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Keith Desserich, Director
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Dear Keith,

Thank you for your additional gift of \$10,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital from The Cure Starts Now Foundation made possible through Smiles for Sophie Forever, restricted for the molecular analysis of tumor samples from patients with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG).

Your continued support is very much appreciated and will help to shed light on the molecular changes that drive the development and growth of DIPG and to identify promising therapeutic targets for this devastating disease.

St. Jude's Neurobiology and Brain Tumor program has a strong team of basic researchers who work very closely with clinical researchers to allow the work here to impact from bench-to bedside. I continue to work closely with Dr. Alberto Broniscer, an outstanding St. Jude clinician, to advance understanding of DIPG, and to facilitate translation of experimental results into improved therapies. At St. Jude, we're never far away from children who have the diseases we study and this proximity gives researchers like me motivation every day.

With your help, we will continue to search for cures in pediatric cancers such as DIPG in an effort to save the precious lives of children. I would be delighted to meet with you the next time you visit St. Jude to tell you about our progress.

Sincerely,

Suzanne J. Baker, Ph.D.
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