

**For Immediate Release**

## **Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance Partners with NBT Bank On 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pledge Campaign**

**West Hartford, January 6, 2022** – The Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance, Inc. (“CTBTA”) announced today that NBT Bank Connecticut will be the Presenting Sponsor of the nonprofit’s year-long anniversary pledge campaign. NBT kicked off the campaign with a \$1,500 check and a pledge of \$150 a month for the next twelve months. NBT will also work with CTBTA throughout 2022 to promote anniversary gifts.

“As patients, caregivers, family and friends, the CTBTA was formed 15 years ago so that no one has to face this disease alone,” said Executive Director Chris Cusano who is himself a brain tumor survivor. “We are extremely grateful and humbled by the support of NBT and are excited to have them on board as we continue in our quest to advance brain tumor awareness, quality of care and ultimately, find the cure.” Since its founding, CTBTA has granted out nearly \$1.5M towards patient outreach programs, research, program support and patient assistance funds at Connecticut hospitals.

“We have been struck by the uncommon commitment within the leadership of CTBTA, all of whom are either survivors of or have a personal experience with this deadly disease, and NBT Bank is honored to support the difference they are making,” said NBT Bank Connecticut President Andreas Kapetanopoulos. Brain tumors remain the leading cause of cancer related death among children 0-14 years and in males aged 20-39.

Contributions to the annual campaign can be made by visiting <https://ctbta.rallybound.org/annual-appeal/Donate> or you can mail a check to CTBTA, P.O. Box 370514, West Hartford, CT 06137.

### **About CTBTA:**

The CTBTA has served the local brain tumor community in Connecticut since 2007 with the underlying goal of ensuring that no one must face this disease alone. The CTBTA is dedicated to providing hope and support to brain tumor patients and caregivers, while advancing brain tumor awareness, quality of care and brain tumor research. It is their goal to make Connecticut a center of excellence for brain tumor care and a model of hope for brain tumor patients and caregivers everywhere, while moving together with the community towards the cure.

### **About NBT Bank:**

[NBT Bank](#) began to serve the New England region in 2009 with the opening of its Vermont Regional Headquarters in Burlington. Since then, the bank has expanded in the region through organic growth and acquisitions. Now NBT has approximately 165 employees and \$2 billion in loans regionally. NBT offers personal banking, business banking and wealth management services from locations in seven states, including New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Connecticut. The bank and its parent company, [NBT Bancorp Inc.](#), are headquartered in Norwich, NY. NBT Bancorp had assets of \$10.9 billion as of December 31, 2020 and is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol [NBTB](#). More information about NBT is available online at [www.nbtbank.com](http://www.nbtbank.com). Member FDIC.

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