



Neev Kolte Foundation

The Neev Kolte Foundation A Legacy of Hope

\$500,000+

in research funding

75+

families supported



"In my game, everybody wins." — Neev Kolte | neevkoltefoundation.org



Understanding DIPG: The Urgent Need for Action

300–400

new diagnoses annually in the U.S.

Affects children ages 5–10. Rare, aggressive, and universally fatal pediatric brain cancer.

9–12 months
median survival

Under 1%
five-year survival rate

Tumor is inoperable with no FDA-approved therapy beyond palliative radiation.

Less than 9%

of federal pediatric cancer research funding

— despite being the leading cause of cancer-related death in children.





Transforming Research

NKF funds breakthrough research at UCSF, Stanford, and CHOP — moving closer to a cure every day.

1

Gut Microbiome Study

\$115,000

to study gut microbiome influence on DMG treatment response.

2

Safer Therapeutic Targets

\$68,000

to identify safer therapeutic targets designed specifically for DMG biology.

3

Global & AI Innovation

AI-driven MRI assessment for treatment outcomes; first DIPG clinical trial in India via PNOC.





Empowering Families & Community Awareness



Family Stipends

\$48,000

in stipends distributed in 2025 for travel, lodging, and living costs.

Care Navigation

Access to nurse navigation services and the DMG National Tumor Board for every family.

Rayaan's Toy Drive

1,150 toys

donated to hospitalized children through Rayaan's Annual Toy Drive.

Bay Area Proclamations

33 Bay Area cities

issued proclamations for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Systemic Change through Advocacy & Policy



AB 703

California Pediatric Cancer Research Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund now enables taxpayers to donate directly via their state tax returns.

SR 53

NKF authored California's first state resolution officially recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

2026–2036

NKF led development of the first-ever childhood cancer chapter in California's Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

Federal Influence

Partnerships with ARPA-H and Friends of Cancer Research ensure patient and family voices shape federal funding priorities and data infrastructure.