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### ***Brain Tumor Foundation Leader Appointed to Cancer Center Council***

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Christopher Grundner, Executive Director of The Kelly Heinz-Grundner Brain Tumor Foundation (KHG), was appointed last month to serve on the University of Pennsylvania's Abramson Cancer Center Director's Leadership Council. This distinguished volunteer council is composed of civic leaders from the Greater Philadelphia area who are committed to support the Abramson Cancer Center in its mission to eradicate cancer as a cause of human disease and suffering. Mr. Grundner was appointed to a two-year term on the Council beginning March 31, 2009.

"It is a great honor to be selected to serve alongside such prominent community leaders and to work collectively to support the outstanding cancer research and treatment programs offered at the Abramson Cancer Center," said Mr. Grundner, who founded The Kelly Heinz-Grundner Brain Tumor Foundation in honor of his late wife, Kelly, who received treatment at the Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania before she passed away in 2004 at the age of 31 from a malignant brain tumor. "While my personal experience was only related to treating Kelly's brain tumor, there is no question that the collective work of all of their cancer doctors in everything related to cancer is nothing short of astounding," Grundner added.

#### **About ACC**

The Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania is a national leader in cancer research, patient care, and education. The pre-eminent position of the Cancer Center is reflected in its continuous designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute since 1973, one of 39 such Centers in the United States. The Center is dedicated to innovative and compassionate cancer care, and its clinical program -- comprised of a dedicated staff of physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, physical therapists, nutritionists and patient care coordinators -- currently sees over 50,000 outpatient visits, 7400 inpatient discharges, and provides over 24,000 chemotherapy treatments, and more than 66,000 radiation treatments.

#### **About KHG**

The Kelly Heinz-Grundner Brain Tumor Foundation was founded in 2005 to (1) raise national awareness and educate the public and medical professionals about brain tumors and (2) provide emotional and financial support to individuals and families of individuals suffering from a brain tumor. Last Fall, KHG launched a multimedia awareness campaign in New Castle County Delaware, which included billboards, radio spots, magazine and newspaper advertisements and an interactive website, ([www.GetYourHeadInTheGame.org](http://www.GetYourHeadInTheGame.org)). In the future, KHG plans to launch a Continuing Medical Education Training Program for primary care physicians, nurses and pediatricians. For more information about the foundation, please visit [www.KHGfoundation.org](http://www.KHGfoundation.org).

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