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Marlee’s Mission was formed in honor of Marlee Rae Flynn, a nine-year-old from Philadelphia who courageously battled Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a terminal brain tumor. We are dedicated to raising money to fund research for pediatric brain cancer, especially DIPG, and to raise awareness. We hope one day there is a cure for this devastating disease. We believe all children deserve the chance to live a long life and pursue all of their childhood dreams, an opportunity Marlee was never given.

Marlee was a beautiful, vibrant, and healthy child with an infectious smile and the kindest heart. She was full of life and energy. When Marlee was eight years old, she began complaining of headaches and nausea. When traditional home pain medicine did not alleviate her symptoms, Marlee was taken to the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia where she received a CT scan of her brain. The results were devastating. On December 15, 2016, Marlee was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma. DIPG is a rare, aggressive, inoperable brain tumor/cancer that is terminal upon diagnosis. Statistics show a less than 1% survival rate. Marlee’s tumor was located in her brain stem, which made her prognosis poor. DIPG has no cure. Radiation was the only treatment offered to Marlee. Radiation does not eradicate DIPG. It often only provides patients with an additional 3-6 months of life. Marlee completed two rounds of radiation totaling 42 treatments, without a single complaint. On January 4, 2018, Marlee lost her battle with DIPG and gained her wings.

Marlee’s Mission remains vigilant in our mission to bring awareness to DIPG and to help find a cure so that children diagnosed with DIPG have a fighting chance to live a long life. No child should be told there is no cure. More research is needed. More funding is needed. Your support is key in helping us achieve our goal. All donations are tax deductible.

In honor of Unity Day, any donations \$500.00 or more will get your Local’s / Companies name on the back of shirts we will be handing out during Unity Day. We will also be accepting donations at the door from individuals for Marlee’s Mission. Over the past few years, we’ve raised over \$15,000.00 for outstanding foundations. We hope to exceed that amount this year.

Any covid restrictions will be followed, please come out and support this great foundation.

Please make all checks payable to “Marlee’s Mission” and mail to 1803 Spring Garden St. Philadelphia, PA 19130.

