



Dear Friend:

On July 14, 2014, our oldest daughter, Ellie, finished her first day of high school. The next morning she awoke with a headache and within minutes became unresponsive. After rushing her to WakeMed Raleigh, and then UNC Children's Hospital, she eventually succumbed to complications brought on by a ruptured brain aneurysm – something we didn't even know she had. Losing Ellie has been a devastating blow to our family. However, we are determined to bring good from this situation so, hopefully, other families are spared our tragic experience.

October 14 of this year, we will hold **The Carolina Brain Aneurysm 5K/Fun Run – In Memory of Ellie Helton**. We are seeking donations for the silent auction and we hope you will be able to contribute as a donor. All proceeds from the auction will go to support The Bee Foundation's research efforts.

It is estimated that up to 1 in 50 people in the U.S. will develop a brain aneurysm during their lifetime. Brain aneurysms are a silent killer because they often present with no prior symptoms or symptoms that are often ignored or misdiagnosed. The statistics after a brain aneurysm ruptures are grim: of the 30,000 people that suffer a rupture each year, almost half of the victims will die and of those surviving, only a third will recover without disabilities. While the vast majority of brain aneurysms occur in adults over 40, they can also strike children and young adults, often resulting in death.

*In its first eight years, our race has drawn more than 2500 runners and guests and raised more than \$300,000! 2023 will be our third year supporting The Bee Foundation with proceeds from the race.*

The Bee Foundation has a tax-exempt status as a public charity under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The tax ID # is 47-1133312. We have included details on Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities for you to consider.

With your company's support, we can continue to help fight the devastation caused by brain aneurysms and save lives right here in our community. Thank you in advance for your consideration and contribution to this special event in an attempt to raise awareness of the devastating disease.

Sincerely,

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*"...and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1*

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A letter of acknowledgement for your tax records will be sent after the event. The Bee Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. For your records our Federal Tax I.D. # is [47-1133312](https://www.irs.gov/efile/individual-overview-new).





**8th Annual Ellie Helton Memorial Silent Auction**  
*Benefiting The Bee Foundation*  
**October 14, 2023**

**Online Auction Donation Request Form**

<b>Company Name:</b>			
<b>Contact Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Phone:</b>			
<b>Email address:</b>			
<b>Item &amp; Brief Description</b> <i>(please be as detailed as possible, this will be used to describe the item in the program and on bid sheets):</i>			
<b>Fair Market Value:</b>			
<b>Suggested Minimum Bid:</b>			
<b>Signature:</b>			
<b>Print Name:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
<b>All donations need to be received by October 7, 2023</b>			

**You may mail or deliver your donation to:**  
 (Item can be picked up within 15 miles of address below)  
*The Bee Foundation*  
*c/o Todd Helton*  
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