

JOIN YOUR
PATH TO HOPE



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Empowering Your Brain Tumor Journey
with Personalized Resources and Hope

“CREATING
A BETTER
PATH FOR
OTHERS”

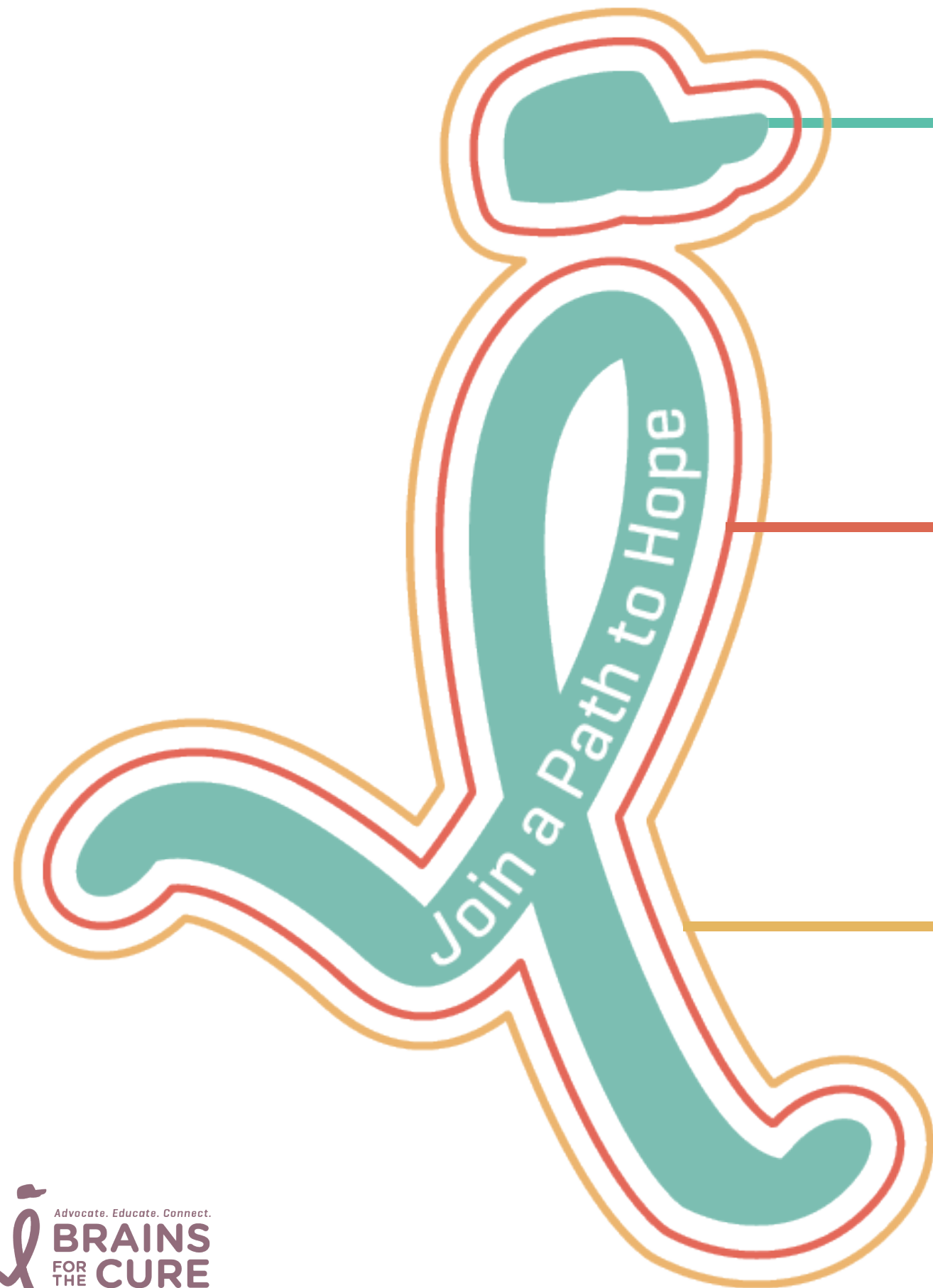
Drew Houts, and his wife Julie, faced an unexpected, unwanted and unguided future following Julie’s diagnosis with a Glioblastoma [GBM] brain tumor in 2020. Their journey exposed them to the uncertain treatment path for GBM patients. The journey was equally uncharted across the medical, emotional and relational landscapes. What’s more, the lack of a trusted playbook to provide guidance to their personal circumstances was also elusive.

After Julie’s passing in 2021, Drew steadied himself with the desire to carry Julie’s legacy forward. His goal: To provide a stabilizing **Path To Hope** for other patients, caregivers, and loved ones traveling along the same journey.

JPH VISION

Built as an accessible and dedicated content channel on the Brains for the Cure home page, through a quick questionnaire, Join Your Path to Hope (JPH) streamlines the brain tumor journey. Offering immediate, personalized resources for medical, emotional, and relational needs. Our goal is to empower patients and caregivers with hope and support across all aspects of the journey.

THE THREE PATHS



MEDICAL

Starting from the physical reality of diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis this path is all about finding the right care team to carry you through.

EMOTIONAL

Driven by the medical path, this path provides resources and tools to both navigate and normalize the feelings, thoughts, and emotions that may be experienced.

RELATIONAL

The emotional highs and lows are not ours alone. This path gives you the tools to communicate with those who are affected by your journey.

INTEGRATION WITH BRAINS FOR THE CURE

Join Your Path to Hope will strengthen the relevant and stable user experience currently offered through the Brains for the Cure platform. Join Your Path to Hope will optimize BFTC's potential to significantly grow the audience reach, and further help the brain tumor community navigate the uncertain and destabilizing path forward with brain cancer.

The screenshot shows the Brains for the Cure website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Patients, Caregivers, Find Care, and Resources, along with a search bar and a user profile icon. The main content area features the Brains for the Cure logo, which includes the tagline "Advocate. Educate. Connect." and "Powered by Head for the Cure Foundation". Below the logo is a video player showing a family. A prominent section titled "Join Your Path to Hope" describes a new tool designed to help users prepare for their unique journey with brain tumors. It includes a "Get started" button and a graphic with the words "Relational", "Emotional", and "Medical" arranged around a stylized brain icon. At the bottom, there is a "PATIENT STORIES" section with a featured article titled "The Importance of Shared Decision-Making for Patients with Glioblastoma" by Chelsea Hagon, dated December 9 at 11:43 AM. A "Show More" link is visible at the bottom right of the patient stories section.



Your Path to Hope

About Julie Medical Journey Emotional Journey Relational Journey



Starting from the physical reality of diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis this path is all about finding the right care team at approach to carry you through.

Start a Personalized Medical Path



Driven by the medical path, the feelings, thoughts, and emotions, this path normalized feelings both patients and caregivers may be experiencing by providing resources and helpful insights.

Start a Personalized Emotional Path



The emotional highs and lows are not ours alone. This path gives you the tools to communicate with those who are effected by your journey through a tumor.

Start a Personalized Relational Path

LIGHT

PERSONALIZED PATHS

Users will be guided through a series of questions amongst the three paths of their journey:

Medical, Emotional, and Relational.




Allowing each user to find immediate curated resources based on their personal experience and the extent of the journey they wish to know.



Join Your Path to Hope

Navigating a brain tumor can feel complicated and overwhelming. Join Your Path to Hope (JPH) provides personalized resources to help you through your unique journey. Here you'll find articles, videos, podcasts, and more, to help you on your way.

Getting started is easy:

-  Take the questionnaire to tell us about your journey
-  Review your curated resources
-  Create a profile to save your results

[Start the Questionnaire](#)

You can update your answers and the resulting resources by retaking the questionnaire. [Learn more about JPH](#)

THREE EASY STEPS

EMOTIONAL

Grief is an unfortunate reality that comes with unexpected life changes, like a brain tumor diagnosis. How would you describe your relationship to feelings of grief and loss?

Most days my new reality brings about shock and sometimes fear that feels inescapable. I am struggling to grasp how I will transition into this new unknown.

I am settling into my new normal, but I find myself missing who I once was and how to process through all that I am feeling.

I have processed through the grief that I am experiencing, big and small. I am learning how to manage my emotions even when they feel all consuming.

While my medical journey feels somewhat stable, the constant question of "what if" brings about daily emotional highs and lows that feel exhausting.

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IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS

PERSONALIZED RESOURCES

Your Path to Hope

The following content has been curated based on your answers to the questionnaire. To change the curated content, please revise your answers by retaking the questionnaire.

By saving your answers, the related content will also be saved for future reference. You can update your answers any time.

Save Answers

Revise Answers

Medical

Starting from the physical reality of diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis this path is all about finding the right care team and approach to carry you through. [VIEW ALL](#)



Know Your Brain Tumor Treatment Options. Preserve Your Quality of Life

A brain tumor diagnosis can be overwhelming, but fortunately, various proven FDA-cleared and FDA-approved treatment options are available.

Building Your Medical Team

It is important to have confidence in the doctor and health care team who will perform your surgery and providing your treatment and follow-up care. [VIEW ALL](#)

Emotional

Driven by the medical path, this path provides resources and tools to both navigate and normalize the feelings, thoughts, and emotions that may be experienced. [VIEW ALL](#)



Long-Haul Survivorship is Hard Work

Brain tumor survivorship is weird. Depending on a tumor's location, your deficits vary. In my case, mine are mostly invisible to a casual observer. I imagine a...



Embracing Fear and Anxiety

10-year astrocytoma survivor shares his experience about dealing with fear. There are ways to embrace fear, letting it out, and... [VIEW ALL](#)

Relational

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NEW

The Importance of Shared Decision-Making for Patients with Glioblastoma

A brain tumor patient will encounter numerous specialists and need to make a multitude of decisions throughout their journey. With these factors and more, navigating cancer care can be overwhelming.

Planning for the Future

After your diagnosis, many decisions in addition to your treatment plan will be made as you plan for your future while in treatment. [VIEW ALL](#)

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