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Young Artist Loses Fight With Rare Brain Cancer

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CINCINNATI -- A 6-year-old artist lost her fight Saturday with cancer, but her to keep her memory alive by continuing her battle against the disease.

Elena Desserich was diagnosed shortly before her sixth birthday with a rare and of brain cancer.

Her artwork became highly sought after by members of the community who hea girl's struggle.

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“The most common phras tell me is, ‘You don't know they hear about Elena's st quite overwhelming,” said Keith Desserich.

Her family started a fund ‘Cure Starts Now,’ and the dollars later, the research combat diffuse brainstem new supporters.

The condition affects mos and nine of every 10 people who are diagnosed live no longer than 18 months.

The public outpouring of love and support has helped Elena's family get through time, Desserich said.

“When we're having a hard time and the only thing we can go through is just me you know, you walk around the house and it's just the hardest place to be right r

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