Runners and walkers of all ages can support brain cancer treatment in New Orleans by participating in the inaugural Kelsey Bradley Favrot Memorial 5k run/walk on Sunday, October 4 in Audubon Park.

Proceeds will go toward establishing a center at LSU Neurosurgery to support the treatment of brain cancer patients in New Orleans, Kelsey's wish was that patients could receive the quality care they need without having to travel out of state. Clinicians and researchers working side by side will deliver the most advanced treatment available while working to find a cure for the prevention of such a devastating illness.

8:00 Kids Run, half-mile
8:30 Adults Run / Walk
9:30-11:00 Live music by Mithras, refreshments, award presentation

Entry fees: $20 pre-registration; $25 late registration; $30 race day; $15 discount for youths and seniors
Online registration and donations: NOLArunning.com

On January 8th, 2008, Kelsey Favrot was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor known as Gliomatosis Cerebri. During the next 20 months, Kelsey underwent surgery, radiation and chemotherapy with courage, hope and grace. Unfortunately, she had to receive treatment out of town because none of the hospitals in New Orleans had a physician whose primary focus was neuro-oncology. The distance was a hardship for Kelsey, her family and friends, who would have preferred she remain in New Orleans for care so they could be at her side. Throughout her treatment, Kelsey expressed concern for those brain cancer patients unable to travel out of state, whether constrained by their illness or financial considerations. With characteristic determination, Kelsey began to explore ways to assist those who would face a brain cancer diagnosis in the future. Kelsey succumbed to brain cancer in August 2009.

Her family and friends established the Kelsey Bradley Favrot Neuro-Oncology Chair at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center to support comprehensive research and treatment for brain cancer patients.

The race is sponsored by Bryan Chevrolet, 1st Lake Properties, LLC, Culicchia Neurological Clinic, Robert’s Fresh Market and Gray Day, May 9. Sponsorship opportunities are available.