

- Medulloblastoma is the most common malignant central nervous system tumor in children, accounts for 15-20 percent of pediatric brain tumors, and usually occurs in children between the ages of 4 and 10. The survival rate for children with high risk medulloblastoma is 55%, after relapse the survivability rate drops to 20%. The long-term side effects of treatment include hearing loss related to chemotherapy, loss of height secondary to the radiation and in some patients, endocrine dysfunction from irradiation of the pituitary gland and hypothalamus. In some patients, secondary tumors develop in areas of the body that received radiation therapy. A network including MUSC Children's Hospital is developing experimental treatments for relapsed medulloblastoma. All funds from The Angel Walk will be donated to MUSC Children's Hospital to support research of medulloblastoma and to find a cure. .



Luke James Sechevich was diagnosed with high risk medulloblastoma on January 30, 2006 at age 1-1/2. Luke underwent multiple operations and many months of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. In March 2007 Luke's tumor metastasized to his spine and paralyzed him from the waist down. After much hard work and determination by the amazing staff at MUSC Luke regained the ability to walk. On January 3, 2008 our beautiful little boy received his angel wings. For three wonderful years we were blessed with his presence, Luke was full of life and love. The Angel Walk is for children facing a devastating diagnosis and in memory of a little boy who left us too soon but whose spirit and smile will always be with us.

The Angel Walk

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8:00am-noon

Hampton Park in Historic Downtown Charleston



