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WORLD'S LARGEST BRAIN TUMOR RESEARCH FUNDRAISER, 22nd ANNUAL RACE FOR HOPE-DC, RETURNS TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ON MAY 5th

Over \$31 million raised since 1998, American Idol® winner David Cook returns as Honorary Chair

(Washington, D.C.) – Thousands of walkers, runners, volunteers, activists and survivors will gather in Washington, D.C. for the world's largest brain tumor community event: the [22nd annual Race for Hope – DC](#), presented by Cushman & Wakefield. Since its inception in 1998, the annual race has united more than 100,000 attendees and raised over \$31 million for brain tumor research and advocacy.

When: Sunday, May 5, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. – Registration
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Program & Activities
9:00 a.m. – Race Begins

Where: Freedom Plaza

1455 Pennsylvania Ave NW (13th St. & Pennsylvania Ave)
Washington, DC 20004

Featured speakers include:

American Idol® David Cook, Honorary Chair, Race for Hope DC
Max Wallace, CEO, ABC²
David Arons, CEO, National Brain Tumor Society

The *Race for Hope - DC* has close to 10,000 participants over a weekend of activities benefiting both ABC² (Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure) and the National Brain Tumor Society. The organizations share a common goal: a day when there is a cure, and when all patients with brain tumors are told they have a manageable

disease. *Race for Hope – DC* is the nation’s flagship fundraising event for brain tumor research.

Each year, *Race for Hope – DC* helps to bring hope and attention to the often-underserved brain tumor community. The need to increase research funding is more urgent than ever – today, nearly 700,000 Americans are living with a primary brain tumor diagnosis, and within the next 12 months, over 210,000 more will be diagnosed with either a primary or metastatic brain tumor.

Broadway star, singer-songwriter and American Idol® winner David Cook will return for his 11th anniversary as Honorary Chair of the event. Brain Cancer Research Advocate Cook and his fans have raised more than \$1.4 million for research, and Cook has spoken publicly about his brother, Adam, who lost his valiant battle with brain cancer in 2009. This May, Cook will return to the *Race for Hope – DC* to remember his brother and send a message of hope and resilience to the families of those who are living with a primary brain tumor diagnosis in the United States.

“The Race for Hope means so much to me. I’m proud to be part of an event that brings together people who all share a common goal: an end to brain cancer,” said Cook. “We honor the memories of those who have lost their battle with brain tumors and celebrate the survivors and family members who continue to fight the disease.” Cook will also be holding a concert open to the public at City Winery, on Friday, May 3. Tickets can be purchased [here](#), and all proceeds will go to the *Race for Hope – DC*.

Highlights of the 22nd annual *Race for Hope-DC* will include: A Survivor Tribute featuring more than 350 brain tumor survivors who will march together towards the start line as a symbol of hope and strength in their battle against brain tumors; a kids’ Fun Run; and a Memorial Tribute to Lionel Chaiken, co-founder of the *Race for Hope – DC*.

Top sponsors include: Cushman & Wakefield; Cravath, Swaine & Moore; Holliday Fenoglio Fowler/The Conley Family; Valero Energy; R & R Mechanical; The Case Foundation; CoStar Group; Normandy Real Estate Partners.

For more information or to register as a participant or volunteer visit: www.curebraintumors.org

About ABC² (Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure)

ABC² is focused on speeding the discovery of a cure for brain cancer. By applying an aggressive, venture funding approach not typically seen in the nonprofit sector, ABC² closes current gaps in funding in order to catalyze research and rapidly bring new therapies to patients. ABC² has awarded more than 100 grants totaling \$21 million in brain tumor research funding to highly qualified investigators and physician-scientist from 54 institutions and companies. Since its founding in 2001, ABC² has helped bring 30 different treatments into the clinic. To learn more, visit www.abc2.org.

About National Brain Tumor Society

National Brain Tumor Society is the largest nonprofit organization dedicated to the brain tumor community in the United States. We are in the unique position to affect change across the drug development, policy and legislative, research, and clinical trial systems at all levels. We don’t focus on a single method or approach to defeating brain tumors. We drive a multi-faceted and thoughtful approach to aggressively influence and fund strategic research and discovery, as well as advocate for public policy changes, in order to achieve the greatest impact, results, and progress for brain tumor patients. To learn more, visit www.braintumor.org. Thanks!

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