the foundation's "Once in a Lifetime Gala," which auctioned off wishes like the "Zookeeper for a Day," and "Make Your Own Graeter's Flavor."

The next event is March 7, 2009. You can reserve your pre-sale tickets now by going to their website, <http://www.thecurestartsnow.org/>.

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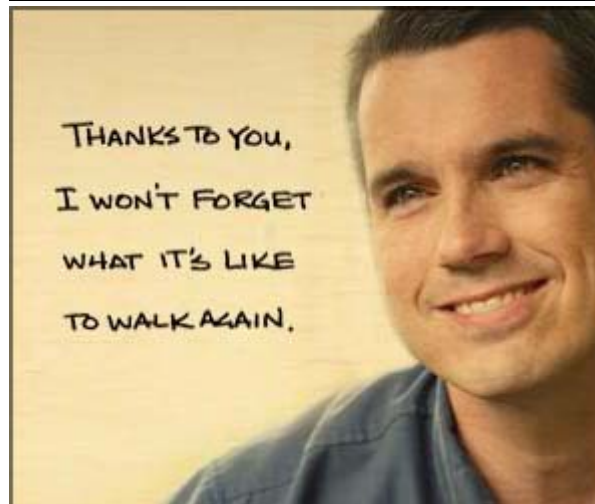


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