

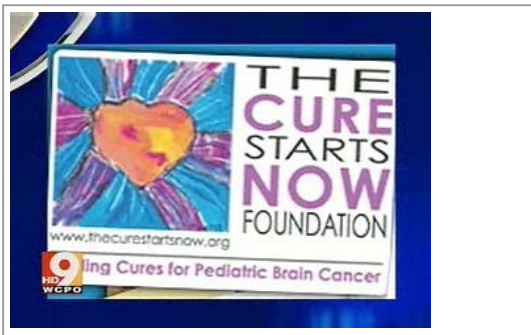
## Current Power Outages In The Tri-State



### Stand Up To Cancer

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Friday's multi-network special, "Stand Up To Cancer," was a nationwide effort, a team approach to fighting cancer.

Here in the Tri-state, children fighting incurable brain cancer hope donations will help them find a cure.

It has been more than a year since Elena Desserich lost her battle with brain cancer. The six-year-old had intrinsic brain stem glioma, which was a cancer growing inside her brain stem.

Her doctors called it one of the biggest bullies on the street.

Since then, Elena's parents have come across countless other children facing the same diagnosis.

"All these kids are happy five and six year olds who have dreams," said Brooke Desserich.

They've inspired Brooke and her husband Keith to hunt for treatment and for a cure. Their organization, "The Cure Starts Now," aims to give children with brain cancer new treatments to try at a time when there's nothing to lose.

"Parents of kids with brain cancer are willing to take that step and try new treatments as long as we can fund those treatments for them," explained Brooke.

The Desserich's hope new research and brain cancer will lead to treatments for many other cancers as well. Copyright 2008 The E.W. Scripps Co. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten, or redistributed.

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