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Magellan Race Raises \$250,000 to Aid Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute

A lakefront race sponsored by Magellan Development Group has helped raise \$250,000 to support the fight against brain cancer.

The funds were donated to this year's designated charity partner, Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute and its various programs, reported Robin Loewenberg Berger, Magellan's chief marketing officer. "Magellan chose to support NBTI when my husband was diagnosed at the hospital," explained Berger. "We want to help increase awareness of brain cancer and help raise funds to support life-saving research and clinical trials that can lead to better treatment and ultimately a cure." Berger, who is an NBTI Advisory Council member and co-chair of the event, also participated in her first 10K race in honor of her husband. She noted that the race provided runners with the opportunity to dedicate their race experience to the fight against brain cancer. May is also National Brain Tumor Awareness Month.

How did she do?

"I started running for the first time in my life in November. I became committed to the cause and trained every week. I am so proud that I finished the 10K race and we were able to raise so much for research," she exults.

According to Magellan President David Carlins, race co-chairman, and a seasoned runner, some 3,000 runners and as many spectators participated in Magellan's second annual Spring Marathon and 10K race

Sunday, May 16. The race was held in partnership with CAPRI Events, premier race and events managers. Carlins also participated in the half-marathon as guide to a blind Iraq veteran.

The race started and ended in the award-winning botanic part at Lakeshore East, Magellan's 28-acre lakeside community just north of Millennium Park. The west end of Lakeshore East is anchored by the internationally acclaimed Aqua mixed-use tower whose portfolio of design awards was recently enlarged when it was proclaimed the global Emporis Skyscraper of the Year for 2009.

Hospital staff and support group members also participated in the race, including Institute Co-Director Jeffrey Raizer, MD, who stated "I looked forward to participating on behalf of my patients as we have to support those who support us."

Bill Zwecker, FOX News entertainment reporter, served as master of ceremonies on race day for pre- and post-race VIP events.

NBTI is collaboration between the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and Northwestern Memorial Hospital. The Institute merges clinical research with medical and surgical treatment for brain and spinal tumor patients.

To learn more about the Institute, visit www.braintumorinstitute.org. For race results, visit www.ChicagoSpringHalf.com. For information about Magellan and Aqua at Lakeshore East, visit www.magellandevlopment.com.





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