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## 'A testament to her resolve to survive'

**Despite her battle with brain cancer, BethAnn Telford uses running to raise awareness. In September, she was honored for her efforts.**

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Almost five years ago, BethAnn Telford was 19 miles into the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., when she felt a pop in her ear.

Thinking it was dehydration and only seven miles from the finish line, the Camp Hill native and 1986 Cumberland Valley grad soldiered on.

An MRI months later revealed she had a malignant brain tumor. The tumor's tail had wrapped itself around the main artery supplying blood to her brain.

Despite two brain surgeries and



### How to help

- Information on donating to brain tumor research can be found at [www.brainumor.org](http://www.brainumor.org).

- BethAnn Telford's mother, Susanne, is also organizing a Race for Hope — a 5K run/walk to raise money and awareness for those with brain tumors — in the Harrisburg area. Those interested in helping can e-mail her: [kitten\\_bd@verizon.net](mailto:kitten_bd@verizon.net).

**BethAnn Telford, left, runs marathons, triathlons and Ironman races to raise awareness and money for brain tumor research.**

the tumor's return, Telford continues to work as an event planner for the Government Printing Office and plug away on her second job

— running in fundraisers, marathons, triathlons and two Ironman races to raise awareness and money for brain tumor research.

On Sept. 24, the National Brain Tumor Society honored Telford with its annual chair endowment.

The \$200,000 BethAnn Telford Chair of Research will support research at the Cleveland Clinic that investigates radiation resistance in brain tumor stem cells.

The study could lead to improvements in treatments or new therapies, according to the society.

"She's an incredible advocate for the brain tumor community," said Keith A. Lampman, the society's senior development director. "Her whole life is a testament to her resolve to survive, helping those struggling with the disease and finding a cure."

Telford said she was elated to receive the award.

"[Finding a cure] is something I believe in strongly," she said.