

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. What is the history and mission of the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA)?

**A.** Founded in 1973, the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) was the first national nonprofit organization dedicated solely to brain tumors. For over 40 years, the ABTA has been providing comprehensive resources that support the complex needs of brain tumor patients and caregivers, as well as the critical funding of research in the pursuit of breakthroughs in brain tumor diagnosis, treatment and care.

The mission of the American Brain Tumor Association is to advance the understanding and treatment of brain tumors with the goals of improving, extending and, ultimately, saving the lives of those impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis.

We do this through interactions and engagements with brain tumor patients and their families, collaborations with allied groups and organizations, and the funding of brain tumor research.

### Q. Does the ABTA provide reimbursements for my expenses?

**A.** The ABTA does not provide reimbursement for expenses related to your fundraising event. Event organizers are expected to cover event expenses using money from event, sponsor donations, or personal donations.

### Q. What is my responsibility when planning an event?

**A.** As event organizer, you are responsible for the overall organization, promotion, liability and execution of the event. The ABTA is happy to help in any way we can including offering support and guidance along the way.

### Q. May I sell ABTA items?

**A.** No, ABTA items may not be sold. Any items provided by the ABTA for your event should be used as a giveaway.

### Q. Will a representative from the ABTA attend my event?

**A.** As much as ABTA representatives would like to attend events held on our behalf, most of the time we are unable to given travel costs and schedules. At times, we may have someone local who is available to attend, for those events who make a request at least six weeks in advance. To request a representative at your event, please contact [volunteer@abta.org](mailto:volunteer@abta.org) or 773-577-8750.

**Q. What if I want to participate in a half marathon, marathon or other endurance events on behalf of the ABTA?**

**A.** You can participate in an endurance event as a member of Team Breakthrough, the ABTA's endurance program. Team Breakthrough members may select the Choose Your Own option and participate in any endurance event while raising funds on behalf of the ABTA. For more information, including the benefits of participating with Team Breakthrough, please visit [www.abtateambreakthrough.org](http://www.abtateambreakthrough.org) or contact [events@abta.org](mailto:events@abta.org) or 773-577-8750.

**Q. Are monetary donations tax deductible?**

**A.** Donations made payable to the American Brain Tumor Association are tax deductible. Acknowledgement letters are sent to anyone who donates \$25 or more directly to the ABTA. If a donor donates less than \$25 and would like to receive a letter, it may be sent upon request.

If a cash donation is received from a donor who would like to receive an acknowledgment letter, please obtain their contact information (first and last name, email and mailing address) and note the amount of cash received. Otherwise, there will be no record of their donation if they ask for a receipt. Donation envelopes are available upon request, but cash should never be sent in the mail.

**Q. Does the ABTA accept matching gifts?**

**A.** Yes, matching gifts are a great way to double or even triple a donor's gift! Don't forget to remind your donors to ask their employers to see if they have a matching gift program. You may also [click here](#) to find out if a company offers matching gifts. Donations must be made directly to the American Brain Tumor Association in order for the organization to qualify to receive their company's matching gift.

**Q. How are the funds I raise used?**

**A.** The funds raised allow the ABTA to provide vital brain tumor resources to patients and their families, fund promising research studies, and conduct nationwide brain tumor educational programs. For more information, please visit [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org).

**Q. How do I find an ABTA event or volunteer fundraising event in my community?**

**A.** An event listing, including ABTA [BT5K](#), [Team Breakthrough](#) and [Breakthrough Your Way](#) events can be found at [www.abta.org/get-involved/events/](http://www.abta.org/get-involved/events/).