

RUSH University Medical Center Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Brain Tumor Clinic

BrainUp is happy to announce the funding of a 3-part development of a new research program at RUSH University Medical Center to establish and address the appropriate clinical trials for Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA), primarily 15-39 years of age. The trial will establish the **Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Brain Tumor Clinic** that will include clinical care, research and support services. This trial aims to create a team approach and develop an AYA tumor database, in partnership with genetic data housed by TEMPUS, a leading technology company, to develop a specialized treatment and be part of new care protocols.

This age group is largely overlooked, since most research focuses on infants, children and 55 and older, which is the more common age range where this terrible disease strikes. The Neuro-oncologists that will lead this research are <u>Dr. Clement P. Pilainayagam</u> and <u>Dr. Joo Yeon Nam</u>.

BrainUp Co-Founders, Meg and Dan Kresach, presented Dr. Pilainayagam and his dedicated team with a check for \$50,000 to support this critical research program for Adolescents and Young Adults.

