

Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children, representing a unique challenge due to their location and the potential impact on the developing brain. Detection and treatment are critical, but the journey often involves surgeries, chemotherapy, and long-term effects on cognition, growth, and emotional health.

When a child is diagnosed with a brain or spinal cord tumor, it begins a frightening time for the entire family. Even with the best medical care, the emotional toll of treatment can be just as overwhelming as the disease. During this time families often feel lost, unsure where to turn for help. Founded by families who have direct experience having a child with a brain tumor, Making Headway Foundation provides vital resources to families, free of charge, through every stage of treatment and beyond.

For over 28 years, Making Headway Foundation has focused on offering Care, Comfort, and a Cure to families affected by pediatric brain and spinal cord tumors. What sets us apart is our unwavering commitment to adapting to the evolving needs of families.

**Making Headway offers emotional counseling, educational advocacy, social work services, college scholarships, hospital entertainment, bereavement support, financial assistance, brain tumor tissue banking, survivorship and community building events, neuro-oncology fellowships, federal and local advocacy, and custom care to meet the needs of every family that we meet.**

**None of this would be possible without the ongoing generosity of supporters like you. As the demand for these critical services continues to grow, your support remains essential in helping Making Headway carry out its mission.**



**Making Headway Foundation's once-a-year fundraiser to provide Care, Comfort, and a Cure to children with a brain or spinal cord tumor.**



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## MAGIC CITY

Loosely adapted from Edith Nesbit's 1910 novel, *The Magic City* tells the story of nine-year-old Philomena, who must learn to build a new life with some unexpected characters. Philomena's world is turned upside down when her older sister gets engaged. Struggling with the changes and her new stepbrother, she retreats into a magical world of her own creation. Using books, toys, and everyday objects, Philomena builds a miniature city that comes to life.

Using overhead projectors, paper shadow puppets, actors on camera, and live music, Manual Cinema's adaptation of *The Magic City* is a modern retelling that explores the complexities and joys of building a family. As cinematic as the world of *The Magic City* is, everything on stage will be performed live—including the music! It's impossible not to be charmed by this deeply moving and thoroughly funny production.

## NEW VICTORY THEATER

209 W 42nd St, New York, NY (Between 7th and 8th Avenues)

**Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.**

## TICKETS

Gold: \$150 | Silver: \$125

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

**If you cannot attend the performance, you can still bring joy to those who need it most. Your contributions will enable Making Headway to invite seriously ill children and their families to attend the performance free of charge. Making Headway will use the proceeds from this event to fund diverse support services, projects, and research.**

**To purchase tickets or  
make donations online, please visit:  
[www.makingheadway.org/MagicCity](http://www.makingheadway.org/MagicCity)**



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