

BRAIN TUMOR NETWORK

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Shown: BTN volunteer event at American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge



These navigation services from BTN have given us hope and encouragement because we have an advocate and helper in this complicated and sometimes lonely journey.

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**A Milestone Year.
A Decade of
Service.**



RICK SONTAG
President & Founder
Brain Tumor Network

In 2014, we established Brain Tumor Network (BTN) as an organization solely dedicated to helping patients and their caregivers who are dealing with the scourge of a brain tumor. We think we have succeeded in our mission.

Since 2014 BTN has:

- Assisted 5,000 brain tumor patients throughout all 50 U.S. states
- Grew staff from one Nurse Navigator to a group of 23 professionals
- Developed our own patient information system to help individually tailor patient support
- Became the largest independent brain tumor navigation support organization of its kind in the world

We are proud of what we've accomplished in the past 10 years and look forward to even bigger things in our future.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Rick Sontag".

Vision and Mission

Vision

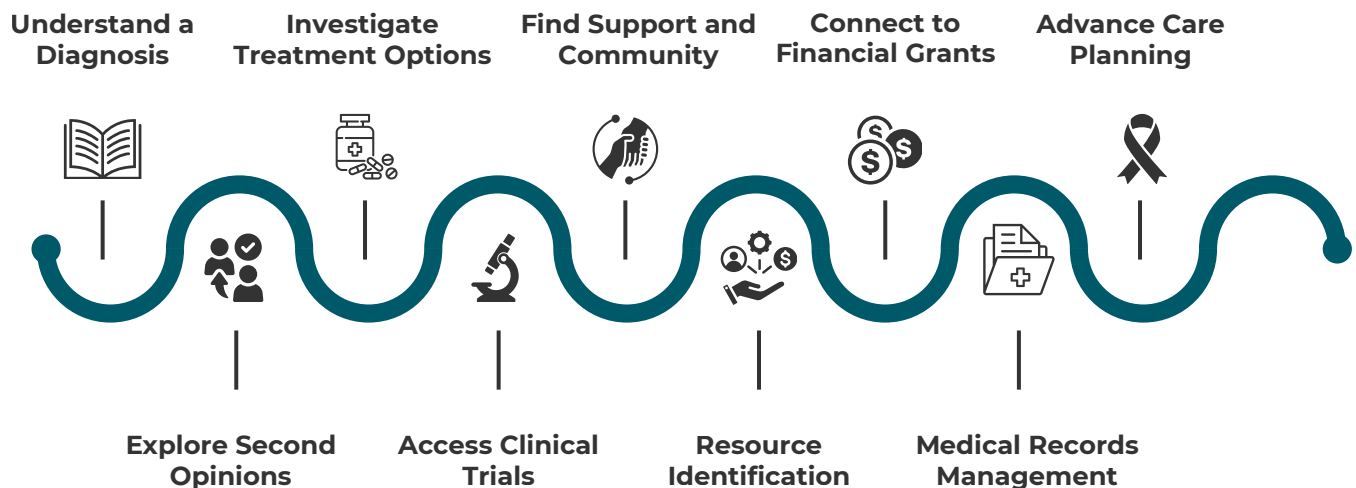
The vision of Brain Tumor Network is to empower and deliver hope to those impacted by a primary brain tumor.

Mission

To provide free, individualized navigation to help patients and loved ones manage a primary brain tumor diagnosis, overcome treatment obstacles, and facilitate access to quality healthcare.

Navigation Services

Working alongside our neuro-oncology navigators facilitates the expansion of patient-centered care by fostering transparent conversations about each patient's unique needs and care objectives. This collaborative approach empowers patients with the knowledge necessary to make informed decisions regarding their care.





Our Story is
Personal

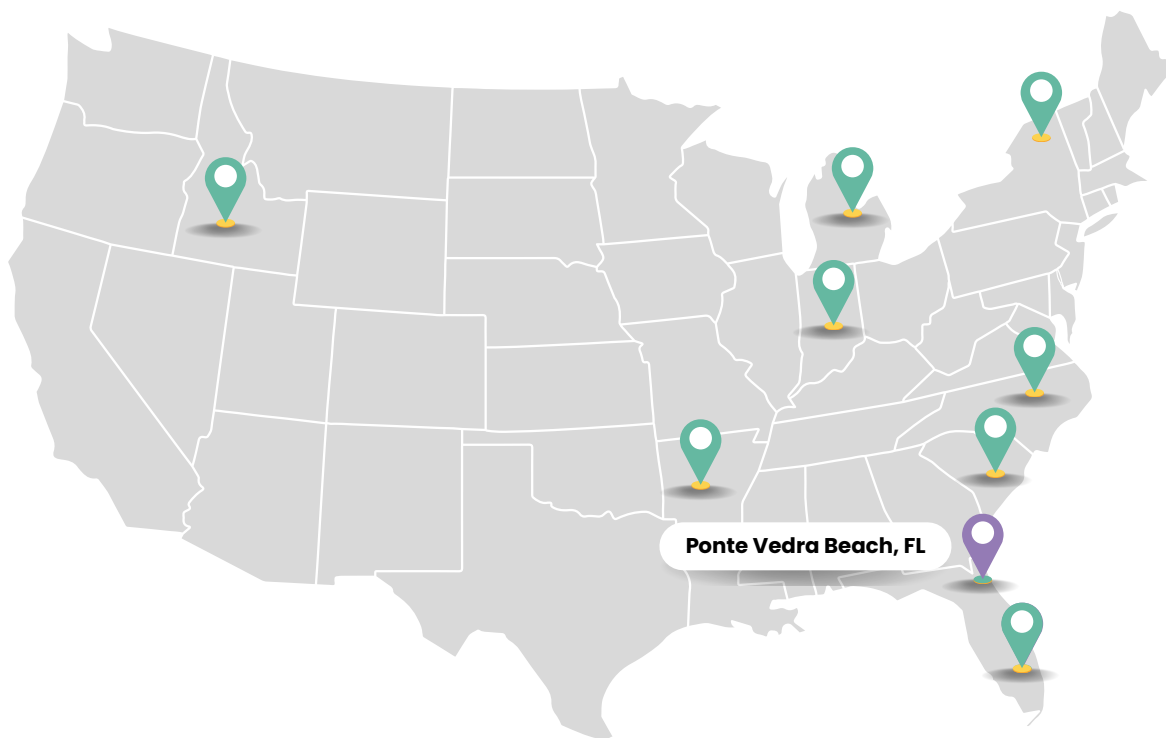
Navigating Together, Every Step of the Way



**BTN
Navigator**



**BTN
Main Office**



We Meet Patients Where They Are

Brain Tumor Network understands that every brain tumor experience is unique. With nurse and social work navigators located across the country, we meet patients and families where they are—offering personalized guidance and resources no matter where they're located. Whether it's providing clarity on a diagnosis, exploring treatment options, or connecting with local resources, our team is here to support patients every step of the way.

A Lifeline of Hope

How BTN Supported Our Journey with Glioblastoma

My husband, Dan, survived glioblastoma brain cancer for 3.5 years.

I learned of the Brain Tumor Network about a year after his diagnosis from a fellow GBM patient we randomly met in a grocery store parking lot, due to both wearing the Optune device. She spoke so highly of BTN to random strangers that I had to reach out.

Once I contacted BTN I was immediately connected to our Nurse Navigator and she was there every step of the way, including after Dan's passing.



Our Navigator was the support we didn't know we needed along this journey. She was who I called first after leaving doctor appointments. She answered all of our questions, helped explain all of our options, and ran tons of clinical trial searches no matter how many times I asked. Dan never matched with a trial due to his complex case; but that didn't slow our navigator down -researching and discussing every crazy option I emailed her.

Our Nurse Navigator also connected us with the wonderful Social Workers at BTN. They helped answer all my other questions: insurance, resources, support...if they didn't know the answer they would find it. The Social Workers also help run a great support group that I'm happy to still participate in and share Dan's story.

It was a wild 3.5 years and beyond but I'm so grateful we had and continue to have the support of the Brain Tumor Network.,

-Tracy, BTN Caregiver

2024 Impact Report

1300+

Families Received BTN
Navigation Support

**785+**

Patients Educated
about their Diagnosis

**660+**

Recipients of Social
Work Support

**260+**

Individualized Clinical
Trial Searches Presented

**225+**

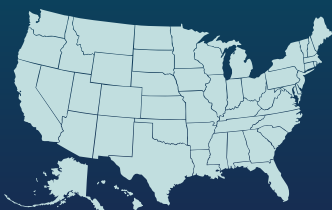
Personalized Second
Opinion Connections

**95+**

Pediatric Families
Supported

**50**

U.S. States Supported
by BTN Navigation

**97%**

of Patients Would
Recommend BTN to Others



By the Numbers

Program Expense Allocation

89%

**Patient
Support**



10%

**Administrative
Overhead**



1%

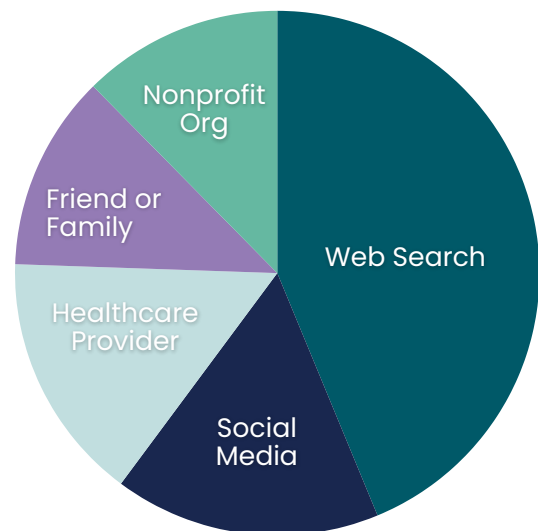
Fundraising



How Did You Learn About BTN?

Top Referral Sources

Web Search	43.8%
Social Media	16.4%
Healthcare Provider	15.4%
Friend/Family	12.1%
Nonprofit Organization (NPO)	10.9%



Platinum
Transparency
2024

Candid.

We received the GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of recognition by Candid. As this designation demonstrates, BTN is committed to transparent communication and responsible stewardship of donor investment.

Charity
Navigator



★ FOUR-STAR ★

BTN received Charity Navigator's 4-star rating, their top distinction! This exceptional rating is awarded to organizations with proven commitment to accountability, transparency, and impactful work.

Meet Our Board of Directors

United by Compassion, Driven by Service



RICK SONTAG

President & Founder,
Brain Tumor Network



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Sontag Foundation



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Healthwise



KENT NEW, MD, PHD

Neurosurgeon,
Retired



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Partner,
Spring Bay Companies



KAY W. VERBLE

Former Executive Director,
Sontag Foundation,
Community Volunteer



JILL WYANT

President & CEO,
Madison Air

**A Milestone Year.
A Decade of Service.**



Expressions of Thanks

Guiding **Patients**. Empowering **Care**.

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I have been on a clinical trial for 5 years, which I had to find myself and navigate. Once I found your organization, I was in awe and disbelief of what you are doing!

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The navigators I have worked with are exceptional. This is an unbelievably helpful support service for patients and caregivers. Bless you.

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This has been such a helpful and insightful source of support and information. Just amazing.

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Thank you so much for your help at the most difficult time in our lives.

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This has been tremendously helpful and an important resource for us. Can't thank you enough!

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I hope you continue to have the funding you need.

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The experience was amazing, and I couldn't have asked for a more compassionate and nurturing Navigator. She is attentive and efficient and always available.

Our Navigator comes through with whatever I may need.

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A Milestone Achieved. A Decade of Service Celebrated.



Together, we move forward with hope,
compassion, and purpose.
Thank you for being part of the journey.



Brain Tumor Network

Guiding Patients. Empowering Care.