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GPO EMPLOYEE HONORED BY THE NATIONAL BRAIN TUMOR SOCIETY

WASHINGTON—The National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) will honor and name a grant after U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) employee BethAnn Telford. The \$200,000 grant will be called the BethAnn Telford Chair of Research, which will support a project at Cleveland Clinic investigating the radiation resistance of brain tumor stem cells. This study may improve existing radiation treatments or lead to the development of new therapies for radiation-resistant brain tumors.

Telford is a brain tumor survivor and an advocate in promoting awareness about the disease. She recently raised more than \$52,000 for the 2009 Race for the Hope with all proceeds benefiting brain tumor research. Telford was first diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2005 at age 36 and has undergone two brain surgeries to date. Though her tumor has returned, she is determined to fight and win her battle.

“Beth has been very active in supporting NBTS through the Race for Hope - DC. She continues to inspire hope, and action, in others through the generosity of her time and energy,” said NBTS Executive Director, N. Paul TonThat.

Telford is GPO’s Special Events Coordinator; she is responsible for planning all employee and executive events at the agency. Outside of her professional duties, Telford is an avid runner and competed in the Marine Corp Marathon, two Lake Placid Ironman triathlon events and other races throughout the country.

Telford will be honored at the NBTS Annual Meeting on September, 24th.
For more information: <http://www.braintumor.org/AnnualMeeting2009/>

Photo of Telford with American Idol David Cook at 2009 Race for Hope:
http://www.gpo.gov/images/news-media/image/180/bethann_race_180.jpg

“Beth’s spirit, determination and courage are inspirational for us all,” said Public Printer Bob Tapella. “Beth’s commitment to GPO and its employees in the face of fighting this terrible disease is second to none. I want to congratulate her on this honor from the National Brain Tumor Society.”

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