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Woman with Brain Tumor Giving Back to Help Others

Jacksonville, FL (Dec. 2, 2013) – Jennifer Brumback has been fighting brain cancer for many years. Despite the grave diagnosis, she has never given up. In fact she has fought bravely and is now helping others diagnosed with a glioblastoma.

Glioblastoma is a rare and aggressive malignant brain tumor. Upon diagnosis, most patients are given 4-15 months to live. Jennifer has fought for four long years thanks to her participation in a Duke University brain cancer study.

St. Vincent's has partnered with Duke in this groundbreaking work. Patients diagnosed with a glioblastoma undergo surgery to remove the tumor here in Jacksonville at St. Vincent's. Samples of the tumor are then sent to Duke where scientists create a custom vaccine from the patient's tumor. Patients then undergo treatment with that vaccine at Duke University.

Jennifer's friends saw a need to help other patients diagnosed with this disease. Last October they threw her a birthday party fundraiser. The proceeds from that event are going to Duke University and St. Vincent's HealthCare.

Here at St. Vincent's the money will be used to help patients pay for their travel to and from Duke and other medical institutions. Jennifer wants to be able to give others the same gift she has received from the trial.

The Brumback family will present a check to the St. Vincent's Foundation tomorrow, **Dec. 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the main lobby of St. Vincent's Riverside.**

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