ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

March is Membership month and this is your personal invitation to join the Brain Injury Association of Missouri or to renew your membership.

If you are renewing your Membership, “Thank You!” We are grateful for your support of our Mission.

If this is your first time to consider Membership with the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) and you are wondering why you should be part of this organization, continue reading this newsletter or visit our website. Both are filled with stories of hope and help for individuals and families living with brain injury and those working to make their lives better.

Your Membership provides support, education, recreation and advocacy through the programs of BIA-MO. These programs are Support Groups, Information & Referral Service, Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp, Annual Statewide Professional Conference and Survivor & Family Seminars. We also provide Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers education and Speakers Bureau presentations. Renewing your Membership or becoming a Member for the first time is vital for these services.

As a Member, you receive the Brain Injury Association of America The Challenge quarterly magazine and discount Registration Fee to the BIA-MO Annual Statewide Professional Conference. Professional and Corporate Members also receive a subscription to The Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation.

Membership is a great way to make a difference in the lives of survivors of brain injury and to stay updated on information about brain injury and the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.

Every 9 seconds someone sustains a brain injury. By the time you complete the enclosed Membership envelope, another child or adult will have sustained a brain injury. Make the next 9 seconds count. Renew or join as a Member today. See form on page 7 of this newsletter or enclosed envelope.

MARCH IS BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

BIA-MO will feature Brain Injury Fact of the Day
www.biamo.org
Facebook (bia.missouri)
Twitter (bia_missouri) posts
#Change Your Mind about brain injury

WILDERNESS CAMP - “YES!” OR “NO!”

Are you looking for new adventures and wondering what it is like to zip-line through the trees, scale the alpine tower, or skim across the lake in a paddle boat?

Maybe “yes!” Maybe “no!”

Perhaps you are the type of person who likes to relax by the pool in the afternoon, sing by the campfire, listen to music in the shade, or participate in an accessible nature trail hike.

You do not have to choose. Survivors of brain injury can have fun with all of these activities at Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp hosted by the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO).

All activities are adapted to each Camper’s abilities. Whether you are swimming, playing basketball, zip lining, enjoying arts and crafts, singing karaoke, dancing or simply relaxing, there is something for everyone. Conversations with others who understand challenges of life with brain injury are supportive, helpful and hopeful.

The BIA-MO Camp is a long-standing tradition of a week of fun, adventure and friendship for survivors of brain injury, and a time of respite for family caregivers.

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MAUREEN’S MESSAGE

MAUREEN CUNNINGHAM
BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The phone rang recently and a Mom shared how her child sustained a brain injury about a year ago. There was heartache, confusion, frustration and tears in her voice. But there was no hope.

Like many other callers, the first questions are often “What do I do now?” or “What is the next step?”

I assured her that she took an important first step – she reached out for help.

And another important step is for her to get connected with other families. She is not alone.

We discussed support groups and the Survivor & Family Seminars offered by the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO). We also discussed our Information & Referral Services to help identify potential resources within the community that may be available to meet specific needs of her child. The benefits of the Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp and social activities held throughout the year were also mentioned.

She, and other callers, have found their next steps - as BIA-MO provides help. They now have hope.

What is your next step? Each of us have opportunities to create hope for ourselves, loved ones, survivors of brain injury, families and the community.

Your next step may be to attend a Support Group, Survivor & Family Seminar, social activities or Camp. These are great opportunities to spend time with other survivors and family members to share suggestions, ask questions and even laugh or celebrate accomplishments.

Taking time to embrace each accomplishment, that others may consider minor, is a big step in acknowledging that each moment matters and in keeping determination to reach your goals.

If you or your loved one are many years post-injury, you could be part of the hope for others. At the support, education and recreation programs offered by BIA-MO, you could share what you have learned to ease fears and challenges for newly-impacted individuals.

Your next step could be to ensure BIA-MO services are available for others through a financial gift. You may write a check or make a donation online at www.biamo.org, call the BIA-MO office at 1-800-444-6443, or make a future bequest gift to BIA-MO.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to individuals who raise money for the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO). Fundraising involvement of others is appreciated and vital for services for survivors of brain injury and family members as well as education for care providers, youth and the community.

Special Opportunity Fundraising (aka third-party fundraisers) is when an individual or group raises money to benefit BIA-MO. They inform family, friends and colleagues about their fundraising through personal emails, social media postings, and letters. Donations are made directly to BIA-MO online at www.biamo.org or by check payable to BIA-MO. Individuals who coordinate the fundraising effort have sole responsibility for outreach and donation requests, while BIA-MO sends contributors a letter for tax purposes.

Current Special Opportunity Fundraisers for BIA-MO are:

Mike Bigogno is a survivor of brain injury. His story of flying off a skateboard, hitting his head on the pavement and given only a 10 percent chance of survival is well documented. Mike spent weeks in a coma, and later months and months in rehabilitation. He used his Iron Man training in 2018 to encourage family and friends to donate to BIA-MO, raising $7,000. Mike continues to be an Iron Man and inspiration for others.

Tom Dixon is a Speech Language Pathologist who sees the impact of brain injury every day. When he signed up for Go! St. Louis – his first-ever half marathon – he decided to make his training sessions fun by raising money for BIA-MO. He posted it on his Facebook page and donations are on a steady pace. He exceeded his initial goal and current total is sprinting towards $750 before race day on April 7, 2019. Go! Tom.

We appreciate these unique efforts by BIA-MO supporters to help spread the word about brain injury as well as provide services and resources for survivors and families.

For more information about creating your own Special Opportunity Fundraiser, please contact Maureen Cunningham, BIA-MO Executive Director, at MCunningham@biamo.org or 314-426-4024.
SURVIVOR AND FAMILY SEMINARS
SAME SESSION – THREE LOCATIONS

Knowing the facts about brain injury can make a difference in how each person approaches and copes with their new and often challenging life with brain injury. Whether a survivor, family member, friend or caregiver, life is likely to be different than planned. Finding hope in this newness of life with brain injury is critical. And hope is something the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) provides along with help.

The BIA-MO Survivor and Family Seminar is a great opportunity to learn how to cope, gain insight from others, and realize you are not alone. This year’s program topics include:

• Brain Injury 101
• Understanding and Coping with Sensory Overwhelm
• What is Neuropsychology?
• Brain Injury and Depression
• Improving Memory and Other Thinking Skills After Brain Injury
• Moving Forward - Developing Your Winning Team
• Exercising Your Brain

There is also time to share experiences of life with brain injury. Let’s Talk session includes two facilitated discussion groups, one for persons with brain injury and one for family and friends.

On Wednesday, May 1, 2019 the St. Louis community will show its generosity. The Brain Injury Association of Missouri will be participating in this 24-hour day of giving, Give STL Day, sponsored by the St. Louis Community Foundation.

Your donation can be doubled! A generous donor has offered to match contributions to BIA-MO, up to $50 each. With your support, and the matching gift, we will reach our goal of $4,000.

Mark your calendar for May 1 for Give STL Day. Or you may preschedule your gift between April 9 – 30 by visiting www.givestlday.org
CONCUSSION EDUCATION – SUCCESS IN 2019

With the goal of reducing the risk of concussions and improving concussion management protocols, the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers has become the premier educational opportunity for youth sports team and school personnel in Missouri.

This year, Seminars were held in St. Louis, Kansas City and Columbia during February and March. Paid and volunteer Coaches, Athletic Program Administrators, Licensed Athletic Trainers, School Nurses and other personnel instrumental in concussion care for youth, along with volunteers involved with the implementation of school, community, recreational or club sports for youth, from across the state attended. Program evaluations completed by attendees summarize that the new information and reminders of best practices provided were appreciated and worth their time.

The educational content for this year’s Seminars included: Concussion Facts and Fallacies; Return to Life Activities; Concussion Continuum – Screening, Identification, Care Management and Prevention; and New Frontiers. Seminars in St. Louis and Kansas City included a case studies discussion.

BIA-MO provided these educational seminars free-of-charge through the generosity of Program Partners and Sponsors.

For more information, visit our website: www.biamo.org or email concussions@biamo.org.

Partnering Organizations
Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services
Missouri State High School Activities Association
Missouri Athletic Trainers’ Association
Missouri Association of Rural Education
Missouri Association of School Nurses
UMKC Institute for Human Development

IN MY OWN WORDS
By Emily B.

I’m a survivor of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). I was diagnosed with TBI March 8, 2013, when I was a senior at Blair Oaks high school and set to graduate the middle of May.

I drove a small two door Chevrolet Cavalier. My view was blocked by a huge pile of snow so I couldn’t get a clear view of turning left out of a parking lot when a truck with a brush guard on the front hit me on my side.

I was unconscious and showed no vital signs. I was resuscitated and life-flighted to University Hospital where I spent 10 days in the ICU. Six of those days I was on a ventilator. I was transported to Rusk Rehabilitation to re-learn everything from tying my shoes to walking to talking and re-learning my speech. I had to re-learn how to eat and write which is still a struggle.

I was expected to be at Rusk Rehab for about two months but with my “miraculous” recovery I was released May 8, 2013.

I also accomplished another huge milestone in my life. I graduated from Blair Oaks High School on time in May of 2013. I got a standing ovation from the entire crowd after the Superintendent or High School principal told about my car wreck and battling for my life just months ago.

Daily life is a huge struggle for me. Relationships and friendships are difficult to hold on to. My mental and emotional state of mind is much different and definitely not as strong as it used be. Not many people understand why I’m angry, frustrated or having any other kind of emotion. I get bored easily and lose interest in almost everything. I often get more fatigued than what is considered “normal.”

I fully understand that nothing in my life will ever be the same. I’ve come to the understanding, and want to share with you, that everything takes time. Perseverance and patience with yourself is important in your new life with brain injury.

CONCUSSION EDUCATION SPONSORS
WHY BOWLING FOR BRAIN INJURY?

It’s fun. Bowling is one of those sports you can enjoy with family and friends or on a team of co-workers. It is exciting for people of all ages and abilities and everyone can do it. You don’t have to be a high-scoring bowler to enjoy two hours on the lanes.

It’s easy. You can choose a light-weighted ball or a heavy one with more zip. Bumpers in the gutter help you hit more of the pins. And automatic scoring lets you know the success of each bowler – as everyone has fun.

It’s a win-win with a purpose. When you participate in Bowling for Brain Injury, you are not just raising money for BIA-MO, you are raising awareness about brain injury and providing support and resources for survivors and families.

It’s your story. Set up a personal webpage on the Bowling for Brain Injury website to share your story and why you are Bowling for Brain Injury. Then simply invite friends, family members, co-workers, and neighbors to sponsor you towards your fundraising goal. Within your personal story, tell how donations offer education about brain injury, resources for survivors and families, recreational opportunities for individuals living with brain injury, and advocacy to prevent brain injuries. You and your supporters will be able to watch the progress towards your goal on your webpage.

It’s in more locations. This year Bowling for Brain Injury will be in three cities – Kansas City, Springfield and St. Louis. That’s right, you have more places to bowl or you may choose to be a virtual bowler.

It’s time. Get your team together to strike up support for your Bowling for Brain Injury fundraiser. Share your webpage, lace up the bowling shoes, choose the right size ball, and you are ready to roll with the fun!

Join us Saturday June 15, 2019 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at a Bowling for Brain Injury location to support the Mission of BIA-MO.

To register your team or for more information visit our website, www.biamo.org, or email, Bowling@biamo.org.

WILDERNESS CAMP - “YES!” OR “NO!”
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This year’s BIA-MO Camp will again be at Sunnyhill Adventure Camp in Dittmer, Missouri between May 26 – 31. This week includes Camp activities, fully accessible cabin accommodations, meals, and staff assistance. Transportation is available from St. Louis, St. Joseph, Kansas City and Columbia.

The cost of Camp is $390 for Missouri residents and $475 for out-of-state residents. This is a fraction of the actual costs of Camp, however, not every Camper who wants to attend Camp can afford to do so.

If you are not a Camper but want to be a part of this adventure week too – please Sponsor-a-Camper. Your donation of $390 or more will provide a full scholarship. Donations of any amount help with partial scholarships and other costs of Camp.

The BIA-MO Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp on May 26 – 31, will be here before you know it. Now is the time to get your Camp Registration Packet - download at www.biamo.org, email Camp@biamo.org or call 1-800-444-6443.

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SPORTS CONCUSSIONS: FACTS, FALLACIES AND NEW FRONTIERS SEMINARS
Concussion-related education for youth coaches and team personnel (paid or volunteer) as well as school nurses, counselors, PE teachers, and administrators.
**Columbia** – Monday, March 11, 2019 from 7:30 am – 11:00 am
Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), 1 N. Keene St, Columbia, MO 65201

SURVIVOR AND FAMILY SEMINAR
Free educational seminar with information, practical suggestions and guidance about living with brain injury.

**Southwest Missouri**
**Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm**
Catherine McAuley Conference Center, Mercy Medical Center – Springfield, 1235 E Cherokee, Springfield, MO 65804

**Western Missouri**
**Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm**
Community Center for Health & Education, Saint Joseph Medical Center, 1000 Carondelet Drive, Kansas City, MO 64114

**Eastern Missouri**
**Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm**
Marriott St. Louis West, Grand Ballroom, 660 Maryville Centre Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141

NETWORKING COFFEE FOR PROFESSIONALS
Professionals who provide care for persons with brain injury learn about resources and assistance for clients, consumers and patients. Sign-up for Networking Coffee emails at Alyssa@biamo.org.

**St. Louis**
**June 4, Sep 5, and Dec 3, 2019 from 8:30 am – 10:00 am**
BIA-MO Office, 2265 Schuetz Road, St. Louis, MO 63146

**Springfield**
**May 16, Aug 15, and Nov 15, 2019 from 8:30 am – 10:00 am**
Preferred Family Healthcare, 2626 W College, Springfield, MO 65802

BIA-MO DONALD DANFORTH JR. WILDERNESS CAMP
Week-long outdoor Camp for persons with brain injury currently over the age of 18, regardless of age at the time of injury or cause of injury. Activities adapted for each Camper’s abilities. Sleeping cabins are air-conditioned. Bus transportation available from St. Joseph, Kansas City, Columbia and St. Louis.

**Sunday, May 26 – Friday, May 31, 2019**
Sunnyhill Adventure Camp – Dittmer, Missouri

BOWLING FOR BRAIN INJURY
Teams of up to six raise a goal of $500 to support local programs for survivors and family members, as well as increase awareness about brain injury.

**Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**
**Kansas City** – AMF Pro Bowl Lanes, 505 E. 18th St, North Kansas City, MO 64116

**Springfield** – Enterprise Park Lanes, 1625 S. Enterprise Ave, Springfield, MO 65804

**St. Louis** – Brunswick Zone, 176 Four Seasons Shopping Center, Chesterfield, MO 63017

ANNUAL STATEWIDE CONFERENCE
Professional Development opportunity for medical, rehabilitation, vocational, agriculture, community supports, independent living and other professionals who provide care for persons with brain injury on a full-time, periodic or occasional basis.

**St. Louis**
**October 3 – 5, 2019 from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm**
Marriott St. Louis West, 660 Maryville Centre Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141

HONORARIUM & MEMORIAL GIFTS
(December 1, 2018 – February 15, 2019)

**IN HONOR OF**
- Tom Dixon – TRISL Half Marathon
  - Shanna Brueckner
  - Lisa Burdess
  - Kylie DeVries
  - Theresa Dixon
  - Katelyn Gallup
  - Allison Guidry
  - Lori Hayden
  - Daphne and Tom Jackson
  - Emily and Justin Johanson
  - Miranda Middleton
  - Dezarae Pharr
  - Todd Pauckman
  - Chris Rausch
  - Cameron Reinhardt
  - Maddy Reynolds
  - Michele Schlegel
  - Morgan Treloar
  - Erich Zeimantz
  - Jean Zimmer

- Mike Bigogno – IronMan Competition
  - Dorothy Bigogno
  - Beth Dauber
  - Ralph Klink
  - Sarah Davis
  - Ralph Klink
  - Deb Turley
  - Ralph Klink

**IN MEMORY OF:**
- Annette Collins
- John Collins
- Philip Robert Colter
- Brandon Colter
- Ming Tang
- Sue and George Orton
- Carol Danforth
- Barb and Bill Macon
- Henry Ruggeri III
- Elliot Dole

For Sponsorship and registration information regarding these events, visit [www.biamo.org](http://www.biamo.org), email info@biamo.org, or call the BIA-MO office at 1-800-444-6443 or 314-426-4024

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri is on Facebook. facebook.com/bia.missouri
I WILL PROVIDE HELP & HOPE!

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

BIA-MO Membership
My annual Membership is a
☐ New Membership    ☐ Renewed Membership
☐ Points of Light ($500 or more)
☐ Corporate Membership ($500 or more)
   with link from BIA-MO
   Website address for link: _____________________
☐ Corporate/Organization ($200 or more) without link

Survivor & Family Seminars 2019
Registration
☐ Southwest Missouri on Saturday, March 23, 2019
☐ Western Missouri on Saturday, April 13, 2019
☐ Eastern Missouri on Saturday, October 5, 2019

Sponsorship – contact me for Sponsorship in the following Region(s):
☐ Southwest Missouri on Saturday, March 23, 2019
☐ Western Missouri on Saturday, April 13, 2019
☐ Eastern Missouri on Saturday, October 5, 2019

Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp
☐ Send me a Camp Packet
☐ Sponsor-A-Camper
☐ Full Scholarship ($390)    ☐ Partial Scholarship ($____)

Contact Information:
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                                          City ___________________ State _____  Zip Code _______

Donation Payment, if applicable: Check payable to Brain Injury Association of Missouri or credit card.
Visa/Discover/MasterCard/American Express #
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Mail to BIA-MO, 2265 Schuetz Road, St. Louis, MO 63146-3409 or make your donation or request more information at www.biamo.org.
ADVOCACY ACTION

Freshman Legislators
Missouri 100th Legislative Session began on January 7, 2019 with nearly 65 first-time State Representatives and Senators.

Action – Share Information with Elected Officials
If your Senator or Representative is one of the newly elected officials, or was re-elected, please send him or her an email to introduce yourself and share your story about brain injury. Please copy the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (Advocacy@biamo.org) on emails to your elected officials so we know which elected officials have been informed about brain injury related issues.

Attending a meeting hosted by elected officials or other groups is another option to meet your representatives to share information about brain injury and the prevention of brain injuries.

To find the contact information for your elected officials, visit www.moga.mo.gov. In the “2019 Session” section at the top of the computer screen, there is a “Member LookUp” selection for you to enter your address.

If help is needed identifying your elected officials, please contact Courtney Stevens, BIA-MO Office Administrator, Courtney@biamo.org or 1-800-444-6443.

Current Legislative Issues
Motorcycle Helmet Law – Senate Bill (SB) 120/House Bill (HB) 522 proposes to repeal the Missouri all-rider motorcycle helmet law. Weakening our current law will result in more deaths and more brain injuries. It will also increase costs to Missouri taxpayers.

Health Care Services for Cognitive Disabilities – SB45/HB399 states that health insurance providers cannot limit or deny coverage for health care or behaviors related to physical, cognitive or developmental disabilities for children age 18 and younger.

Action: Contact your State Senator and Representative
• OPPOSE SB120, HB522 and any legislation that weakens or repeals the Missouri all-rider motorcycle helmet law
• SUPPORT SB45 and HB399 as “clean” bills with no unrelated amendments.

For more information regarding these current or other legislative issues, contact Maureen Cunningham, BIA-MO Executive Director, at MCunningham@biamo.org or 1-800-444-6443.
STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION 2018

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) made a difference for survivors of brain injury, family members, care providers, and the community during 2018.

Our service areas of support, education, recreation and advocacy provided help, hope and healing for more than 7,000 individuals throughout Missouri in 2018. Through the involvement of many individuals and groups, our services continue to be strengthened 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 as they 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 impacted by brain injury participated in BIA-MO support groups where they shared comfort, discussed challenges and provided lessons-learned.

Another success of BIA-MO 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. An unknown number of individuals found answers through our printed material.

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 2018 we were active with the maintaining of the Missouri All-Rider Motorcycle Helmet Law. Revenue for the Brain Injury Waiver is in the State Budget and we were provided input for the Waiver application.

Unfortunately, the Brain Injury Waiver application is delayed due to CMS definition updated creating required application updates.

Recreation

The BIA-MO Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp provided a week of fun, adventure and independence for 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 2018.

Education and Prevention

The BIA-MO Annual Statewide Professional Conference continues to make a difference as a highlight of our Education programs. Attendance in 2018 was more than 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 more than 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 2018. They learned about the difference they can make to reduce the risks of concussions for youth.

Organization and Administration Overview

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.

These differences made were only possible through the generous support and partnership from individuals, corporations, foundation, community organizations and government services. Thank you for making a difference through help, hope and healing for survivors of brain injury and their families.
DONOR RECOGNITION

Thank you to all of the individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations who contributed to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri in 2018. 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 14th Annual Statewide Conference
The only Conference in Missouri to specifically address issues related to brain injury.

Co-Host Sponsor
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Keynote Sponsors
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Ozark Center
St. Louis Children’s Hospital
TRISL - The Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis

Break Sponsors
Preferred Family Healthcare

Survivor & Family Seminars 2018
Thanks to sponsorships these regional seminars in Eastern, Southwest, and Western Missouri were free of charge for attendees.

Keynote Sponsors
The Whole Person
Tim O’Brien Memorial Fund,
Community Foundation of the Ozarks

Break Sponsor
Department of Health & Senior Services
Missouri AgAbility Project

Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies, and New Frontiers
Education for team and school personnel to reduce the risk of concussion effects for youth.

Statewide Sponsors
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services/TBI Grant
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Southeast Health
SSM Health Physical Therapy
St. Louis District Dairy Council

Payroll Deduction and Purchase Proceed donations
This convenient way for individuals to contribute raised more than $2,400 to support programs of BIA-MO.

Community Health Charities (CHC)
Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)
Missouri State Employee Charitable Campaign (MSECC)
Company-based Campaigns – Amazon Smile, Benevity, Escript, Network for Good

Third Party Events
GiveSTL Day
A 24-hour giving event with a local impact. More than $3,200 was raised for BIA-MO in 2018.

Gordonville Grill
Proceeds from 10 Percent Tuesdays fundraiser to underwrite support group outreach, Information & Referral Services, educational programs and advocacy efforts to serve survivors, family members, professionals, and the Southeast Missouri community.

Iron Man Competition Fundraiser
Mike Bigogno, a survivor of brain injury, reached out to family and friends to raise money as he trained for the Iron Man Competition in October 2018. Nearly $7,000 was raised for BIA-MO through this fundraiser.

Walk-Float-Swim
Campers of the Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp logged laps around the Camp and in the pool to raise close to $1,000, with 2018 Top Fundraisers of Kristin Hahn and Mary McDermott.

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Department of Health and Senior Services
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Bowling for Brain Injury
Special event raising awareness about brain injury and providing support for services of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri

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SSM Health Saint Joseph Hospital
Saint Louis University Hospital
SSM Health Saint Joseph Hospital
Saint Louis University Hospital
St. Louis Children’s Hospital
The Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis

Corporate Members
Brain Injury Association of St. Louis (bistl.org)
Brookhaven Hospital (traumaticbraininjury.net)
Elks Mobile Dental Unit
Jonathan Dodd, PsyD
Law Office of L. Barry Gubin
Law Office of Mary Lou Martin
Martha C. Brown & Associates, LLC
Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital – Springfield (www.mercy.net/practice/mercy-rehabilitation-hospital-st-louis)
Newman Bronson & Wallis (www.newmanbronson.com)
Preferred Family Healthcare (pffh.org)
Sargent Construction Co. (www.sargent-construction.com)

Points of Light Champions
Leadership gift of $5,000 or more for organization sustainability and growth.
Mrs. Donald Danforth Jr.
William H. Danforth, MD
Sargent Construction Family
DONOR RECOGNITION
CONTINUED

Points of Light Members
Annual gift of $500 or more to support all programs of BIA-MO
Lisa and James Avery
Mrs. Melvin Bahle
Julia Barnes
Laura and Charles Barnes
Susan and Mark Bronson
John Collins
Margaret and Steve Culver
Maureen and Dave Cunningham
Molly and Chris Danforth
Adele Dietschneider
Lizzie and Chris Dorr
Wendy and Dave Dyck
Betty and David Farrell
Evelyn and Clayton Fenter
Audrey and Jay Feuerbacher
Mary and Richard Flood
Annette Griggs
Catherine and Duane Hagen
Kerry and Bill Holekamp
Kathy and David Hollo
Mary and Jimmy Howe
Rachel Dietz and Timothy Imhoff
Patti and Tom Jayne
Mary and Jerry Klein
Cheryl and Keith Kowalczyk
Karen Lane
Anne and Charles Mott
Loree and Rodney Rowe
Judy and Barry Sargent
Lauren and Fred Schwarz
Diane and Bob Trame
Barbara and Kurt Van Dyk
Debbye and Jack Van Ryn
Joan and John Vatterott
Kelly Westbrook
Mr. W. Grant Williams III

Foundation and Corporate Grants
Provide funding for specific programs or all services of BIA-MO
Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp
Dana Brown Foundation
Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis
Enterprise Holdings Foundation
Knights of Columbus – Camdenton
John Allan Love Foundation
Tim O’Brien Memorial Fund
Community Foundation of the Ozarks
St. Louis Recreation Council
St. Louis Service Bureau

Health and Human Services – Jefferson County Residents
Jefferson Foundation
BIA-MO Educational Services
Cardinals Care

Financial Status 2018 (unaudited)
Net Assets Beginning of the Year, 2017 Audit $478,698
Total Revenue & Support, 2018 unaudited $339,236
Total Expenses, 2018 unaudited $323,637
Net Assets, Projected End of Year 2018 $494,297

LEGACY OF LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

Memorial Gifts
Inform your family of your wishes for memorial donations to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO).
If possible, include the BIA-MO mailing address of 2265 Schuetz Road, St. Louis, MO 63146 and website of www.biamo.org in the obituary notice. Pre-addressed envelopes can be available at funeral-related services, upon request.

Life Insurance Beneficiary
List the Brain Injury Association of Missouri as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy.
This planned giving option can be an affordable way to make a significant gift to BIA-MO since you decide the premium payment amount that fits into your budget. The life insurance policy can be a new or existing policy.
When the policy benefits are paid, your donation will then be received by the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. Our EIN of 43-1264556 and the address of BIA-MO, 2265 Schuetz Road, St. Louis, MO 63146 should be included in the life insurance policy beneficiary section.

Will Bequest
Include the Brain Injury Association of Missouri in your Will, as a benefactor.
Your donation can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate.
A bequest is an excellent option to provide for your loved ones as well as make a donation to BIA-MO, since you define the distribution of your estate.
To ensure your donation to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri is allocated as intended, include the BIA-MO Employee Identification Number (EIN) of 43-1264556 and our address of 2265 Schuetz Road, St. Louis, MO 63146 in your Will.

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.
Join other survivors of brain injury and family members for a time of sharing and learning. You are not alone!

Cape Girardeau –
First Monday of the Month at 6:00 pm
Cape Girardeau Public Library,
711 N. Clark, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Columbia (Afternoon) –
Fourth Wednesday of Month at 12:00 pm
Services for Independent Living (SIL),
1401 Hathman Place, Columbia, MO 65201

Columbia (Evening) –
Second Thursday of Month at 7:00 pm
Rusk Rehabilitation Center,
315 Business Loop 70 West, Columbia, MO 65203

Hannibal – Third Tuesday of Month at 4:00 pm
Marion County Services,
12 Northport Plaza, Hannibal, MO 63401

Independence – First Tuesday of Month at 7:00 pm
Centerpoint Medical Center,
19600 East 39th S, Independence, MO 64057

Independence, Male Survivors Group –
Third Wednesday of Month at 6:30 pm
Centerpoint Medical Center,
19600 East 39th S, Independence, MO 64057
*This Support Group is open to males with brain injury.

Joplin – Second Tuesday of Month at 1:00 pm
The Independent Living Center,
2639 E. 34th Street, Joplin, MO 64804

Kansas City (North) –
Second Tuesday of Month at 7:00 pm
Hillside Christian Church,
900 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City MO 64118

Kansas City (Downtown) –
Second Thursday of Month at 1:00 pm
The Whole Person,
3710 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

Kirksville – First Monday of Month at 6:30 pm
Rural Advocates for Independent Living (RAIL),
1102 S. Jamison, Kirksville, MO 63501

Rolla – Last Tuesday of Month at 6:30 pm
Christ Episcopal Church,
1000 N. Main Street, Rolla, MO 65401

Springfield – Third Tuesday of Month at 5:00 pm
Preferred Family Healthcare,
2626 W. College, Springfield, MO 65802

St. Charles – Second Thursday of Month at 7:00 pm
SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital,
300 First Capitol Drive, St. Charles, MO 63301

St. Joseph – Third Thursday of Month at 6:00 pm
MOSAIC Life Care, 5325 Faraon Street,
St. Joseph, MO 64506

St. Louis (Northwest) –
Third Wednesday of Month at 7:00 pm
Brain Injury Association of Missouri Office,
2265 Schuetz Road, St. Louis, MO 63146

St. Louis (South/Southwest) –
Fourth Tuesday of Month at 7:00 pm
SSM Health St. Clare Hospital,
1015 Bowles Avenue, Fenton, MO 63026