



Press Release

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**SISTERS CONTINUE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS
FOLLOWING DAD'S BRAIN TUMOUR DIAGNOSIS**

TWO sisters held a fundraising day in Shirebrook in their bid to raise £10,000 for Brain Tumour Research after their dad's devastating diagnosis.

Michael 'Mick' Bradley, aged 63, was diagnosed with a glioblastoma in October. His two daughters, Megan and Amy, are now on a fundraising mission and recently held an event in Shirebrook which raised more than £5,000 for the charity.

The fundraising day, held earlier this month at Shirebrook Cricket Club, was sponsored by Cygnet, a leading health and social care company where both sisters work. Megan is a nurse associate at Cygnet Manor, a Cygnet Health Care service for men with learning disabilities, associated complex needs and who may have behaviours that challenge. Amy is an administrator at Cygnet Storthfield House, a 22 bed specialist high dependency inpatient rehabilitation service for men.

Megan explained: *"We were extremely grateful when we found out that Cygnet would be sponsoring the fundraising day and supporting us to raise money for a charity that is very close to our hearts.*

"The team at Cygnet Manor were amazing in their support to help make the fundraising day as successful as it was and ensuring that we had everything we needed."

There were lots of activities that took place on the day such as bouncy castles and inflatable slides for children and families, a huge raffle with over 40 prizes, arts and craft stations, a charity football match and football scratch

card. There was also an ice cream van, burger van, bar and lots of different stalls. They had a live band and a disco for everyone to enjoy.

Megan added: *"The day helped us to raise over £5,400, which will be donated directly to Brain Tumour Research and can help to further the research for Brain Tumours. Only 1% of the national spend on cancer research is allocated to funding research into brain tumours therefore it is so important that we raise awareness for the disease."*

Megan said she knew something was wrong when her dad became unwell while answering the door to one of his friends.

The 26-year-old said: *"Dad suddenly had a chronic headache and he was violently vomiting. It was so sudden, like someone just flipped a switch. He'd never had anything like that before."*

He was taken to accident and emergency at Chesterfield Royal Hospital where an MRI scan revealed he had tumours on the right-side of his brain. He underwent a six-week course of chemotherapy and radiotherapy at the nearby Weston Park Cancer Centre where he was told he only had 12 to 18 months to live.

David, Mick's brother, from Shirebrook, died from the same type of tumour when he was 64, in 2016.

Amy and Megan are now on a fundraising mission to raise awareness and funds for better treatments.

They plan to raise £10,000 for the charity Brain Tumour Research through various fundraising activities. They held a Wear a Hat Day on March 31 and Megan also recently completed the 10,000 Steps A Day in February challenge. She and Amy are preparing to take on the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge in June.

Ricky Holland, Operations Director for Cygnet Health Care, said: "It was a pleasure to be able to support this tremendous fundraising cause.

"All of us across Cygnet are rallying behind Megan and Amy in their fundraising ambitions and are doing what we can to support them. Their determination to turn something so awful into a positive is inspiring and we are fully supportive of their efforts to raise awareness of brain tumours and its devastating effects."