



Dear Family and Friends,

Great news! I have chosen to participate in a very worthwhile charity golf tournament to help raise funds for brain tumor research and I am asking for your support. In just the last 9 years, this Foundation has donated \$327,200 for specific brain tumor research projects and they've just begun.

Nick Gonzales was a loving husband and father who lost his battle at age 29 with brain cancer on December 5, 2006, due to a tumor known as a glioblastoma multiforme (GBM). Nick had early warning signs of the tumor several months before his diagnosis, including headaches, slight change of personality, smelling burning rubber for no reason and feelings that something just wasn't right. He and his family wrote off the symptoms as stress related to his career as an aerospace engineer at Bell Helicopter, eye strain, allergies and other reasons. In reality, the tumor was growing larger each day.

His mother, Cindy, his step-dad Roy and his brother, Dr. Marcus Gonzales, established The Nick Gonzales Foundation for Brain Tumor Research in the summer of 2007 with two goals: Increase awareness and promote education on the early warning signs of brain tumors resulting in an earlier diagnosis and fund critical research to help drive a cure and better treatment options to extend the quality of life for those affected.

Brain tumors are on the rise, especially among those in the 18-40 age group. Anyone from a child to an elderly adult can be stricken with a brain tumor. Over 200,000 people a year are diagnosed with one of 120 different types of brain tumors. Research is making progress, but much more must be done.

Here's where you and I come in. On May 5th, 2017, I will be participating in the 10th Annual Nick Gonzales Charity Golf Tournament and Fundraising Dinner at The Tribute Golf Club on Lake Lewisville and I would greatly appreciate your sponsorship of my team. A donation of any amount would be much appreciated and may be easily done online with a credit card via a secure website or you may mail me a check payable to the Foundation. Simply log onto www.thenickgonzalesfoundation.org and click on "Register Now for the Golf Tournament", then "Donate in Honor". *The Foundation is a 501c3 Public Charity so all donations are taxable to the full extent of the law.*

Thanks a million for your support!