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## **American Brain Tumor Association Announces “Breakthrough for Brain Tumors” 5K Event**

***Annual Run/Walk draws thousands to advance the  
understanding and treatment of brain tumors***

**(Chicago, IL – January XX, 2012)** Breakthrough for Brain Tumors, the American Brain Tumor Association’s (ABTA) annual lakefront 5K run/walk, will take place on Saturday, May 12 at Chicago’s Montrose Harbor. The event draws to Chicago thousands of families and friends who have been impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis. Proceeds from the event support brain tumor research and a range of services that the ABTA provides for brain tumor patients and their families.

The morning will start with a chip-timed run, followed by an all-ages walk. Refreshments, music and family-friendly entertainment will follow the 5Ks.

“This event reflects the American Brain Tumor Association’s commitment to improving the lives of patients and families struggling to cope with a brain tumor diagnosis through the support of very promising work underway in research labs across the country,” said ABTA President and CEO Elizabeth Wilson. “Whether we are helping to bring about individual or research breakthroughs, those who turn to the ABTA find that we are here for them at every step along the way.”

Last year’s 5K event raised more than \$1 million in support of the ABTA’s mission to advance the understanding and treatment of brain tumors. The event continues to grow each year, and will expand to New York City next fall.

Registration for the Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Chicago 5K Run/Walk is now open at [www.breakthroughforbraintumors.org](http://www.breakthroughforbraintumors.org). The registration fee is \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 6-12 years old. Children under 6 may participate for free. For more information, call the ABTA’s Event Line at 1-800-886-1281 or email [events@abta.org](mailto:events@abta.org).

### ***ABOUT THE AMERICAN BRAIN TUMOR ASSOCIATION***

Founded in 1973, the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) was the first national nonprofit organization dedicated solely to funding brain tumor research. For nearly 40 years, the Chicago-based ABTA has provided critical funding to researchers working toward breakthroughs in brain tumor diagnosis, treatment and care, and is the only national organization providing comprehensive resources that support the complex needs of brain tumor patients and caregivers. For more information, visit [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org).

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