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# Press Release

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## **The Kortney Rose Foundation Raises \$140,000 for Pediatric Brain Tumor Research**

Kristen, Rich and Kasey Gillette of Oceanport presented a check for \$140,000 to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on December 14. With an additional \$10,000 gift, the Foundation's 2011 annual donation totaled \$150,000 in support of pediatric brain tumor research at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in memory of their daughter Kortney who died from a brain tumor in 2005.

The donation was presented in front of a crowd of spectators at the Monmouth University Women's Basketball's "Kortney Rose Foundation Night" game. Accepting the check on behalf of Children's Hospital was Pat Feeley, Associate Vice President of the Children's Hospital Foundation, and Matt DiBattista, Coordinator of Event Fundraising and Community Partnerships for the Children's Hospital Foundation.

This was the largest annual donation from the Kortney Rose Foundation to date, bringing the 5-year total to \$528,000 in support of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Program at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"Our goal for this year was to donate \$122,000 to bring our five year total to \$500,000 donated," said Kristen Gillette, mother of Kortney and founder of the Kortney Rose Foundation. "We are so surprised to have not only met, but exceeded our goal, and are very grateful to all of our generous supporters who helped make this possible".

Supporters that helped to exceed fundraising goals included the Pink Rose Sponsors, Les Friedland Associates, The Turning Point Restaurants and Wealth Builders Funds, along with TEAM KORTNEY and Clark Halpern.

**Kortney Rose Gillette** was a vivacious nine-year old girl with a winning smile and unparalleled zest for life. She loved playing with friends and animals (stuffed or real) and enjoyed school at Wolf Hill Elementary School in Oceanport, NJ. This didn't change even after her diagnosis of a terminal brainstem glioma. On April 27, 2006, four months after her diagnosis, Kortney lost her brave battle with this pediatric brain cancer.

The Kortney Rose Foundation (KRF) was founded by Kortney's mother, Kristen Gillette to honor Kortney's memory and celebrate her life. Brain tumors are the #1 cancer related cause of death in children 19 and under with more than 3,500 children diagnosed annually. KRF was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2007 to raise money for pediatric brain cancer research and has since supported the program at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia specifically their Large-Scale Genome Project and the new World Class Tissue Bank.

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*The Kortney Rose Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that was founded by Kortney's mother, Kristen, as a way to channel the grief of losing her daughter to a brain tumor. All proceeds are donated to the purpose of helping find better treatments and ultimately a cure for pediatric brain tumors. All fundraising efforts benefit the pediatric brain tumor research being done at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.*

*If you would like more information about The Kortney Rose Foundation, to make a donation, or to schedule an interview please call Kristen Gillette at (732) 859-3629, or email [kortneyroseorg@aol.com](mailto:kortneyroseorg@aol.com). Visit our website: [www.TheKortneyRoseFoundation.org](http://www.TheKortneyRoseFoundation.org)*