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Camp Hill native BethAnn Telford to run her 4th Boston Marathon, raising money for pediatric brain cancer

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Camp Hill native BethAnn Telford will be running her fourth Boston Marathon April 20 to raise money to battle pediatric brain cancer.

Telford, 45, who lives in the Washington, D.C. area, has maintained her running career while **battling a brain tumor**. April 12 marks 10 years since her diagnosis.

Telford is raising money in the marathon for nonprofit **Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure**. By the end of this year, she hopes to have raised \$800,000, if not \$1 million for brain cancer research.

In her races, Telford has run in honor of a child battling brain cancer, such as **Anya Zvorsky of New Cumberland**. Now that Anya's health has improved, Telford said she is running in honor of Morgan Leary, a 6-year-old girl from Suffolk County, N.Y., who has been hospitalized since being diagnosed last August with primitive neuroectodermal tumor, which is an aggressive brain cancer.

Morgan, whose grandfather is a runner, decorated Telford's running shoes for the upcoming marathon. She is scheduled to start the radiation treatment the week of April 13, and Telford plans to get updates on her health during the marathon through the Google Glass she will be wearing.

Telford already had been a marathon runner before her brain tumor diagnosis in 2005. After surgery she had to walk and run again, but was able to complete the Marine Corps Marathon six months later.

Since then, she has run the Boston Marathon in 2010, 2011 and 2012, and finished three Ironman Triathlons, including the **2012 Kona Ironman World Championships**. She had been scheduled to run the Boston Marathon in 2013, the year of the bombing, but ended up in the hospital and wasn't able to race.

Regarding her own health, Telford said: "I feel good. I'm ready for it, I'm excited." Telford said she is one of only four people with brain tumors running the Boston Marathon.



BethAnn Telford with Morgan Leary, left, and her twin sister, Emma.

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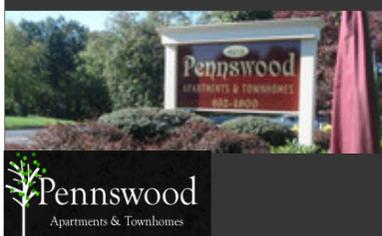
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