BE PART OF BIA-MO – IT MATTERS!

You are aware of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO). Now be part of making a difference with us.

BIA-MO is making a difference for young people and those who work with them to prevent sports-related concussions. We are making a difference for persons with brain injury and their family members. We are also making a difference for professionals and caregivers who serve individuals whose lives have been changed because of brain trauma due to accidents, strokes or other incidents.

BIA-MO advocates are everywhere and making a difference. They are identifying resources to help survivors and families. They are testifying in Jefferson City on legislative issues. They are interviewing on the radio and local TV news programs. They are developing and presenting educational programs in classrooms for youth, at community group meetings, and with professional organizations.

Check out the BIA-MO website at www.biamo.org. Read this newsletter. Attend a Support Group, Seminar, or the Conference.

The impact our programs are having is obvious. And there is no mistaking the need for you to be part of this important effort. Join or renew your Membership today.

Your Membership with the Brain Injury Association of Missouri means you are helping create better futures for persons with brain injury and their families through support and recreation. Education and advocacy efforts are expanding awareness, developing prevention measures, and improving access to resources and support.

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PACK YOUR BAGS ... IT’S TIME FOR CAMP

Do you have a swimsuit? A jacket? And a hat? Tennis or dancing shoes? What about a blanket and pillow? A desire for fun?

If you answered “Yes” to these questions, you are on your way to being ready for a week of exciting adventures and fun. Register and pack your bags for the 33rd Annual Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp!

The focus of the Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp is to simply provide recreation opportunities for Campers to overcome challenges of new activities and social time with others who truly understand brain injury. In addition, family members and caregivers have a week of respite from daily responsibilities.

This year’s Camp will be held June 18 – 23, at Sunnyhill Adventure Camp in Dittmer, Missouri. Survivors of brain injury currently over the age of 18 are welcome to attend the BIA-MO Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp. The recreational activities and camp facilities are accessible to individuals using adaptive equipment for physical mobility, to Campers with other special needs for daily living, and to individuals with “invisible disabilities” – all abilities are welcome at the Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp.

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MAUREEN’S MESSAGE

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri has been around for nearly 35 years! With your involvement and financial assistance, we have provided much needed support, education, recreation, and advocacy for our community. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, your loved ones, co-workers, neighbors and the community in this special way.

Planned Giving or Life-Celebration gifts can ensure our Mission continues for the next 35 years and beyond.

Planned Giving options could include a bequest in your will or naming the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy. These planned gifts can be an exact dollar amount, specific shares of stock, a percentage of your investment portfolio, or the remainder of your assets after distribution to family members. Please provide your attorney or financial planner with our Federal Tax ID: 43-1264556.

Including the Brain Injury Association of Missouri in memorial celebrations of the life of a loved one is a special tribute to that person and provides needed support to other families impacted by brain injury. This special donation encourages others to be part of the difference you and your family are making. When listing the Brain Injury Association of Missouri as a special requested donation, please include the address of 2265 Schuetz Rd, St. Louis, MO 63146 in the obituary and other notices.

For special Mothers and Fathers in your life, a gift to BIA-MO in their honor or memory is a wonderful Life-Celebration gift on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Cherish the influence they have had on your life and help others impacted by brain injury.

Please consider making a difference for the future of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. Your gift is greatly appreciated. For more information about Memorials, Honorariums or Planned Giving options, please contact me at MCunningham@biamo.org or 314-426-4024.

PACK YOUR BAGS ... IT’S TIME FOR CAMP CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

Camp activities include: zip-lining, alpine tower climbing, swimming, fishing, paddle boats, arts and crafts, sports, dinner dance, and karaoke. All of these activities are adapted to the personal needs and physical abilities of each Camper.

The actual cost to provide this fun, including cabin accommodations, meals and snacks, is about $750 per person. Thanks to grants and generous donations, the Camper Fee is $390 per attending survivor of brain injury living in Missouri and $475 for non-Missouri residents. However, many Campers are in need of assistance with their portion of the Camp Fee. If this is the case, please contact BIA-MO for a list of suggestions on how to raise your Camp Fee. Sponsor-A-Camper scholarships are also available.

If you would like to be one of the generous donors and help a survivor of brain injury get to Camp, please Sponsor-A-Camper. You can make a donation online at the BIA-MO website or mail a check to our office. You can provide a full scholarship of $390 or a partial scholarship. All donations are appreciated.

Camp is a win-win for survivors, families and for all who support this important program of BIA-MO. It’s a 33-year tradition of fun, adventure and friendships.

Camp Registration material can be downloaded from the BIA-MO website at www.biamo.org, the packet can be mailed to you by calling 314-426-4024 or 800-444-6443, or complete the Make a Difference form on page 7 of this newsletter.

SMILES ARE COMMON EVERYWHERE AT CAMP.
GOT SOME TIME TO SPARE?

Can you *spare* a little time on June 17, 2017, and roll a *perfect game* for survivors of brain injury and their families? Teams of six will bowl at lanes in St. Louis and in Springfield from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the Bowling for Brain Injury event.

Each team receives a free pizza and a pitcher of soda along with free shoe rental - plus all the kudos, applause and, dare-we-say possible teasing from your fans for those *gutter balls*.

This is only the fifth year for our BIA-MO Bowling for Brain Injury Fundraiser, but from the start it has had momentum. Perhaps that’s because everyone can participate as a Bowler, a donor, a sponsor or a fan. One of the most important reasons for this event’s success is that BIA-MO has a team of amazing and generous supporters ... and we like to have fun!

There are a lot of ways to participate. Even if you don’t think bowling is up your *alley*, why not be an *absentee or virtual bowler*. You might choose to *sponsor a bowler* with a donation. Or perhaps you would be a *corporate sponsor* of the event and be recognized on the BIA-MO website.

Any way you *frame* it, Bowling for Brain Injury is a *perfect score*. So let’s *strike* up some fun...with Bowling for Brain Injury. There’s no time to *spare*. Put your team together today. Last year we exceeded our $25,000 goal. Please help do it again!

For more information about corporate sponsorship opportunities or Team sign-up, call 800-444-6443, visit www.bowlingforbraininjury.org, or complete the Make a Difference form on page 7 of this newsletter.

IN MY OWN WORDS

Tribute to Nancy J. Koenig (Feb 1924 - Mar 2017)
by Barbara Sturner, daughter

On March 7, 1976, life as our family knew it changed forever. My brother Don was thrown headfirst into a tree off his motorcycle. The impact broke his skull in three pieces. His brain was traumatically injured. He wasn’t wearing a helmet.

Equally traumatic was the fact that as a family, we had no idea what brain injury was, what to expect with each passing hour, day, week, month, or what the future would look like. The doctors told us there was no hope. We were alone, and grieving.

For my mom, Nancy Koenig, giving up on Don wasn’t an option. As a family, we fought for him. Every single day. We also struggled to learn about traumatic brain injury — what it was, how to cope, how to recover and how to find a new normal. There were no support groups and little information to help us with the journey.

While fighting for Don to get well, mother vowed that no other family would go through that dark journey alone. She started small, talking with other families, explaining our journey and answering questions.

Then she banded together with others to create a support network – first as a founding member of the Missouri Head Injury Association (now the Brain Injury Association of Missouri) and the Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council. Then she became a developmental disabilities advocate on local, state and national levels. Her journey lasted for more than 35 years.

Today, there are still grieving families. Hopefully, though, the journey will be a little easier because of the information, advocacy and support that now exists. To my mom and the other courageous advocates who made it all possible, Thank You. There is no greater love.
CONCUSSIONS: AWARENESS AND EDUCATION
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers seminars continue to have a positive impact on the well-being of student athletes across the State.

David D. Dyck, Jr., DO, FAOSAM, Co-Director of Midwest Sports Medicine Physicians in Kansas City, Missouri and Team Physician for USA Volleyball, was the Keynote Speaker for these educational seminars.

Dr. Dyck was joined by local and other national experts to present the latest information on concussion signs and symptoms, concussion related research, how to manage a concussion for return to learn, and developing concussion management protocols. The results are increased awareness of the signs and symptoms of concussion and improved efforts to reduce the risks of concussions for youth by coaches and school personnel.

These 2017 educational seminars were held in: Eastern, Western, Central, Southwest, and Southeast regions of Missouri. The audience included paid and volunteer coaches of various sports at all competitive levels, athletic program administrators, athletic trainers, game officials, school nurses and counselors, PE teachers, and school administrators.

The Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers seminars were free of charge for team and school personnel, thanks to our generous sponsors:

- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
- SSM Children’s Hospital Trauma Services
- SSM St. Louis University
- Children’s Mercy Sports Medicine Hospital and Clinics

Program Partners included:

- Missouri Association of School Nurses
- Missouri Association of Rural Education
- Missouri Athletic Trainers’ Association
- Missouri School Boards’ Association
- Missouri State High School Activities Association
- UMKC Institute for Human Development

Plans for next year’s BIA-MO Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers Seminars are underway for the 2018 seminars to be held early next year.

For more information or to add your school or youth sports team to the outreach email list, click Contact Us on at www.biamo.org, or call 314-426-4024 or 800-444-6443.

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 2017 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.
ADVOCACY – LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Until brain injury affects you or a loved one, there is no true understanding of its impact on survivors, their families and the community.

The Missouri Legislative session that began in January 2017 is faced with some repeat issues and some new proposals that will affect survivors of brain injury. There are several first-time State Representatives and Senators in Jefferson City and we need to educate them about the legislative issues important to us.

Take action. Contact Your State Senator and Representative and tell them to:

- **OPPOSE HB576 and SB323** that will repeal the all-rider motorcycle helmet law
- **SUPPORT FY18 Budget** to include $500,000 (or $750,000, which is better) for a Brain Injury Waiver
- **SUPPORT HB626/SB465** to modify guardianship laws

And here’s why...

Motorcycle Helmet Repeal Bills

Again this year, bills were filed to repeal and weaken the all-rider motorcycle helmet law in Missouri.

Passage of any bills to repeal or weaken the Missouri all-rider motorcycle helmet law will result in more deaths and more brain injuries in Missouri. Wearing a motorcycle helmet has proven, time and again, to save lives and taxpayer dollars and to prevent and reduce the severity of brain injuries. When Michigan repealed its all-rider motorcycle helmet law in 2012, their hospitalization for brain injuries increased by 14%.

House Bill (HB) 576 recently passed the Missouri House of Representatives. This bill states that only motorcyclists ages 20 and younger are required to wear a helmet while riding. There is a requirement for health insurance, but no minimum amount is in the bill. Senate Bill (SB) 323 is similar except minors under the age of 18 must wear a helmet and the “first-party” insurance minimum is $1,000,000. Brain injury is a life-long injury and the medical benefit insurance does not address that reality.

Both of these bills are referred to the Missouri Senate for consideration. It is vital that these and all bills proposed to repeal the all-rider motorcycle helmet law are stopped in the Senate.

Tell your Senator to **OPPOSE HB576 and SB323**. Don’t repeal the Missouri all-rider motorcycle helmet law. No bill to repeal or weaken our helmet law is good for riders, vehicle drivers or taxpayers in Missouri.

Brain Injury Waiver

For this current year, $750,000 of general revenue was appropriated for a much needed Brain Injury Waiver that, when implemented, will create an expanded array of services which would include early intervention and treatment options to provide critical services while reducing long-term costs.

Legislators, Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) staff, the Brain Injury Association of Missouri, service providers and advocates continue to work towards implementation of this much needed Brain Injury Waiver even when funding has been withheld.

In the FY18 budget proposed by Governor Greitens, the $750,000 for the Brain Injury Waiver was not included.

The House Budget Committee reinstated $500,000 of the Brain Injury Waiver funding as proposed by Rep. Marsha Haefner. This funding in the FY18 Budget should allow for DHSS to complete the computer work needed for implementation of the Brain Injury Waiver that will serve an estimated 44 survivors of brain injury. The full $750,000 of FY18 funding would serve 66 individuals with no changes to the Brain Injury Waiver application regarding the number of individuals served.

Tell your legislators to **SUPPORT FY18 Budget** to include $500,000 (or $750,000 which is better) for a Brain Injury Waiver.

Guardianship Changes

HB626/SB465 addresses issues identified by the Missouri Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardian Stakeholders (MO-WINGS) to update Missouri Guardianship laws. The proposed revisions will provide the protectee, person who is overseen by a guardian or conservator, with more rights and methods for modifying or terminating guardianships as their situation improves. There is also an emphasis on person-centered standards of best-interest for the protectee, emphasis on least restrictive alternatives for individuals who may need some protection for specific issues but not all, and sets person-centered standards for conservator decisions.

Tell your legislators to **SUPPORT HB626/SB465** to modify guardianship laws.

For more information about these legislative issues, specific talking points, or if you have questions, please check our website, www.biamo.org, or call 314-426-4024.

Let your voice be heard today!
BE A PART OF BIA-MO - IT MATTERS!
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You will be supporting BIA-MO services for survivors of brain injury, their families, professionals and the community with your Membership.

The benefits for you include THE Challenge! Magazine from the Brain Injury Association of America and a discounted registration fee for the BIA-MO Annual Statewide Conference. Professional and Corporate Members also receive a one-year subscription to The Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation magazine.

The greatest benefit is knowing you are part of the Voice of Brain Injury - and that makes a difference every day for thousands of people right here in Missouri. Make your Membership gift now using the form on page 7 of this newsletter or online at www.biamo.org.

A “COFFEE” THAT’S NOT ABOUT THE COFFEE

It’s called a “Networking Coffee” – but instead of coffee, it’s really about conversation, sharing of information and collaboration.

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri Service Providers Networking Coffees are held quarterly in different regions of the State. They provide opportunities for professionals in the field of direct services, including rehabilitation, employment, community support, residential, mental health, assistive technology, adaptive equipment, trauma services, and discharge planning, to come together and share resource information.

Networking Coffees are a good way for professionals to increase or refresh your awareness of resources for survivors of brain injury and your clients, consumers, or patients. The purpose is networking and education, not marketing or selling.

For more information or to receive information about future BIA-MO Networking Coffees for Professionals, please contact Pauline Zheng, BIA-MO Program Associate, at Pauline@biamo.org or 314-426-4024. You may also complete the Make a Difference form on page 7 of this newsletter.

HONORARIUM AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

(January 1 – March 31, 2017)

IN HONOR OF
Shelley Cunningham
Heather Cunningham
Kelly Lane
Mary Beth Ortbals
Abagail Pumphrey
Elaine McWilliams

IN MEMORY OF
Toni Evans
Sue and George Orton
Steve Long
Rachel and Jeremy Ahmann
Abigail and Charles Ambrose
Cindy and Brad Bayless
Lori and Brad Beck
Leanna and Greg Berry
Sarah and John Berry
Janette and Dwayne Blakely
Mary Bodenstab-Wills
Carmen and Kenneth Bowlen, Jr.
Meagan Buesing
Debbie Chapman
Sharon and James Dankenbring
Marilyn and Rufus Davenport
Kyla and Josh Fisher
Sara and Timothy Frerking
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Kay Goring
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Janice and Mark Zeikle

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I WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Please use this form to make a difference or request more information.

**BIA-MO Membership**
My annual Membership is a
- [ ] New Membership
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**Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp**
- [ ] Send me a Camp Packet
- [ ] Sponsor-A-Camper
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**Bowling For Brain Injury**
- [ ] Sponsorship
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- [ ] [ ] Team Name: ___________________________

**Sports Concussion: Facts Fallacies, and New Frontiers**
- [ ] Add me to the outreach list so I may register in 2018

**Networking Coffee for Professionals**
Send me information for:
- [ ] St. Louis
- [ ] Springfield

**Advocacy**
- [ ] Add me to the Advocacy Alert email list.

**General Donation**
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**Donation Payment, if applicable:** Check payable to Brain Injury Association of Missouri or credit card.
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Mail to: BIA-MO, 2265 Schuetz Road, St. Louis, MO 63146-3409, make your donation or request more information online at www.biamo.org or fax this completed form to 314-426-3290.

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SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) 13th Annual Statewide Conference will be held in St. Louis on October 5 – 7, 2017 at Marriott St. Louis West. This new location is ideally suited for participants and sponsors.

It’s not too early to mark your calendar and sign-up for the only conference in Missouri dedicated to current trends in innovative therapeutic strategies, cutting-edge and best-practice treatment options, and research specifically relating to brain injury. Please plan to join us.

Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6 are Professional Days geared for healthcare professionals, rehabilitation specialists, social workers, vocational counselors, physicians, psychologists, mental health professionals, case managers, service coordinators and all professional disciplines who provide care for individuals with brain injury.

Saturday, October 7 is our Survivor and Family Seminar Day. Topics are for survivors of brain injury, family members and caregivers. The BIA-MO Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon will be on Saturday.

This year’s Keynote Speaker is John Corrigan, PhD, ABPP with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. He is the project director for the Ohio Regional Traumatic Brain Injury Model System, which is a multi-center, longitudinal research program funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. In addition, he chairs the Executive Committee of the TBI Model Systems Project Directors and is Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation.

Dr. Corrigan will present “The Public Health Burden of TBI” at the BIA-MO 13th Annual Statewide Conference. Additional speakers and session topics will be announced soon.

Watch for updates on our website at www.biamo.org. Sponsorship, Exhibitor and Registration information will be sent via email and postal mail in August 2017.
STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION 2016

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) made a difference for survivors of brain injury, family members, professionals who provide care, and the community during 2016.

Our service areas of support, education, recreation and advocacy provided help, hope and healing for more than 7,000 individuals throughout Missouri in 2016. Through the involvement of many individuals and groups, our services continue to strengthen and expand as we make a difference every day.

Support
Primary success of BIA-MO within our Support services is our Support Groups. These groups throughout Missouri continue to be the life-line of support for many survivors and families. They can connect with others who have been impacted by brain injury. They know they are not alone and are learning from each other. More than 1,100 individuals participate in BIA-MO support groups and share the comfort they experienced with family and friends throughout the State.

Another success of our Support programs is our Information & Referral Service. Calls and searches for information regarding brain injury and referrals to community resources continue to increase as we helped more than 1,000 individuals find answers. This does not even include individuals who found answers in our printed material.

Recreation
The BIA-MO Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp provides a week of fun, adventure and independence for close to 70 survivors of brain injury. Many Campers attend year after year. This Camp has been making a difference for more than 30 years. The fun, relaxation and independence for survivors and respite for family members have been so valuable every year.

Social activities that are held throughout the State also made a difference for approximately 700 survivors of brain injury and family members in 2016.

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.

Three paid staff members work with more than 300 volunteers involved in the fundraising, program implementation, community education and advocacy efforts of BIA-MO.

Education
The BIA-MO Annual Statewide Professional Conference continues to make a difference as a highlight of our Education programs. Attendance in 2016 increased to 165 professionals of various disciplines who provide trauma care, rehabilitation, community support, independent living, mental health and other services for survivors of brain injury and their families.

The Survivor and Family Seminars also made a difference for nearly 350 individuals who attended one of these Seminars held in Southwest, Western and Eastern Missouri. The same topics were offered at each Seminar.

Nearly 900 coaches, licensed athletic trainers, athletic program directors, school nurses and administrators attended a BIA-MO Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies, and New Frontiers Seminar in 2016. They learned about the difference they can make to reduce the risks of concussions for youth.

Advocacy
Our Advocacy efforts make a difference by focusing on long-term “systems” approach for the prevention of brain injury and access to services for survivors.

Specifically, in 2016 we were active with the maintaining of the Missouri All Rider Motorcycle Helmet Law and securing $750,000 of general revenue for the Brain Injury Waiver. Unfortunately, by the end of 2016 the majority of the Brain Injury Waiver appropriation was restricted and not available to implement the Brain Injury Waiver. Advocacy for this important mechanism for access to services for survivors continues.

2016 Financial Status (unaudited)

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These differences made were only possible through the generous support and partnership from individuals, corporations, foundations, community organizations and government services. Thank you for making a difference through help, hope and healing for survivors of brain injury and their families.
BIA-MO ANNUAL AWARDS 2016

The dedication and efforts of many individuals make a difference for the brain injury community. The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) is proud to honor a few special individuals each year at our Annual Awards Luncheon.

Courage Award

Ryan Benton slipped into a coma after a night of drinking with friends. His recovery is continuing years later. Ryan shows his courage with his positive attitude and willingness to share his story whenever possible so others understand causes of brain injury and its impact.

Michael Cardwell sustained his brain injury in a car crash at age 21. He had a prognosis of “unlikely” survival. Michael did survive and was discharged from the hospital to the skilled nursing facility. He realized “this would be my life if I do not work hard.” He worked hard to persevere and showed his courage by initially walking 960 steps on his own.

Dr. Jaime Marulanda received his doctoral degree in Veterinary Medicine in Colombia, South America in 1991. He pursued his US Veterinary License, but was in a car crash and sustained a brain injury, which was not diagnosed until five years later. His love for animals and determination led him to recently receive his Masters Certificate as a Professional Dog Trainer.

Travis See and his family never lost hope and recognized courage. Ten months after his brain injury, it was discovered that a shunt was needed for the swelling in his brain to go down. Just three years after his injury, Travis can now walk on his own, help around the house, and even remember lyrics to songs. Travis is proud to tell you that he is a miracle.

Michael Valencia, Jr. sustained a severe TBI from a car crash in 2012. After two weeks in acute care, he transferred to inpatient rehabilitation to continue his recovery. He persevered through challenges and re-evaluated his life. His 2016 was a very special year with Michael graduating college in May to become an Occupational Therapist Assistant and being married in September.

Service Excellence Award – Community Service

Elks Mobile Dental Unit travels across Missouri to provide free dental services for individuals with disabilities, including brain injury. Dr. Richard Beck, Cynthia Smith and Joyce Howson took time and interest to learn more about brain injury to better serve these individuals who otherwise would not receive needed dental care.

Elizabeth Schott is committed to educating the community about brain injury. Her youthful energy and outreach ensures there are prizes for the Brain Injury Education Game at the SEMO District Fair. Liz is also appreciated for building community spirit at the Cape Girardeau support group with her encouraging words and positive attitude.

Legislator of the Year

Representative Jeanie Lauer has never wavered on her commitment to maintain the Missouri All Rider Motorcycle Helmet Law during her seven years as a State Representative. She understands the importance of preventing brain injuries. She also recognizes the importance of access to services and supports efforts to fund a Brain Injury Waiver.

Points of Light Award

Danielle Böse is a supportive and dedicated Case Manager with Preferred Family Healthcare who is known for giving all she can when helping her clients reach their goals of independence. Her passion and compassion are obvious and appreciated by individuals she serves.

Dolly (Betty) Gile is known for her cheerfulness, upbeat personality and encouragement for survivors. Her clients often say “I don’t know what I would have done without Dolly.” But it is more important what they achieve with Dolly – reaching goals on their road to independence.

Volunteers of the Year

Carol Ponciroli and Debbie Turley have been facilitating the Brain Injury Association support group for more than 20 years. Their exceptional commitment, extensive knowledge and professional expertise are an excellent combination as the first contact survivors and family members often have with the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. They also have a lasting impact for survivors and families to help them get through those bad days with brain injury.

Service Excellence Award – Prevention

Joseph Waeckerle, MD, FACEP was instrumental for jump-starting the regional format of the Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers seminars by authoring the “Concussion Management: The Team Plan” booklet. Dr. Waeckerle served as the Keynote Speaker in 2013 for these Seminars.

Service Excellence Award – Public Relations

Jenny Donovan, Joanie Huelsing and Amanda Sang are the Brain Injury Association of Missouri Newsletter Team. Jenny shares her communication expertise with writing the article drafts. Then Joanie takes over with proofreading, followed by the graphic design layout by Amanda. The result is the professional-quality newsletter you are reading today.
Lifetime Achievement Award

Cheryl Price was on her way to becoming an accomplished medical professional, working at the VA Hospital. During a third consecutive shift, Cheryl sustained a devastating fall, leading to a brain injury. She spent weeks in a coma and months in a nursing home. She overcame many obstacles and emerged as a stronger person than before the fall.

Cheryl has been instrumental in the stability, growth and impact of the Brain Injury Association. She served six appointments to various disability boards and commissions and helped form the Missouri Joint Interim Committee on TBI. She is known locally, statewide and nationally for her service on behalf of survivors of brain injury.

SSM Rehabilitation Network Educational Scholarship 2016

Corporate scholarship offered by SSM Rehabilitation Network – Select Medical Partnership to assist survivors of brain injury on their road to recovery through encouragement and educational support.

Joshua Craft - Ozark Technical Community College, Associates of Arts Degree
Kevin Stewart - Ozark Technical Community College, Drafting and Design Degree

Jim and Lori Winter Educational Scholarship

Donations to BIA-MO support the Jim and Lori Winter Scholarship Fund to provide two $500 scholarships for survivors of brain injury to continue post-secondary education.

Daniel Haase - Ozark Technical Community College, Associates of Arts Degree
Gabriel Holst - Missouri State University, Mechanical Engineering Technology Degree

In Honor of:

David Dyck, Jr. DO - HCA
Humanitarian Volunteer Award
Centerpointe Hospital

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Sarah Budde

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GIVE STL DAY
MAY 11, 2017

Please be part of the Give STL Day community-wide giving event. Mark your calendar for May 11 and watch your email for opportunities to make a difference and impact with the Brain Injury Association of Missouri on May 11.
DONOR RECOGNITION

Thank you to all of the individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations who contributed to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri in 2016. 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.

BIA-MO 12th Annual Statewide Conference
The only Conference in Missouri to specifically address issues related to brain injury.

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Tim Imhoff and Rachel Dietz

Break Sponsors
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Payroll deduction and purchase proceed donations were a convenient way for individuals to contribute more than $2,500 to support programs of BIA-MO.

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Survivor & Family Seminars 2016
Thanks to sponsorships, these regional seminars in Eastern, Southwest, and Western Missouri were free of charge for attendees.

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

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Third Party Events
Give STL Day
A 24-hour giving event with a local impact. About $2,500 was raised for BIA-MO in 2016.

Gordanville Grill
Proceeds from 10 Percent Tuesdays fundraiser to underwrite support group outreach, Information & Referral Services, and advocacy to serve the Southeast Missouri community.

Walk-Float-Swim
Campers of the Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp logged laps around the camp and in the pool to raise close to $3,500. David Van Dyck (DVF) raised $1,200 as the 2016 Top Fundraiser.

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Leadership gift of $5,000 or more for organization sustainability and growth.
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