

## Dainere Anthony's Legacy

*Dainere was the most courageous, selfless and inspiring young person you could ever meet, she worked passionately and tirelessly during her short life to raise awareness and funds for paediatric brain tumours. Her greatest wish in life was that no child in the future would have to suffer as she did and that one day a cure for this horrendous disease will be found.*

She was posthumously named as *The Young Canberra Citizen of the Year 2013* jointly with myself in recognition for our leadership, courage and determination to raise awareness in the Community of paediatric brain tumours. This is truly an honour and a legacy which Dainere will be remembered for always.

## About The Fund

### Our Mission Statement

**Dainere's Rainbow are dedicated to elevating vital awareness and raising funds for Australian Research to improve outcomes for every child 0-19 diagnosed with a paediatric brain tumour.**

The Dainere's Rainbow Brain Tumour Research Fund was established in February 2014 with the objective to Take Action, Give Hope and Create Change for children diagnosed with paediatric brain tumours in conjunction with the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation and the research of Associate Professor, Dr David Ziegler, we are working towards improving the outcomes for all children diagnosed with brain tumours.

Dr Ziegler's team is investigating the basic biology and genetics of childhood brain tumours in the laboratory their work aims to identify agents that induce a profound anti-tumour effect, they are currently working towards the implementation of novel treatment strategies in state-of-the-art clinical trials, safer treatment option with less devastating side effects and ultimately a cure.

Dainere's Rainbow is a not for profit charitable organisation that is powered by a small and dedicated team of unpaid volunteers who have enormous hearts and incredible enthusiasm, this means that **100%** of all funds raised go directly towards brain tumour Research at Sydney Children's Hospital Kids Cancer Centre.

The fund maintains a lifetime commitment to helping eradicate this number one disease killer of Australian children. We also continue Dainere's legacy through heightening awareness of paediatric brain tumours and extending practical assistance and knowledge to other families through the brain tumour journey and beyond.

## Awareness, Fundraising and Support

- Inaugural Memorial Dinner 2014
- Christmas in June Gala Dinner 2015
- Happily Ever After Gala Dinner 2016
- Splendiferous Entertainment Extravaganza 2017
- Fashion Parade 2015 and 2016
- Shopping Centre Community Awareness Stall 2015
- Qcity Transit Bus Indefinite Awareness Raising Campaign
- Celebrate Gungahlin Market Stall 2017
- Dainere's Books
- Trash N Treasure
- Collection Tins
- Barbeques
- Fair Stall
- Collaboration for funding for Paediatric Palliative Care Nurse in Canberra
- Collaboration in By My Side Resource for Bereaved Parents
- Dainere's Rainbow Merchandise
- Siblings iTunes Gift Card Initiative

### Annual

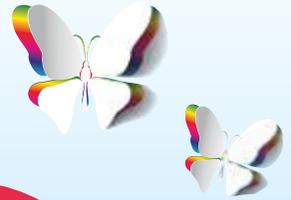
- Christmas Light Displays
- Dainere's Rainbow Run (Burgmann Anglican School)
- City2Surf
- Gala Memorial Event

*Every child deserves a chance of a future and it is only through vital Community support that crucial research projects and programs can be undertaken to offer new hope and the best chance of cure with minimal treatment side effects for future generations of Australian children and their families.*

**- Associate Professor David Ziegler**

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# Dainere's Rainbow

BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH FUND

# PAEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOURS

## BRAIN CANCER KILLS MORE CHILDREN THAN ANY OTHER DISEASE IN AUSTRALIA

(Australian Bureau of Statistics (2010 - 2014))

*"My little voice could only make a small difference, but together many voices could create change"*

**- Dainere Anthony**



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"Dainere was such an inspiration to so many people, both young and old during her short life. She fought hard for what she believed in and motivated many others in similar situations. We could all learn from the way Dainere lived her life and raising awareness for paediatric brain tumours is just one way we can continue on her legacy."

- Liberal Senator for Australian Capital Territory Zed Seselja

## Facts and statistics about Brain Tumours

- Brain tumours are the most common form of solid tumours among children.
- Brain cancer (or malignant brain tumours) kill more children in Australia than any other disease.
- Brain cancer survival rates are low and have hardly changed in over three decades.
- Treatment is challenging because it affects a human beings most vital organ.
- On average, approximately 1600 brain cancers are diagnosed each year in Australia; that is roughly one person diagnosed with brain cancer every five hours. (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2015)
- Brain cancer costs more per person than any other cancer.
- Only two in ten people diagnosed with brain cancer will survive for at least five years. (AIHW 2012. Cancer survival and prevalence in Australia)

## Symptoms of a Paediatric Brain Tumour include:

- Persistent or recurrent vomiting often on waking
- Abnormal or poor balance
- Wobbly or gaited walk
- Poor co-ordination
- Unexplained weight loss or gain
- Behaviour change
- Fits or seizures
- Abnormal eye movements and blurred or double vision
- Lethargy
- Abnormal head position such as a head tilt or stiff neck
- Delayed or arrested puberty in adolescents
- Reduced consciousness
- Diabetes insipidus (excessive drinking and urination)
- Frequent flu like symptoms
- Decline in school performance
- Loss of bowel or bladder control

## Challenges of Brain Cancer Treatment

- Treatment of paediatric brain tumours is more complex than that for other childhood cancers.
- Brain tumour surgery requires a highly skilled team of health professionals to remove as much of the tumour as possible while avoiding damage to normal tissue essential for brain function.
- Surgery to remove the tumour is not always possible because it may be inaccessible or because surgery would cause too much damage to the surrounding brain tissue.
- Chemotherapy used to treat brain cancer is restricted to a small number of drugs that can cross the blood-brain barrier.
- Radiotherapy treatment requires careful and accurate planning and precision to avoid damage to normal brain tissue.
- Even a benign tumour in the brain can be life-threatening

## Key factors to consider...

- Research offers the only hope of dramatic improvements and outcomes for people diagnosed with brain tumours.
- The needs of brain tumour patients in treatment, rehabilitation and end of life care are very different and particularly acute.
- There are no known causes for brain tumours and no lifestyle changes to prevent them. This makes screening at present unrealistic.
- Detection and treatment of brain tumours is often seriously delayed as symptoms are broad. Frequently they are diagnosed as less serious illnesses.



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## How Can You Create Change?

- Be proactive using social media and verbal communication to elevate crucial awareness in the Community
- Make a once off or regular donation to a fund like Dainere's Rainbow where 100% of all funds raised go towards research and other programs to support paediatric brain cancer
- Email your Local Government MLA and your representative within the Federal Government asking them to support awareness and funding to be directed to paediatric brain tumour research
- You are welcome to contact us if you would like to volunteer at a Dainere's Rainbow Event.
- If you are a Business Owner please consider making a donation of goods or services for auctions/raffle prizes or join the Dainere's Rainbow Team as a Partner for one of our fundraising events.