2 Works for You helps teen diagnosed with brain cancer denied access to experimental treatment

As finals begin to creep up, most teens experience headaches and other signs of stress. But 17-year-old Trevor Lagle said after testing his headaches, they were found to be much more serious.

The pain started in January and steadily began to get worse, so Lagle went to the doctor, who told him the pains were a result of a brain tumor.

Lagle then underwent surgery to have the tumor removed; all went well. He was even playing his guitar afterwards in his hospital bed.

"It relieves some of my stress," said Trevor.

After his surgery, doctors confirmed, Trevor had Glioblastoma Multiforme. It's an extremely aggressive brain cancer, and it often returns.

"There's not cure for Glioblastoma. Getting him into a trial was our best shot at a cure," said Heather Yates, Trevor's mother.

After doing research, Yates found that there is an experimental treatment conducted on patients of Glioblastoma that often successful.

The treatment includes injecting a common cold virus within the brain to kill the cancer.

The problem is all of the trials say you have to be 18-years-old to receive the treatment; Trevor is five months shy.

"If it was their child, they would be doing anything in the world to be finding the best treatment," said Yates.

So 2 Works for You went to work, contacting the DNAtrix, Inc.: the company that preforms the trial.

They say they will waive the age requirement if everyone agrees the treatment is right for Trevor.

There are a number of factors and variables that will determine if Trevor is a good candidate, but if he is, and doctors approve it, DNAtrix days they're happy to help. Plus, DNAtrix says if that clinical trial isn't the appropriate direction to go, they will be there to help Trevor and help him seek treatment.

"He's young. He's strong. He's going to beat this," said Yates.

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