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Dear Uncle Kory Faithful,

My name is Renee Vachon and I am so proud to be taking on the position as the Director of the Uncle Kory Foundation. My husband Nick Vachon and I have always felt passionate about the work the Uncle Kory Foundation was doing and we tried to support their mission to advance innovative and collaborative brain cancer research to improve the survival rate and treatment of those diagnosed with Glioblastoma (GBM). However, that passion changed drastically for us when my mother in law, Nicole Vachon, was diagnosed with Glioblastoma in November 2015.

Suddenly we were thrust into the world of learning about the devastating effects brain cancer has on the individual and the whole family. I set out to learn everything I could about this cancer and how we could best support our dear Nicole. Diagnosis turned to biopsy, to treatment plans, to medicine changes, to chemotherapy, radiation, and heartache. In the end, after a brutal three months, we lost the pillar of our family to this disease.

Left with the immense pain and newfound knowledge of a disease your family fought tirelessly, we all looked for ways we could put this unwanted information to good use. Our outlet was an easy fit, we got more involved with the Uncle Kory Foundation and Tour de Pier. So much so, when the opportunity came to help lead the efforts as UKF's Director, I relished in the chance. I feel honored to continue to put our families' passion towards helping others fight this disease. I am so proud to be part of this amazing foundation as we fund research that can put an end to Glioblastoma. Each day as I work on our mission, please know I am fighting for so many people who have also lost a loved one to this disease, but right front and center I am fighting for my dear friend Nicole. I know she is yelling her signature "Bravo!" from above, cheering us all on.



Sincerely,

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