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VVV Research Foundation (Vina's Victory over Viruses Research Foundation)

VVV Research Foundation is a **Nonprofit, tax exempt, 501 (c) 3** organization that is based in Beaverton, Oregon.

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The specific aim for this Foundation is to promote research to treat viral illnesses that can contribute to Meningoencephalitis. **Vina Trinh is the inspiration of this movement.** She battled an unidentified viral infection that caused Meningoencephalitis and resulted in status epilepticus and her passing on January 12, 2008, at the age of 12.

No effective treatments could be applied to address the viral infection while she was hospitalized for her affliction. The stagnation of research in treatments for viral illnesses is not acceptable and needs a champion to support this much needed initiative. The VVV Research Foundation endeavors to participate in fund raising, educational activities and public awareness campaigns.

Modern medicine has stalled in its attempts to fight, or as little as, identify most viral infections that contribute to the causes of Meningoencephalitis and related disorders. 98% of those inflicted with lethal seizures related to viral Meningoencephalitis are pre-teenagers and teenagers. Despite all the efforts by the ICU team, nothing was done to effectively fight her viral infection. We must point out that this complication can impact any healthy child, and can be caused by highly infectious viral illnesses such as, influenza, cold sore virus (herpes), mononucleosis (mono), and even the common cold viruses.

During Vina's fight we were told by the ICU team that the virus will never be identified, and unfortunately this is a common problem in most cases of this disorder. How can modern medicine begin to start treating something they can't identify?

Please help the more than 20,000 victims annually afflicted with this devastating disease. We are committed to making a difference in Vina's memory and establish her legacy to prevent other children from succumbing to this disease. Let us all come together to fight the last frontier of viruses.

We have an upcoming charity fund raising event hosted at Southridge High School called, VVV Research Foundation's "Pound the Pavement" Walk-A-Thon and Fair. We invite you to attend this remembrance of Vina and her cause on March 15, 2008 commencing at 10 AM running through 3 PM. Please look for our flyers and listen for our Radio Announcements and Newspaper invitations.

We at the VVV Research Foundation would like to thank you in advance for any support of our cause and your willingness to make a difference in our community. See some videos of Vina at www.freewebs.com/vinaweloveyou/index.htm.

Please forward any questions to joe@vvvresearchfoundation.org or call 1-503-746-4578. Please visit our website for more information and future awareness activities at www.vvvresearchfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

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