The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) Annual Statewide Conference is the only conference in Missouri established to specifically address issues relating to brain injury. It is the premier educational opportunity for healthcare, rehabilitation, vocational, residential, and community support professionals.

The 11th Annual Statewide Conference features national and local experts sharing current research, cutting-edge therapeutic strategies, and best practice treatment. This year’s conference is October 15-17 at the St. Charles Convention Center in St. Charles, Missouri.

The professional sessions on Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16 will focus on rehabilitation, medical care, mental health, relationships, personal care, and employment for survivors of brain injury in rural and urban communities. Continuing Education Units are available in the areas of: case managers, nursing, psychology, rehabilitation, vocational counselors, social workers, and speech pathology.

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) is proud to offer two educational scholarship opportunities for survivors of brain injury. Pursuing post-secondary education is often difficult and out of reach financially for many. Now, survivors of brain injury can get a little help through the BIA-MO Jim and Lori Winter Scholarship and the SSM Rehabilitation Network Education Scholarship.

The Jim and Lori Winter Scholarship honors the long-time volunteer leadership of Jim and Lori Winter for their efforts to strengthen the Brain Injury Association of Missouri statewide. Lori continues her volunteer service as a Support Group Facilitator for two groups. Donations made to BIA-MO allow us to offer two $500 Jim and Lori Winter Scholarships for survivors of brain injury.

The SSM Rehabilitation Network Education Scholarship assists survivors of brain injury on their road of recovery through encouragement and support for post-secondary education. This corporate sponsored opportunity will provide two $750 scholarships for survivors of brain injury.

Post-secondary education includes two-year colleges, four-year colleges or universities, and vocational or trade school educational institutions. Scholarship funding can be used for tuition, room and board, books, required class materials such as workbooks, and specialized tools.

Only one application is needed to be considered for both scholarships. Additional support material includes an application essay, two letters of reference, and verification of acceptance by the educational/training program of the survivor’s choice. Download an application at www.biamo.org or request by email, info@biamo.org.

Applications are due October 7, so if you haven’t applied, please do so today. Awards will be announced at the BIA-MO Annual Meeting on October 17 in St. Charles, Missouri.
MAUREEN’S MESSAGE

A warm thank you to everyone who Beat the Heat for the Brain Injury Association of Missouri virtual golf tournament. This virtual tournament (non-event with no event costs) ensures that every dollar donated directly provides programs of support, education, recreation and advocacy for survivors of brain injury.

MAUREEN CUNNINGHAM  
BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Survivors and family members receive the comfort of knowing they are not alone through support groups and our Information & Referral Services, while donors do not endure 18 holes of golf in 100 degree weather on an August afternoon. We Beat the Heat— and remembered the BIA-MO Mission.

Thank you again to our Beat the Heat Sponsors and Donors!

GIFT ALTERNATIVES

If you are considering a gift to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri but writing a check would be a hardship, consider donating appreciated stock. Through stock donations, you receive a tax deduction for the value of the donated stock on the transaction date.

You can also plan for a future gift through a bequest in your will or beneficiary on a life insurance policy. These planned gifts can be an exact dollar amount, a specific number of shares of stock, a percentage of your investment portfolio, or the remainder of your assets after distribution to family members.

When you include BIA-MO in your will or other planned giving options, please provide your attorney or financial planner with our Federal Tax ID: 43-1264556.

For more information about planned giving options, please contact your financial planner or Maureen Cunningham, BIA-MO Executive Director, 800-444-6443, 314-426-4024 or MCunningham@biamo.org.

IN MY OWN WORDS

By Michele R.

My son is 22 months into his brain injury and wow is it something. I thought a year ago was something, but, unfortunately my son has went backwards in sorts. He finally accepted his brain injury and was diagnosed recently with Attachment Disorder. It just makes me sad, watching a now 21 year old forget what he was doing from one minute to the next.

My aunt, myself and mother attended last year’s BIA-MO Annual meeting in St. Charles and I brought home so much with me, in FEELINGS and hope. Thank you for helping our family and others.
Keynote Speakers:

- Regina McGlinchey, PhD, Director, and Benjamin Trotter, BS, Lead Author, with the VA RR&D National TBI Center of Excellence, will present *The Impact of Blast Exposure and Signs of Early Aging in the Brain of Troops.*
- Gerard Erker, PhD, Director of Neuropsychology, SSM Rehabilitation, will present *Neurobehavioral Impact of Brain Injury.*
- Joanne Cohen, MA, CBIS/Partner, CTAT will present *Something that Matters: Understanding, Supporting, and Empowering Survivors of Brain Injury.* On Saturday she will present *Getting Hit, Getting Up, and Moving Beyond: 13 Keys to Re-Empowerment.*

Conference Sponsorship Benefits:

Your Sponsorship for the BIA-MO 11th Annual Statewide Conference demonstrates your commitment to serve survivors of brain injury, family members and professionals in partnership with the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. And it is a great opportunity to educate others about your services and products.

- Professional Conference Registrations for you or your staff
- Exhibit Hall Space to share information with conference attendees
- Recognition of your sponsorship at Conference and on BIA-MO website
- Share information about your services with professionals, survivors of brain injury, and family members
- Show your commitment for BIA-MO and the brain injury community
- More benefits available based on Sponsorship level. Contact Maureen Cunningham at MCunningham@biamo.org or 314-426-4024.

Additional topics include:

- Life After Brain Injury and Possible Complications
- How to Advocate for Your BI Clients in Returning to the Workforce
- The Impact of Blast Exposure and Signs of Early Aging in the Brain of Troops
- Resources: Post-Acute Care Through Independence in the Community
- Central Nervous System Medication Use in TBI: Mitigating Adverse Reactions
- Educating and Counseling Challenging Families in Neurorehabilitation
- The Practice of Assisting by Teaching/Not Doing for Individuals Who Have Survived a Brain Injury
- Advanced Diagnosis and Treatment of the Vestibular System in the mTBI Patient by Physical Therapy
- Neurobehavioral Impact of Brain Injury
- How to Advocate with Legislators
- Treatment and Rehabilitation of Stroke vs. Traumatic Brain Injury
- Post-Concussion Syndrome: Managing Migraines and Other Symptoms Afterward
- Complementary Therapies
- Co-Diagnosis with Brain Injury and Mental Illness

The Exhibit Hall will be open throughout the Conference for attendees to learn about services available for him or herself, consumers, patients or clients. Exhibitors include service providers, government agencies and non-profit organizations.

Become a Sponsor or Register now using the form on page 7 of this newsletter or on our website, www.biamo.org.

For more information, contact the Brain Injury Association of Missouri at www.biamo.org, info@biamo.org, 800-444-6443 or 314-426-4024.
SURVIVOR AND FAMILY SEMINARS

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri Survivor and Family Regional Seminars are free educational opportunities featuring local experts who provide information and practical suggestions to help survivors and families face challenges of life with brain injury. The seminars are designed to bring help and hope to individuals and families newly impacted by brain injury and those many years post-injury.

The same sessions are held at each of the three locations in Missouri. The Southwest and Western Seminars, held earlier this year, were well attended and very informative. The Eastern Regional Seminar is Saturday, October 17, 2015, 8:30 am – 3:15 pm, in St. Charles, Missouri.

“Getting Hit, Getting Up, and Moving Beyond: 13 Keys to Re-Empowerment” will be presented by Keynote Speaker Joanne E. Cohen, CBIS, at the Eastern Seminar. She will discuss adjusting to life with brain injury through a positive attitude and acceptance of the new you or a loved one.

As a survivor of traumatic brain injury, Joanne has exceeded medical diagnoses, leading to an inspirational story of recovery. She now personally relates to Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans, as well as survivors of brain injury, family members, and professionals.

Joanne has more than 30 years experience in coaching, consulting, development and facilitation, with 12 years directing teams to focus on successful corporate initiatives. She designs and facilitates Survivor Series Training Sessions for survivors of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and was liaison for the national “Engaging Veterans with Disabilities in National and Community Service” projects. Her expertise spans global fields including health and human services, manufacturing, aerodynamics and telecommunications.

Additional Eastern Seminar topics include:

- Making and Keeping Relationships
- Building Therapy Into Your Day
- Ask the Specialists Panel
- Guardianship Proposed Code Changes

Come spend the day. Learn helpful information, identify resources and gain support from others who understand. There is still time to register for the Eastern Regional Seminar. Mail or fax the form on page 7 of this newsletter to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri or register online at www.biamo.org. You may also call BIA-MO at 314-426-4024 or 800-444-6443. There is no charge for the Survivor and Family Seminar but advance registration is required.

BIA-MO MISSION

The mission of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri is to reduce the incidences of brain injury; to promote acceptance, independence and productivity of persons with brain injury; and to support their families.
AWARD NOMINATIONS 2015

Each year the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) honors individuals and organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to the brain injury community.

The BIA-MO Annual Awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Brain Injury Association of Missouri 10th Annual Statewide Conference.

Nominations for BIA-MO Awards 2015 are being accepted through October 7, 2015.

Courage Award
Honors the success of an individual with brain injury.

Point of Light Award
Honors an individual who has provided outstanding service to persons with brain injury. Nominations must be made by an individual with brain injury.

Volunteer of the Year
Honors an individual who has furthered the Mission of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri throughout his or her volunteer service with the organization.

Legislator of the Year
Honors an elected official representing citizens of Missouri who has supported the prevention of brain injuries, services for survivors of brain injury or their families, or issues important to the brain injury community.

Bill Buell Memorial Award
Honors a Vocational Rehabilitation Case Manager or Counselor who has provided outstanding service to the brain injury community within or outside of his or her employment responsibilities.

Service Excellence Award—Prevention
Honors an individual or organization for lasting contributions in brain injury prevention.

Service Excellence Award—Community Service
Honors an individual or organization whose service is exceptional within the brain injury community.

Service Excellence Award—Public Relations
Honors an individual or organization whose outreach and educational efforts increased the awareness of the needs within the brain injury community and the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.

Lifetime Achievement Award
Honors an individual or organization for significant contributions and long-term impact to the brain injury community.

FOR EACH NOMINATION, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Name and contact information for the nominee.
- A 500 word or less statement of why you feel the person is deserving of the award and how the brain injury community has benefitted from the efforts of the nominee.
- Your name and contact information. More than one person can nominate the same individual or organization.

Deadline for nomination is October 7, 2015. Nominations should be submitted to Maureen Cunningham, Brain Injury Association of Missouri 2265 Schuetz Road, St. Louis, MO 63146-3409 or MCunningham@biamo.org.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CHARITIES

Community Health Charities of Missouri coordinates donations for the Brain Injury Association of Missouri through payroll deduction fundraising campaigns within Campaign Partner companies.

Campaign Partners 2010 include the Combined Federal Campaign, Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign, Wellpoint/Anthem and more. To review the list of all Campaign Partners visit www.healthcharities.org.

You can dedicate your gift choosing the Brain Injury Association of Missouri on your Enrollment Form. Federal Employees will use the organization code of 71238 to dedicate your gift to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.
WILDERNESS CAMP SUCCESS

When you think about swimming, fishing, basketball, arts and crafts and dance parties, you must be thinking about the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp. This year’s Camp was even more exciting with adventures of zip lining and climbing the alpine tower. It was a great success with adventure and traditions of 29 years of BIA-MO Camp!

Each year BIA-MO sponsors the Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp that helps adult survivors of brain injury and their caregivers achieve their ultimate and shared goals of living fully, despite challenges of life with brain injury. The weeklong Camp provides survivors of brain injury the opportunity to enjoy camp and social activities in an accessible setting adapted to their personal needs and physical abilities.

Mark your calendar for the BIA-MO Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp next year - May 29 - June 3, 2016. Camp will again be held at Sunnyhill Adventure Camp in Dittmer, Missouri. Prepare to pack your bags and head to another exciting, adaptive week of fun with old friends and friends yet-to-meet.

The cost per Camper will be $390 for survivors of brain injury living in Missouri and $475 for non-Missouri residents. Through donations to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri, scholarships are available for survivors who cannot afford the camp fee but want to attend the week of fun, adventure and relaxation.

To request your 2016 application packet, or to make a Sponsor-a-Camper donation, contact the Brain Injury Association of Missouri at camp@biamo.org, 800-444-6443 or 314-426-4024.

NETWORKING COFFEE FOR PROFESSIONALS

Making connections over a cup of coffee is a good way for professionals providing care for survivors of brain injury in Southwest Missouri to learn more about resources and services available for their clients. This is not about marketing or selling. It’s about networking and education.

Locating resources for consumers and clients is often a challenge. Participating in the BIA-MO Networking Coffee in Southwest Missouri, you can increase or refresh your awareness of providers of services for survivors of traumatic or acquired brain injury.

Professionals of direct services in fields of rehabilitation, employment, community support, residential, mental health, assistive technology, adaptive equipment, trauma services, discharge planning, or other assistance for the survivor of brain injury to live a quality life, are invited to participate. It doesn’t matter if you provide care on a full-time, partial or periodic basis; all are welcome. Feel free to share this information with other professionals providing care for survivors of brain injury in Southwest Missouri.

The next BIA-MO Networking Coffee is scheduled on Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 8:30 am – 10:00 am, at Preferred Family Healthcare, 2626 W. College Road, Springfield, Missouri. Please RSVP for the Networking Coffee by contacting the Brain Injury Association of Missouri via email info@biamo.org or phone 800-444-6443.

A similar networking event is hosted by the Brain Injury Association in the Kansas City area. The next Case Managers Consortium Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2015 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm in the BIAKS Office, Cloverleaf Office Park, 6405 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kansas in Room 115 on the first floor of Building 3. The discussion topic “Exceptional Families” is for sharing practices that empower families of survivors of brain injury.

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri is on Facebook. facebook.com/bia.missouri
MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM GIFTS

(January 1 – September 15, 2015)

IN MEMORY OF

Dorothy Harlan
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Vicki and Joe Boyle
Janet Bux
Mary Hagerty
Carol Hammon
Mary Jane and Michael Hoey
Janet and Ronald Kean
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Patricia Thompson
Patty and Mike McMahon

IN HONOR OF

Jordan Syrigos – great service with BIA-MO
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Father’s Day
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Mother’s Day
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CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP AND REGISTRATION FORM

Sponsorship Opportunities
All sponsorships include signage during the Conference, a full page advertisement in the Conference Program and recognition at the Conference and on our website and social media.

_ Lunch Sponsor  $3,000
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  Five minute (maximum) address at your sponsored Thursday or Friday luncheon

_ Keynote Sponsor  $1,000
  Two Professional Conference registrations
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Exhibit
_ Full Conference Exhibitor  $350
  (no discount for fewer than three days exhibiting)
_ Survivor and Family Seminar Day Exhibiting  $125

Days Exhibiting:
(Check all that apply to ensure accurate table count.)

__ Professional Audience
  __ Thursday, October 15  __ Friday, October 16
__ Survivor and Family Audience
  __ Saturday, October 17

Attendance Registration
__ Professional  $185 (non-member of BIA-MO)
__ Professional  $135 (BIA-MO Member)
__ Survivor/Family Member  $60

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Mail to: BIA-MO, 2265 Schuetz Road, St. Louis, MO 63146. The Conference Sponsorship and Registration information is also available online at www.biamo.org.
AND THE WINNERS ARE...

When it comes to striking it BIG, bowlers and supporters of Bowling for Brain Injury know how to roll the perfect game! Nearly 200 bowlers in St. Louis and Springfield, and many more donors and corporate sponsors, made this annual event the most successful to date. This year’s event on June 20 raised more than $23,000!!!

Frame after frame. Strike, spare, or oops it’s a gutter ball. No matter your skill level, everyone wins when we take to the lanes – in person or from the comfort of our virtual support. And at the end of the day, the biggest winners are individuals living with the challenges of brain injury, who have access to support through Bowling for Brain Injury.

It’s never too early to start thinking about and planning next year’s fun(d)raiser. Use your spare time to practice and gather your team. Save the date: Saturday, June 18, 2016.