

CONNECTIONS

WINTER 2011

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

More than 3.9 million brain injuries occur each year.

You can be the difference for the thousands of individuals and families impacted by brain injury in Missouri. Your Membership in the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) makes a difference. It says, *"I am part of the Voice of Brain Injury."* It says, *"I am part of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri."*

Your Membership matters for individuals such as Doug. At the age of 15, Doug was in a car crash with friends. One friend died at the scene; one had minor injuries. Doug sustained a severe brain injury that changed his life forever. The days of running bases on the baseball field were gone. Now he enjoys the game from the stands. Three decades after his accident, Doug shares his positive attitude and sense of humor with others who participate in social programs and Camp offered by the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. As a volunteer, he handles the mailings for two support groups and social-recreational programs.

Your membership provides support groups and Information and Referral Services for survivors and families living with daily challenges of brain injury. Doug is just one of 115,000 survivors of traumatic brain injury in Missouri.

As part of the Voice of Brain Injury, you are helping with advocacy efforts for the prevention of brain injuries and the access to services.

Your Membership also helps provide education through the BIA-MO Annual Statewide Conference, Survivor and Family Regional Seminars, and Brain Injury Information Packets.

Please join today. Your Membership matters for all programs of support, education, recreation and advocacy offered by the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.

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BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS DAY – MARCH 9

Having our collective voices heard in Jefferson City is important. Elected officials need to hear from survivors of brain injury, family members, friends and professionals.

Please join us for Brain Injury Awareness Day on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, in Jefferson City. Help educate your State



JOIN US MARCH 9 AT THE MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL

Representative and Senator about issues important to the brain injury community—prevention of brain injuries, access to services and living independently in the community.

Brain Injury Awareness Day shows solidarity and strength of the brain injury community. Individuals and groups are encouraged to participate.

It's easy to participate. Simply:

- Sign-up to participate at www.biamo.org or call 314-426-4024 or 800-444-6443.
- Meet on March 9 in the House Hearing Room 2 at 10:30 am at the Missouri State Capitol Building.
- Constituent Groups will be provided "Talking Points" to share with assigned Representatives or Senators. Each Group will have a pre-assigned Constituent Leader.
- Celebrate the accomplishments of the legislative process – the voice of the people being heard by our elected officials.

Please join us on March 9 to show solidarity of the brain injury community throughout Missouri in Jefferson City.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI MEMBERSHIP

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Membership makes a difference for survivors of brain injury and their families as well as for you. Benefits for Members of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) include:

- Discount to the BIA-MO Annual Statewide Conference
- BIA-MO Membership Matters periodic newsletter
- The Brain Injury Association of America Connections quarterly magazine
- Knowing you are part of the Voice of Brain Injury and having an impact

Membership is an affordable commitment. Membership levels are:

- Survivor – Free for survivors of brain injury.
- Family – \$35
- Professional – \$50
- Corporate/Organization – \$200
- Points of Light – \$500

Special offers to enhance your Professional or Corporate Membership include:

- Professional – “Opt-in” to have your name listed on the Membership page of the BIA-MO website.
- Corporate/Organization – Have a link to your corporate website from the Membership page of the BIA-MO website for a Membership gift of \$500 or more.

March is Membership Month for the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. There are three easy ways to renew or join today:

- Complete and return the form below to the BIA-MO office
- Charge your Visa or MasterCard at www.biamo.org
- Call the BIA-MO office at 314-426-4024 or 800-444-6443.

Your Membership matters as we strengthen programs and advocacy efforts as the Voice of Brain Injury.

MEMBERSHIP 2011 FORM

My annual membership is: New Renewed

- Points of Light (\$500 or more)
- Corporate Member (\$500 or more) with website link option
 Website for linking _____
- Organization/Corporate (\$200 or more)

- Professional Member (\$50)
 List my name on the BIA-MO website Membership Page
- Family/Individual (\$35 or more)
- Survivor of brain injury (free)
- Donation in addition to my Membership \$ _____

Name: _____ Company/Agency: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone: (_____) _____ Mobile Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____ I prefer correspondence sent by email

NOTE: Personal information is for BIA use only, including Membership benefits and recognition of support.

Payment:

Check payable to Brain Injury Association of Missouri or credit card.

Visa or MasterCard # _____ Exp Date: _____ V-Code (on back): _____

Cardholder billing address (if different than above)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Mail to 10270 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132 or fax credit card information to 314.426.3290. Please make checks payable to BIA-MO.

SAVE *the* DATES... *Make your plans and reservations today!*

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS DAY*Wednesday, March 9, 2011*

Missouri State Capitol Building -
Jefferson City

Educate your elected officials in Jefferson City about issues important to you and the brain injury community.

Registration requested by March 1, 2011 at AwarenessDay@biamo.org or by calling the BIA-MO office, 314.426.4024 or 800.444.6443.

**SURVIVOR & FAMILY SEMINAR
- SOUTHWEST***Saturday, March 19, 2011*

St. John's Mercy Medical Center
- Springfield

Free educational seminar with information, practical suggestions and guidance on living with brain injury.

Attendance is free but registration is required by March 9, 2011. Contact the BIA-MO office at www.biamo.org or 800.444.6443.

**SURVIVOR & FAMILY SEMINAR
- WESTERN***Saturday, April 30, 2011*

Research Hospital - Kansas City

Free educational seminar with information, practical suggestions and guidance on living with brain injury.

Attendance is free but registration is required by April 20, 2011. Contact the BIA-MO office at www.biamo.org or 800.444.6443.

**SIGNATURE HEALTHCARE
FOUNDATION GOLF
TOURNAMENT***Thursday, May 12, 2011*

Whitmoor Country Club - St. Charles
18-hole golf scramble with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.

For more information or to register online as a sponsor or golfer visit www.signaturefoundation.org

**DONALD DANFORTH JR.
WILDERNESS CAMP***May 22 - 27, 2011*

Wonderland Camp - Lake of the Ozarks,
Rocky Mount

Outdoor activities adapted for each survivor's abilities and independence. Sleeping cabins are air-conditioned. Bus transportation available from Kansas City and St. Louis.

Camper applications available at www.biamo.org or by contacting Betsy Liberatore at BLiberatore@biamo.org, 314.426.4024 or 800.444.6443.

Sponsorships available by contacting Maureen Cunningham at MCunningham@biamo.org, 314.426.4024 or 800.444.6443.

**BIA-MO 24TH ANNUAL CHARITY
GOLF TOURNAMENT***Sunday, August 21, 2011*

Norman K. Probst Community Golf Course - Forest Park, St. Louis

18-hole golf scramble, dinner, live and silent auctions, and on-course games make for a full day of fun.

Sponsorship and golf packages available. Contact the BIA-MO office at www.biamo.org, 314.426.4024, or 800.444.6443.

**JOURNEY FOR HOPE
5K RUN/WALK***Date to be determined.*

Sedalia

Raise awareness about brain injuries while enjoying fellowship with others.

Sign-up as an event sponsor, runner or walker. Contact Brenda Kurz at 660.221.1850.

**BIA-MO 7TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE
CONFERENCE***October 20 - 22, 2011*

St. Charles Convention Center -
St. Charles

Conference sessions for professionals on Thursday and Friday. Sessions on Saturday are of interest to survivors of brain injury, family members and professionals.

Sponsorship and Exhibitor information available by contacting Maureen Cunningham at MCunningham@biamo.org, 314.426.4024 or 800.444.6443.

**BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS
RUN 5K AND 10K RUN/1 MILE
WALK***October 2011 - date to be determined*

Mount Vernon

Raise awareness about brain injuries while enjoying a morning run in beautiful Mount Vernon.

Sign-up as an event sponsor, runner or walker by contacting John Klay at 417.766.1079 or Charity Shelton at 417.461.5599.

SPONSOR-A-CAMPER

The fun, relaxation and time with friends is often talked about year-round by survivors of brain injury who attend the Donald Danforth Jr. Camp hosted by the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.

Camp activities like swimming, fishing, target shooting, basketball and arts and crafts fill the days. In addition to these activities, Campers make time to listen to music on the cabin porches with friends, some they have known from camp for years and others who are attending for the first time.



CAMP KARAOKE IS ENJOYED BY BETSY LIBERATORE, BIA-MO STAFF MEMBER, AND JASON, CAMPER

The laughter and sharing with friends continues from day activities into the evening of karaoke, dancing, trivia and bonfires.

This extended period of time with other survivors who truly understand the challenges of life with brain injury is often the highlight of the year for Campers.

The Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp is also a time of respite for families, who are often full-time caregivers. Knowing their loved one is enjoying activities adapted to his or her abilities brings comfort to family members. They have the opportunity to rejuvenate mentally and physically.

The actual cost of Camp is more than \$700 per person. More than 40 percent of Campers require scholarship assistance to help cover his or her Camp fee, which is far less than the actual cost.

Donations and scholarships keep the Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp affordable for survivors of brain injury and their families. Please Sponsor-A-Camper through a \$340 scholarship or make a donation of any amount for program costs and partial scholarships.

I WILL PROVIDE A FULL CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FOR A SURVIVOR OF BRAIN INJURY.

- ENCLOSED IS MY GIFT OF \$340
- MY GIFT WILL BE FULFILLED IN THREE DONATIONS OF \$114 EACH DURING MAY, JULY AND SEPTEMBER, 2011

MY DONATION OF \$ _____ SHOULD BE USED TOWARDS CAMP EXPENSES AND PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

NAME _____

COMPANY/AGENCY _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAY PHONE (_____) _____

EVENING PHONE (_____) _____

EMAIL _____

CHARGE MY VISA OR MASTERCARD # _____

EXP DATE _____ V-CODE _____

BILLING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE) _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAIL TO: BIA-MO, 10270 PAGE AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MO 63132 OR MAKE YOUR GIFT AT WWW.BIAMO.ORG

SURVIVOR AND FAMILY SEMINAR 2011

Same Sessions. Two Locations.

Survivors and families know the short and long term effects of brain injury all too well. For many, information and resources weren't available when they needed them. The phrase, "I didn't know what I didn't know" is still heard far too often.

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri Survivor and Family Seminar provides information and education for survivors and families who are recently impacted by brain injury or many



PANEL OF EXPERTS ANSWER QUESTIONS AT SURVIVOR AND FAMILY SEMINAR

years post-injury. **This educational program is free for survivors of brain injury and their families. Registration is required.**

This year the same sessions of the Survivor and Family Seminar will be offered in two communities - on March

19 in Springfield, Missouri, and on April 30 in Kansas City, Missouri.

The sessions will include information on the possible short and long-term effects of brain injury, practical suggestions on dealing with the realities of brain injury, and guidance to help you and others understand brain injuries.

Specific Topics are:

- **When a Loved One Has Brain Injury**
- **Pain Management**
- **Memory Techniques**
- **Advocating for Yourself or a Loved One with Brain Injury**
- **Behavior Management**
- **Depression and Suicide**

Seminar Locations:

Southwest – Springfield
St. John's Medical Center
March 19, 2011

Western – Kansas City
Research Medical Center
April 30, 2011

Registration is easy, but required. Mail or fax the registration form to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. The Registration Form can be downloaded at www.biamo.org or call the BIA-MO office at 800.444.6443.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Your sponsorship shows you care for the survivors of brain injury and their families by ensuring that this program is free.

This is a cost-effective marketing opportunity to directly reach survivors and their families who are seeking information about brain injury.

Sponsorship opportunities for each location:

Host Sponsor	\$2,500
Lunch Sponsor	\$1,500
Keynote Sponsor	\$1,000
Break Sponsor	\$500
Exhibitor	\$150

Make your Sponsorship commitment today at www.biamo.org or contact Maureen Cunningham, BIA-MO Executive Director, at MCunningham@biamo.org or 314.426.4024.

SURVIVOR & FAMILY SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM NO CHARGE, BUT MUST REGISTER!

I/WE WILL ATTEND:

- SOUTHWEST SEMINAR, SPRINGFIELD, MO
- WESTERN SEMINAR, KANSAS CITY, MO

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAY PHONE (_____) _____

EMAIL _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

- UNABLE TO ATTEND, MY DONATION TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE BIA-MO IS ENCLOSED.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI
AND MAIL TO:
10270 PAGE AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MO 63132

10270 Page Avenue, Suite 100
St. Louis, MO 63132
phone: 314.426.4024
800.444.6443
fax: 314.426.3290
website: www.biamo.org

Check if appropriate:

- My name is misspelled
 My address is incorrect
 I receive more than one copy
 I prefer to receive email

Please clip your label and mail with corrections to the BIA-MO office, or email your request to info@biamo.org.

IN MY OWN WORDS

By Doug Ehlers



DOUG SHARES HIS BIRTHDAY
AND LIFE WITH OTHERS.

Friday evening, October 20, 1972, my sister's boyfriend, Mark, had just gotten a new car and we went for a ride. We missed a turn and the car tumbled end over end three times.

Mark died at the scene. Another passenger walked away with no injuries. Unconscious for 14 weeks, I was left without speech and the ability to walk.

At age 15 and with a severe brain injury, I depended on

my parents for my care. Our days involved doctors' appointments, rehabilitation, physical therapy and speech therapy.

Seven years after the accident, my desire to live on my own led to quite a journey. I moved from Gerald, Missouri, to Little Rock, Arkansas where I lived in an apartment complex with housing for impaired individuals such as myself. I made friends and lived without assistance. It would take all day but handled my bills and paperwork and cleaned my apartment.

I then moved to Tulsa where the Tulsa Recreation Center for the Physically Limited formed a wheelchair games event. There were entries from surrounding states and I was named Outstanding Athlete for my group three or four times. That is what I enjoyed...the athletics and sports.

A few years later I moved to Cape Girardeau, then to St. Louis for training in computer skills. That training led to a number of opportunities, I've now been volunteering at BIA-MO two days a week for more than 11 years.

As I celebrate my 54th birthday, I can say that I have life-long friends, supportive family and the opportunity to contribute to our community. To this day, Mom and Dad are my best friends. I appreciate my sister who has done miraculous things for me and I'm proud of my niece and nephew. I enjoy watching sports every chance I get.



**The Brain Injury
Association of Missouri
is on Facebook.
Let's be friends!**

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) continues to be a leader in the brain injury community serving survivors of brain injury, their families, professionals and the community. Our programs of support, recreation, education and advocacy make a difference for individuals and families impacted by brain injury.

Support and Recreation: Support is an essential component of life with brain injury. The Brain Injury Association of Missouri provides support groups for survivors of brain injury and their families. At support group meetings individuals have the opportunity to learn from other survivors and families who have experienced similar challenges; and together accomplishments are celebrated. More than 400 individuals participated in a Brain Injury Association of Missouri support group in 2010.

When survivors and families do not know where to turn, they can find help from the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. Our toll-free Information & Referral Service is available when a loved one is recently impacted by brain injury or is many years post-injury. We also offer Brain Injury Information Packets. These services provided support for thousands of individuals in 2010.

The Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp was attended by 73 survivors of brain injury. This is the only outdoor, organized camp in Missouri specifically for adults with brain injury. No Campers were turned away due to an inability to pay. Sponsor-A-Camper scholarships, camp-restricted donations and foundation grants provided the needed financial assistance for 39 Campers this year.

Monthly recreational programs provide on-going social activities for survivors of brain injury and their families. An estimated 75 social activities were hosted in 2010. These activities such as picnics, holiday parties, karaoke and more offered social interaction in a welcoming environment. In 2010, approximately 1,500 survivors of brain injury and their families experienced these social activities.

Funding: The Brain Injury Association of Missouri is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Programs are supported by donations from individuals, corporations, foundations, program fees and events.

Approximately 90 percent of every dollar donated to BIA-MO provides programs of support, recreation, education and advocacy.

2010 Financial Status (unaudited)

Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	\$206,014
Total Revenue and Support	276,237
Total Expenses	273,686
Net Assets, Projected End of Year	\$208,565

Education and Prevention: There are several components of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) educational programs.

Our largest educational program is the BIA-MO Annual Statewide Conference, which continues to grow. Two hundred sixty individuals attended the 2010 conference. A highlight of the BIA-MO 6th Annual Statewide Conference was a special track on Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers. This special track was presented by Dr. Ruben Echemendia and Dr. Kevin Guskiewicz, both top experts and pioneers in the field of sports concussions.

The Survivor and Family Seminar – Southwest provided education for more than 100 survivors, family members and caregivers during this one-day program. Local experts provided practical suggestions for living life with brain injury.

Prevention is a primary focus of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. An educational program has been developed for elementary, middle and high-school age students. Brain injury facts and the prevention of brain injuries are discussed at age-appropriate levels. This standardized prevention education program was offered to several hundred students in 2010. We anticipate significant expansion of the program in 2011.

Advocacy: Brain Injury Awareness Day was held on March 16, 2010. Advocates represented the brain injury community by visiting Missouri Senators and Representatives at the State Capitol in Jefferson City to share our advocacy message of the prevention of brain injuries and access to services for survivors of brain injury.

Organization and Administration: The Brain Injury Association of Missouri has an all volunteer Board of Directors that has overall accountability for the organization. Our Board is comprised of survivors of brain injury, family members, professionals in the field of brain injury, business professionals and community volunteers.

Two paid staff members work with more than 280 volunteers involved in the fundraising, program implementation and advocacy efforts of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JOHN BENNETT, M.S., CCC-SLP
BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF
MISSOURI
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Happy New Year to all and welcome to 2011.

I am very excited about the future of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. I have to give a lot of credit for this excitement to Dr. Thomas Martin and Maureen Cunningham for their leadership over the last few years.

Last year was an exceptionally good year for our organization as we managed to double our active membership, put on another premier conference and family seminar, begin a strategic planning process that should yield us long term

benefits, raised sufficient funds to meet all of our fiscal needs, and increased our outreach to support groups, all while continuing our mission to support individuals who have sustained a brain injury and their families through providing education, resources, advocacy and recreational activities.

Like most I feel a need to make some New Year Resolutions but mine will be aimed at where I would like to see our organization focus its efforts in this coming year.

Here are my resolutions (goals) for the Brain Injury Association of Missouri for 2011: Double our active membership again this year. Continue relationship building with brain injury support groups throughout the state as they serve such an important role. Garner support, propose legislation and advocate for the state's adoption of sports concussion legislation for our youth. Increase our advocacy presence at Brain Injury Awareness Day on March 9, at the State Capitol.

All of these resolutions are well within the realm of possibility, but they will take all of us working together to make this possible.

I welcome your suggestions, ideas, and insights and hope that you will truly see the Brain Injury Association of Missouri as your organization and support us where you can now and in the future. Let's all work to make this the best year yet in meeting the needs of individuals who have sustained a brain injury, their families and the general community by taking on a servant heart, listening to their needs and working to ensure that these needs are being met to the best of our ability across the state of Missouri.

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HONORARIUM AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

September 1 – December 31, 2010

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DONOR RECOGNITION

Thank you to all of the individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations who contributed to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri in 2010. Your generosity made it possible to provide services for survivors of brain injury, their families and professionals throughout the state of Missouri. Each gift and sponsorship makes a difference.

23rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament — Go Green

Our largest fundraiser which raised more than \$60,000 to support BIA-MO programs.

Platinum Sponsors

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Survivor and Family Seminar—Springfield

Thanks to sponsorships this regional seminar was free of charge for attendees.

Host Sponsor

Aaron Sachs and Associates, P.C.

Keynote Sponsor

Tim O'Brien Memorial Fund, Community
Foundation of the Ozarks

Break Sponsors

Alternative Opportunities
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Exhibitors

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Brain Injury Association of Missouri, Inc.
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Missouri Development Disability Resource Center
Missouri Protection & Advocacy
Ozark Neuro Rehab Center
Southwest Center for Independent Living
Springfield Neurological & Spine Institute

BIA-MO 6th Annual Statewide Conference

The only Conference in Missouri to specifically address issues related to brain injury.

Host Co-Sponsor

Department of Health & Senior Services

Keynote Sponsors

Advantage Nursing Services
Alternative Opportunities, Inc.
Bridges of Missouri, Inc.
The Center for Head Injury Services
Mr. Tim Imhoff and Mrs. Rachel Dietz
Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program
NeuroRestorative
The Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis

Lunch Sponsor

Ranken Jordan—A Pediatric Specialty Hospital

Reception Sponsor

SSM-Select Rehabilitation Hospital

Points of Light 2010

Points of Light leadership gifts support all programs of the BIA-MO.

Champion, \$5,000+

William H. Danforth MD
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BIA-MO MISSION

The mission of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri is to reduce the incidence of brain injury, to promote acceptance, independence and productivity of persons with brain injury and to support their families.

BIA-MO ANNUAL AWARDS 2010

A difference is made within the brain injury community through the dedication and efforts of many. The Brain Injury Association of Missouri is proud to honor a few special individuals each year at our annual Awards Luncheon. The 2010 honorees:

Courage Award

Trevor Douglas lives by his motto of “You are only as happy as you want to be” and accepted the challenge to return to school. He recently received his Associate Degree and an employment promotion which will allow him to show many of his skills.

Nathan Koester worked hard to achieve his current level of independent living. His independence and courage was seen by many in his performance during the community theater presentation of the “Music Man”.

Jason Younger performed in the “Music Man”. Jason demonstrated his courage as he learned to sing and dance, memorized his lines, and attended weeks of rehearsals for the several performances held for multiple weeks.

Bruce Myers always shared his bright smile and joyous laugh with everyone he met. His courage and hard work through two brain injuries did not dampen his spirit. This award was presented *In Memoriam*. Bruce passed away just weeks before the award ceremony.



VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS BRING THE BIA-MO MISSION TO ACTION FOR SURVIVORS, FAMILY MEMBERS, PROFESSIONALS AND THE COMMUNITY.

Service Excellence Award – Community Service

Alternative Opportunities of Springfield was honored for their truly heartfelt commitment to help survivors of brain injury achieve their fullest potential. Several nominations commended the Alternative Opportunities staff for their professionalism, dedication, care, compassion and willingness to go above and beyond typical work expectations.

Life Skills has been finding meaningful work and opportunities for independent living for individuals with disabilities for 46 years. Life Skills is committed to the success of their consumers and demonstrates flexibility, creativity, understanding and dedication to helping their consumers succeed.

Service Excellence Award – Public Relations

Eileen Deaver is known for her tireless and creative efforts to increase awareness of services available for survivors of brain injury. Eileen is “in it for the long haul” and goes above and beyond her duties as Service Coordinator with Department of Health and Senior Services Adult Head Injury Program.

Mike Sparks builds upon his personal experience as a survivor of brain injury to gather information and raise awareness of the needs of survivors as part of his Volunteer Ombudsman position. He is a strong advocate whose passion, dedication and big heart are the guiding forces in his efforts to make a difference.

Volunteer of the Year

Dawn Tish changes lives through her exceptional respect, knowledgeable devotion, and life of service. Dawn facilitates a BIA-MO support group in Kansas City and gives the members hope through her inspiration, patience, compassion and experience as a survivor of brain injury.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Charity Shelton is a leader within the brain injury community and makes a lifetime of difference every day. As a Speech Pathologist and family member, Charity shares her expertise and compassion in her rehabilitation work with clients, service on committees, and education for survivors, family members and other professionals.