It's back! Dean Joe Boehman will be abandoning his usually smoothly shaved head to raise money for a good cause...and you can help!

No-Shave November is a "growing" movement to raise funds by pledging not to shave between November 1-30. An easy fundraiser? Sure, for most guys...but for me it's tough—I actually like being bald!

I am raising money for the National Brain Tumor Society (http://www.braintumor.org). This year, more than 190,000 Americans will be diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Patients and families will face extraordinary challenges as they seek help in coping with this devastating disease. The National Brain Tumor Society brings together the best of research and patient services to be a single, comprehensive resource for the entire brain tumor community—patients, families, caregivers, researchers, and medical professionals.

Your support for this underfunded disease is critical—and we need your help today. Your tax-deductible gift will enable NBTS to fund even more research for a cure, and to expand the support programs to meet the needs of patients and families coping with a brain tumor today.

A donation of any size helps. Last year I set my personal goal to raise $1,000.00, and we blew the doors off by raising over $1,600.00! This year, my personal goal is to raise $1,500.00...but I need your help to do it. A few “suggested” donations are listed below, but seriously, even a couple of dollars will help me reach the goal.

The “5 per week” plan ($5.00 per week x 4 weeks) = $20.00
The “10 per week” plan (like the “5 per week” plan but double it!) = $40.00
The “dollar a day” plan ($1.00 per day x 30 days) = $30.00
The “Thanksgiving” plan (Thanksgiving is on 11/28...$11.00 + $26.00) = $39.00

It's VERY easy to pledge for No-Shave November! Simply send an email with your name and pledge amount to chiadean@mail.com...you don’t need to send money...I’ll contact you on December 1st with information on how to get your donation to us (and provide tax-deductible information for those that need it).

Each week, I will send you an email letting you know that new pictures have been taken. I’ll post photos on my Facebook page and on the RCblog.

Thanks for thinking about this worthy cause...even if you don’t contribute, your awareness of the National Brain Tumor Society is important.

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