Dearest SF SF Bash & Dash supporters, volunteers, fundraisers, and participants,

Sweet Sixteen. Or more appropriately, "Bittersweet Sixteen." How do you celebrate that, when the girl you are celebrating only lived to turn four-years-old? No elementary school, no middle school, no high school. All the kids that Sophie "played" with are driving and taking ACTs and SATs.

Time is passing by and the years of celebrating Sophie's birthday without her are now three times the number of years she had here on Earth. We choose to celebrate her in the best way we know, with all of you here honoring Sophie and her life cut too short by DIPG. Your presence here provides us with inspiration and comfort and the support we need to ensure Sophie's short life was not in vain.

After 11 years of writing in this program I am running out of different ways to express my deepest sentiments about what this day means. Family and friends who have stood by us through the years and helped with our events and foundation without thinking twice, are like angels sent to us from Sophie. We are so grateful.

We extend our gratitude to all of you who are here at our event, and to those of you whose names and businesses are listed inside. It may seem cliché to say it, but every single one of you has made a difference in this event.

Our Board of Directors and volunteers who work tirelessly and give of their own time without payment lighten our load and extend our reach more than they realize. Those of you who take the time to set up fundraising pages and share our cause and ask your family and friends for donations are so very appreciated. Asking for money is hard and awkward. I hate doing it, but I tell myself that my feelings of discomfort will never compare to a child fighting cancer. Some of our fundraisers haven't even witnessed a child fighting cancer, or met Sophie, yet they fight on her behalf. All of your commitment to us and Sophie's memory means more than you will ever know.

Because of this fundraising and this work from so many people, we stand in front of you on Sophie's Sweet 16th birthday announcing that as of this month, we have funded over ONE MILLION dollars toward our mission. This little community of "Sophie lovers" -- that is not so little anymore -- has done amazing things. That is no small feat for an all-volunteer organization that started in our living room and continues to meet, every two months, at our dining room table. My heart bursts with pride as I imagine Sophie smiling down on each and every one of you.

I want Sophie back, I want more real birthdays with her. I want to know what she looks like as she approaches adulthood. And as much as I want that with her, I want that for all children and their families. Over the last 11 years, we have personally known four more children in the greater Cleveland area who have died of brain cancer and many more who have been diagnosed. Some of these families have attended our race and shared their stories with you. And each child that has died is one too many.

Sadly, brain cancer is the number one killer of our kids. No child should be robbed of a lifetime because of cancer. One day we will get there, and when we do, it will be because of all of us working together.

Thank you all for your generous support.

With Gratitude,
Emily and Marc Quayle

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Schedule of Events

7:00 a.m. Race day registration and packet pick-up
8:00 a.m. Silent auction/Chinese raffle/50-50 opens, kids wristbands available
8:40 a.m. Race warm-up by Theo of FMU Fitness
Welcome, Happy Birthday, National Anthem
9:00 a.m. Race begins
9:30 a.m. Obstacle course, kids’ crafts, bounce houses, face painting, snow cones,
cotton candy, cookie walk, sandbox, sidewalk chalk and food booth opens
9:45 a.m. Awards ceremony
10:00 a.m. Kids’ age-group dashes begin
11:15 a.m. Silent auction/Chinese raffle/50-50 closes
11:30 a.m. Silent auction/Chinese raffle/50-50 winners announced
12:00 p.m. Celebration ends

Where your money goes...

$827,253 to families with children who have brain cancer
$107,000 to The Cure Starts Now (TCSN) DIPG collaboration/research
$47,000 to TCSN for board approved research studies
$25,000 in sponsorship as a Foundational Partner of the DIPG Collaborative
$20,000 to TCSN in support of the bi-annual DIPG Symposiums
$10,000 towards the creation/maintenance of the DIPG Registry
$5,000 in support of Lauren Hill’s TCSN fundraising efforts

$182,797 to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, where Sophie was treated
$50,000 to the DIPG Castro/Lowenstein Lab at the University of Michigan in partnership with ChadTough
$25,000 in sponsorship as a Foundational Partner of the DIPG Collaborative
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It’s through the generosity of so many donors and the work of so many gracious volunteers that these achievements are possible. So, to all of you, we again say, “Thank you and May God bless you 12-hundred fold.” Looking forward to the next Baker’s Dozen year! Our work will never end until a cure is found!

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