One hundred golfers teamed up and teed-off for the Brain Injury Association of Missouri 23rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament on August 29, 2010 at the Norman K. Probst Community Golf Course in Forest Park, St. Louis. The 18 hole four-person golf scramble raised more than $56,000 for programs, education, recreation and advocacy for survivors of brain injury and their families.

Competition and camaraderie were enhanced by a variety of activities including “Paying the Pro.” Norwood Hills Country Club golf pro, Jo D Duncan Armstrong helped many teams improve their score while increasing proceeds from the event. Also on the golf course for the BIA-MO tournament were St. Louis Rams Cheerleaders selling Grab Bags with a surprise gift. Many of the golfers had their picture taken with the Cheerleaders.

The day concluded with dinner, Silent and Live Auctions and awarding of prizes. John Kelly, the Voice of the Blues, and Jay Randolph Jr., host of Fairways and Greens on KFNS 590 AM, served as Auctioneers for the Live Auction. Their enthusiasm encouraged donors to bid higher and higher. Bidders won St. Louis Blues hockey tickets, Cardinals Club tickets for a 2011 season game, a 10-course Walters Golf Package, and a Party for 40 at McGurk’s Irish Pub.

The 1st Place Flight Prize winners were the Clark & Otis Properties Team and the John Vatterott Team. Jim and Gayla Bernardini donated a round of golf for four at St. Alban’s Country Club for each of the 1st Place winners.

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The Miracle Gift

Many of us have heard of a non-profit organization receiving an extraordinary large gift out-of-the-blue. This “Miracle Gift” often comes at the right time to help the organization stabilize financially, upgrade equipment and expand programs. Every Board Member and Executive Director dreams of just such a gift.

I wish I could report that the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) has received a Miracle Gift. But we haven’t - at least not yet.

A Miracle Gift to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri would jump start our Strategic Plan priorities to strengthen the organization infrastructure, expand Membership and Member Services, and increase awareness.

Specific priorities identified by the BIA-MO Board of Directors for new money received, beyond our annual operating budget include strengthening our annual Membership Campaign in March, scheduling speakers for educational programs for students and community groups, exploring the addition of staff to expand programs, and extending Survivor and Family Seminars to additional locations throughout the State.

We welcome the opportunity to help you explore ways to make a Miracle Gift to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.

In the meantime, the organization will continue to be strengthened as we increase financial support for programs and to build the organizational capacity to be a strong, stable organization to serve survivors, family members and professionals. Our current strong board leadership, loyal supporters, active volunteers and excellent programs will continue working to create a better future for persons with brain injury.

Your Miracle Gift can be a one check donation, multiple year pledge or future bequest. Call me at 314-426-4024 or 800-444-6443 to discuss how your Miracle Gift will strengthen the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.
GO GREEN!

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The real winners are the survivors of brain injury who will have access to support groups, social activities and educational programs all year long. Golf tournament proceeds help BIA-MO continue advocacy efforts that ensure access to services and the prevention of brain injuries throughout the year.

A successful event is only possible through the efforts of an energetic Planning Committee. Thanks to Gayla Bernardini for chairing the BIA-MO golf tournament again. Her great committee included Joan and John Vatterott, Lori Winter, Nancy and Stan Wieberg, Diane and Bob Trame, Cheryl and Mike Sparks, Karen Ruzicka, Sue and George Orton, Lisa Miller, Retta and Dan Lelitz, Kathy and Bernie Keusenkenothen, Mary Ann Holdin, Anna Gruber, Allison Cunningham, Laura Butsch, Marci and Jeff Bikshorn and Kelly Bailey.

Please plan to join us next year for the Brain Injury Association of Missouri golf tournament which raises more than 20 percent of the BIA-MO annual budget.

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AWARD NOMINATIONS 2010

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 supported 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 who has given everlasting contributions to the brain injury community.

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 who has given everlasting contributions 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 1, 2010. Nominations should be submitted to Lisa Scott at Lisa.Scott@healthsouth.com or Rusk Rehabilitation Center, 315 Business Loop 70 West, Columbia, MO 65203. For questions, Lisa can be reached at 573-817-4780.
BIA-MO CONFERENCE

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The conference is not all learning and working. The Survivors Creativity Showcase and Sale will give participants the opportunity to appreciate the skills and products of survivors of brain injury as well as the opportunity to purchase gifts for themselves and others.

Artists, authors and other crafters who have sustained a brain injury are encouraged to participate in the Survivors Creativity Showcase and Sale. A registration form is in the conference brochure available at www.biamo.org or by calling the BIA-MO office at 800-444-6443 or 314-426-4024.

The Professional Conference portion will conclude with an inspirational presentation of “A Recipe for Hope” by Michael Segal, a survivor of a traumatic brain injury. He also will begin the Survivor and Family Day with a message of encouragement and hope.

Additional sessions on Saturday, October 23, 2010 for survivors and families are “Therapies at Home”, “Complementary Therapies”, and a Panel Discussion of healthcare professionals, legal, financial and brain injury professionals as well as persons with brain injury.

The Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 23. All members of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri, conference attendees and guests are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required.

The cost for the Brain Injury Association of Missouri 6th Annual Statewide Conference remains the same as last year. The Professional Conference registration fee is $185 for non-members of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri and $135 for BIA-MO Members. The cost for Wednesday through Friday sessions for family members is $75 and $60 for persons with brain injury. A special rate of $65 is available for students.

Athletic directors and coaches may register for “Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers” on Friday, October 22 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm for the track-specific rate of $115 for non-members of the Association and $75 for BIA-MO Members.

The Survivor and Family Day sessions as well as the Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting are free. Registration is required.

Registration forms and additional information about all conference sessions and activities are available at www.biamo.org or by calling 800-444-6443 or 314-426-4024. Registration deadline is October 1, 2010.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Name: ____________________________
Agency/Organization: ____________________________
Address: ______________________________________
City/State/Zip: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Fax: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________
Additional Names 1. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________ 3. ____________________________ 4. ____________________________ 5. ____________________________

Professional Conference, October 20—October 22, 2010
Non-Member BIA-MO (Wed-Fri) $185 x = $____
BIA-MO Member (Wed – Fri) $135 x = $____
Family Member $75 x = $____
Survivor $60 x = $____
Student $65 x = $____

MOPA CEU Credits Non-member MOPA $35 x = $____

Sports Concussions Track, Friday, October 22, 2010
BIA-MO Non-Member Friday only $115 x = $____
BIA-MO Member Friday only $75 x = $____
Survivor, Family & Friends FREE x
Awards Luncheon (Lunch Guest Only) FREE x
(Reservations Required by October 1, 2010)

Survivors Creativity Showcase & Sale Artist Sign-up
Thursday, October 21, 2010 $10 x = $____
Saturday, October 23, 2010 $10 x = $____
Thursday & Saturday, October 21 and 23 $15 x = $____

BIA-MO Membership = $____
$300 + Points of Light $200 Organization
$50 Professional $35 Family
Survivors of brain injury – Free Membership

Additional Donation to support BIA-MO programs= $____

Number of attendees TOTAL ENCLOSED = $____

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SPECIAL THANK YOU

Boeing Employees Community Fund provided $2,700 for Camp expenses of scholarships, transportation and program costs to help keep the camp fee affordable for survivors of brain injury. This grant is the result of contributions by the employees of the Boeing Company in the St. Louis area.

Missouri Foundation for Health awarded $36,000 for ongoing costs that are central to the mission of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. The Missouri Foundation for Health is a philanthropic organization whose vision is to improve the health of the people in the communities it serves.

Points of Light Member who wishes to remain anonymous has provided a $1,000 donation which will be utilized for BIA-MO programs of support, education, recreation and advocacy for survivors of brain injury, family members, professionals and the community.

Signature Healthcare Foundation included the Brain Injury Association of Missouri as one of the of the agencies benefitting from their annual golf tournament. We greatly appreciate the $10,000 received from this event.

The Pott Foundation underwrote camp program costs and scholarships for survivors from the St. Louis area attending the Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp through their grant of $2,000.

Tim O’Brien Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks continued its support for the BIA-MO Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp by providing $2,200 in scholarship and program costs assistance for residents of the Ozarks of Missouri.

St. Louis Service Bureau donated $1,000 towards the Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp for scholarships and program costs to help provide a week of fun, relaxation and independence for survivors of brain injury.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

May 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010

IN MEMORY OF

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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.

In an effort to reduce costs, the Brain Injury Association of Missouri will send newsletters and other information electronically, upon request. To receive information via email, please contact Betsy Liberatore, BIA-MO Program and Office Administrator, at BLiberatore@biamo.org or 800-444-6443.

Advocacy efforts of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri this year focused on access to services for survivors of brain injury and their families as well as the prevention of brain injuries.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our advocacy efforts on Brain Injury Awareness Day in March and by contacting elected officials.

The Missouri 95th General Assembly session concluded on May 14, 2010 with not great news for the brain injury community.

The Department of Health and Senior Services Adult Head Injury Program took a $614,000 general revenue budget cut for FY2011. This budget cut will reduce support and transitioning services for individuals age 22 or over who have sustained a traumatic brain injury.

Individuals eligible for the DHSS Adult Head Injury Program currently have a wait period of nearly two years for services such as pre-employment training, transitional home and community support, and adjustment counseling. All of these services are vital for survivors of brain injury to increase their quality of life.

This year’s legislative session is considered one of the lowest bills-passed sessions on record due to the State budget deficit, an election year for all 163 State Representatives, and many legislators being term-limited out of office.

These factors resulted in limited action or non-passage of youth sports concussion legislation, changes to the Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council name change and composition, or comprehensive day therapies covered by MO HealthNet. None of these legislative priorities moved forward to benefit survivors of brain injury.

We were successful with no action being taken on the repeal of Missouri’s all-rider motorcycle helmet law. Another brain injury prevention highlight is stronger DWI laws with additional penalties.

The 96th Missouri General Assembly session will begin on January 5, 2011 with as many as 90 new legislators.

Please plan to join us for Brain Injury Awareness Day 2011 in Jefferson City.

Your voice is also needed throughout the year. Periodic “Advocacy Alerts” are sent via email regarding legislation being considered and a call-for-action. To become a BIA-MO Advocate and receive the Advocacy Alert emails, please contact the Brain Injury Association of Missouri at Advocacy@biamo.org or call 800-444-6443 or 314-426-4024.

BIA-MO SUPPORT GROUPS – HELD MONTHLY

**Branson:** First Monday 5:00 p.m., Branson Community Center, Kim Fowler (417)862-1753.

**Cape Girardeau:** First Monday, 6:30 p.m., Healthpoint Plaza/SE Outpatient Rehab, Cathy Tanksley (573)986-4411.

**Columbia:** *Afternoon group:* Fourth Wednesday 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Services for Independent Living, Jill Lamberti (573) 874-1646. *Evening group:* Second Thursday 7:00 p.m., Rusk Rehabilitation Center, Eric Hart (573)882-8876.

**Farmington:** Last Monday 6:30 p.m., Center for Independent Living, Angie (800)596-7273.

**Hannibal:** Second Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Marion County Services, Lisa Curtis (573) 985-7121.

**Jefferson County:** Third Wednesday 10:00 a.m., DRA Office, Suzan Weller (636)931-7696 ext. 126.

**Joplin:** Second Tuesday 2:00 p.m., Independent Living Center, Andrea Buening (800)346-8951.

**Independence:** First Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, Dawn Tish 816-522-9013.

**Kansas City:** Second Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Hillside Christian Church, Kathryn Dixon (816) 353-8754.

**Rolla:** Last Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, Deb Merrell (573) 364-6644.

**Sedalia:** Second Thursday 6:30 p.m., Bridges of Missouri, Terri Marr at (660) 827-7517.

**Springfield:** Second Tuesday 5:30 pm, Alternative Opportunities, Marsha Milleson (417)862-1753.

**St. Charles:** Second Thursday 7:00 p.m., St. Joseph’s Health Center, St. Charles Room, BIA-MO office (314)426-4024.

**St. Joseph:** Third Thursday 6:30 p.m., MERIL, Lori Hansen (800)242-9326.

**St. Louis:**

- **South:** Third Wednesday 10:00 a.m., DRA Office, Suzan Weller (636)931-7696 ext. 126.
- **North:** Third Wednesday 7:00 pm, BIA-MO office, (314)426-4024.
IN MY OWN WORDS

By Bob Sargent

There is so much I like about Camp. I have been going for more than 20 years and always look forward to it.

There are so many best parts of Camp. I really like it because it is "outdoorsy". The camaraderie with old friends I met over the years is always fun. It is also nice meeting new friends. Next year they will be old friends and we can catch-up.

Of course, there is the dancing. That is always fun.

There is also the swimming and the basketball. All of it. I really enjoy everything about Camp and am glad I go each year.

I am already looking forward to Camp next summer. It is a good time.

If someone hasn’t attended yet, they should come in next year.

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri hosts the Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp each summer at Wonderland Camp at the Lake of the Ozarks. This weeklong camp is the only organized outdoor experience specifically for survivors of brain injury in Missouri.

All activities are adapted for each Camper’s abilities. Accommodations include air-conditioned group cabins which are fully accessible, including showers and restrooms.

For more information or to receive an application for the Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp in 2011, please contact Betsy Liberatore at BLiberatore@biamo.org or 800-444-6443.

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.