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Dear Friends of Team Samantha,

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Thank you for your generous support of Team Samantha and our first annual 2009 “Geared Up for Kids” Ride earlier this summer. We had an inspiring and uplifting event, with over 500 riders and volunteers joining us in person, fabulous weather, and nearly \$650,000 raised for pediatric brain tumor research.

On the flip side of this page, I’ve included a copy of the “thank you” comments I made to the assembled crowd on the day of the ride. Without rehashing the emotion again here, I wanted you to know how important this cause is to our family. Not a day goes by when we don’t count our blessings for the health of each of our three children, and the strength of our community around us as we support Samantha in particular in her battle with this pernicious disease.

In that spirit, some of the funds raised this year were used to provide funding for a 2 ½ day roundtable seminar in London, England in late June. The event was attended by many of the leading pediatric oncologists in North America and Europe, as well as a select handful of biologists who have been studying the disease (many with some form of prior research funding from us). We are proud to have helped create a unique venue for the experts to share ideas and form new collaborations, and believe that the pace of research will be accelerated as a result.

There was palpable excitement at the event in part because there has recently been a research breakthrough whereby the scientists think they have, for the first time, found one of the primary genes implicated in the growth of Samantha's tumor type. The target (called BRAF) is quite interesting in part because it's also implicated in several larger adult cancers (notably colon cancer) and there are, as a result, a couple of different BRAF inhibitors in the clinical trial pipeline. I received a proposal just this past week to start a pediatric clinical trial with one such drug, and expect that the funds we raised this year will go toward funding that proposal or one like it.

We could not have done any of this without your continued support. Please accept the enclosed Team Samantha t-shirt as a small token of our appreciation. Cindy and I hope you will wear it with pride, confident that your hard earned money is being invested in important and impactful research.

With warmest regards,

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