The Brain Injury Association of Maryland relies on your membership dues and donations to assist in the execution of our special projects and to assist families and survivors. If you have not yet joined, we strongly urge you to do so! It is important that individuals with brain injuries, their families, and the professionals in the field all work together to develop services, legislation, and support systems. Please remember, we cannot do this without your help!

To renew or join, please contact Bryan Pugh at:
410.448.2924 or 1.800.221.6443 or online at: www.biamd.org

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Message from the Executive Director

For anyone who works with a nonprofit organization, be it a community service organization, recreation league, church, temple or mosque, you know the importance and dedication of the folks who serve as board members. In September, BIAMD three of our strongest Board members left the board as their terms expired. These long-term board members were simply amazing.

Other than to “serve Maryland’s brain injury community”, the founding board members of what was to become the Brain Injury Association of Maryland gave little direction to future generations. Subsequent board members had to determine funding priorities, develop financial management and investment practices, hire consultants and vendors, find office space, hire staff, and most importantly listen to needs of the community.

BIAMD has benefited greatly from the leadership of these outstanding men and women. They developed a mission and instilled a work ethic that is strong and comprehensive. They established funding guidelines and financial policies that are intended to be both transparent and fair. They made sure we put policies and procedures in place to not only enhance the lives of the individuals and families we serve, but also to improve the association’s ability to deliver quality services and innovative solutions. They challenged us to take risks and to get deeply involved in public policy discussions that affect the underserved and underrepresented.

As BIAMD transitions to new board leadership, I want to take time to thank our outgoing board members: Deb Youngquist, Jamie McElwee, and Terri Bishoff McDonald. Thanks for your leadership and friendship! Deb has been on and off the Board in a variety of roles, small and large for the better part of the organization’s life. Time for a break, but we know you will be back! Jamie has been the organization’s fiscal and business conscience since her arrival. A voice of reason and truth, not always easy to hear, but critically important in order to “do the right thing”. She will remain on as a consultant in some of our events and we are so grateful for that. Terri has appeared whenever and wherever she is needed. Whether it be working on most of BIAMD’s Committees, bringing food on race day, serving behind the scenes at Conference Registration, helping out at bowling events, or just bringing herself and her kids to lend a hand. We are lucky she will be staying on to help us on our ongoing events and initiatives.

We welcome new leaders to the BIAMD board: Sharon Christie as President, Terry Kirtz as Vice President, Dave Scallion as Treasurer, and Denise Epps as Secretary. We also officially welcome Dr. Dan Sullivan and Yelena Tuerk as well. We look forward to working with these Board leaders in their new roles as we continue the journey of providing leadership, advocacy and resources that eliminate barriers to quality health for Marylanders with brain injuries, their families and the professionals who serve them.

Warm Regards,
Bryan Thomas Pugh
Executive Director

www.biamd.org
Recap of Virtual Town Hall Meeting

September 22nd, 2016

The Brain Injury Association of Maryland’s year in review. Our annual virtual town hall meeting allows us to connect with our community to update them about our previous fiscal year, and elect new board members. This year, as seen in our new Board Presidents and Executive Director’s messages, we had three wonderful individuals who finished their terms on our board.

The brain injury community helped us elect 3 new wonderful board members: Dr. Dan Sullivan with Western Maryland Hospital Center, Dave Scanlon with the American Beverage Association, and Yuelna Tuerk with University of Maryland Rehabilitation and Orthopaedic Institute. They will be wonderful assets to our organization, and help us keep moving forward to best serve individuals who have sustained brain injury’s, and their families.

The BIAMD always looks forward to hearing feedback from the community. Let us know how we are doing! Interested in participating in next year’s Annual Town Hall Meeting? Send an email to info@biamd.org and join our mailing list!

2015-2016 Fiscal Year

Call for Presentations

Annual Education Conference
March 2017

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March 2017

Location: North Baltimore Radison-2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, MD 21093

Audience: Individuals with brain injury, family members/caregivers, and a wide range of providers and professionals, including educators, clinical and medical professionals, and representatives from state agencies.

Topics and Presentations: Progress, current and future challenges, strategies for improvement concerning all quality of life issues faced by individuals with brain injury and their families. Presentations should be 60 minutes long; this includes questions and answers from the audience.

- Systematic approaches for identification of brain injury & their implications
- Advances in emergency responsiveness, medical treatment, services & supports
- Co-occurring Conditions (for example, BI and mental health and/or substance abuse)
- Risk Factors for Individual with BI & Prevention Strategies
- Aging with brain injury -- from the individual and family members' perspectives
- Education, Transition to Work, Employment
- Assistive Technology, natural supports (strategies to maximize independence)
- Health, Wellness & Pursuit of the Good Life
- Awareness, Activism & Community Responsiveness
- Systems Change, Government Responsiveness, Partnerships & Collaborative Initiatives

Deadline: All proposals must be received by October 1, 2016. Abstracts must be complete and received by this deadline in order to be considered for acceptance. The Conference Planning Committee will review proposals and make decisions at the end of November 2016. Up to 2 presenters per session will attend for free on the day of their presentation.

Please submit proposals by filling out the form on our website:


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11th Annual Scarecrow 5K Run/Walk!

The Brain Injury Association of MD held its 11th Annual Scarecrow 5k run, 1 mile walk Fundraiser on October 2, 2016 at the beautiful University of Maryland Baltimore County Campus. After cloud cover, and threat of rain over 200 runners and walkers arrived at the race ready for fun, food, and a chance to place!

Runners and Walkers enjoyed a foggy and cool morning without rain, a chance to win door prizes, enjoyed delicious food including bagels provided by Flagship Cinemas and Panera Bread, banana’s provided by Giant, cereal bars provided by Wegmans, water bottle provided by the American Beverafe Association, and fruit, cider, and pretzels provided by Graul's Market. BIAMD continued the tradition of recognizing survivors by honoring them with a medal sponsored by Elville and Associates. The BIAMD recognized the top 3 fundraisers, who won Lands End Fleece Jackets!

The Brain Injury Association of MD would like to thank our sponsors, and volunteers for all of the hard work that made this fundraiser a success! With the help of the individual fundraisers, and the support of our generous sponsors, the BIAMD raised nearly $17,000. It is due to these individuals and sponsors that we are able to continue providing support and education to individuals with brain injuries and their families. We look forward to the 2017 Scarecrow and we hope to see you there!

Overall Champions
Overall Top 3 Male Winners (in order): Mark Landree, Paul Chasen, Jonathon Moore
Overall Top 3 Female Winners (in order): Annie Leslie, Cassidy Burdette, Matina Raftery
Overall Top 3 Fundraisers (in order): BURD Brains, National Rehab Network, Cerebral Striders

First Place Finishers
Male 15 and Under - Jacob Ham
Male 16-19 - Henry David Gannt
Male 20-29 - Dominick Laws
Male 30-39 - Martin Kerrigan
Male 40-49 - Dallas Reed
Male 50-59 - Brian Daugherty
Male 60-69 - Debbie Twombly
Male 70 and Over - Ted Westley
Female 15 and Under - Erika Landree
Female 16-19 - Lindsay Kohan
Female 20-29 - Hiroko Nishimura
Female 30-39 - Darya Fakory
Female 40-49 - Georgina Woiaik
Female 50-59 - Erica Chasen
Female 60-69 - Nora Whitmore
Female 70 and Over - Judy Irwin

Thank You Scarecrow Sponsors!
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
Treating Brain Injury: What Your Patients Want You to Know

Saturday, November 12, 2016
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
University of Maryland Rehabilitation & Orthopaedic Institute
Flynn Conference Room A, B & C
2200 Kernan Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Topics
* Diagnosis
* How to communicate medical information effectively
* Confabulation
* How to advocate for your patient
* Spasticity
* Resources for brain injury
* Health Information Exchange, CRISP
Eugenio Rocksmith, M.D.
Course Director

Register Online:
For November 12th: http://cmetracker.net/UMD/Login?Formname=RegLoginLive&eventID=15581

Fee: $40
Lunch will be provided

For immediate information, please contact Kara Keller at 410-371-7117

Accreditation:
The University of Maryland School Of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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Meet BIAMD’s Student Intern: Morgan Kemp!
Morgan is a junior at Glenelg High School in Howard County, Maryland. Through the Gifted and Talented Internship and Mentorship Program. In this program, Morgan studies her field of interest through her internship with BIAMD, and conducts individual research, throughout the school year, to comprise a synthesis paper and final project. Morgan's specific study topic is concussions, and awareness of the injury. She has studied the current research and knowledge in the “world” of concussions. For her project, Morgan hopes to develop and implement a concussion based health curriculum into Howard County Public Schools’ Elementary Schools. Morgan is very interested in the world of medicine, neurology, and brain injuries!
Featured Picture:

This quarter, we are featuring a picture of a quilt, which was hand-made by Carol Overstreet, who resides in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. She utilized squares that were decorated by individuals who attend the Anne Arundel County Brain Injury Support Group run by Deb Cottrill. Deb was instrumental in passing along the squares once the individuals had completed them. The purpose of the quilt was to allow individuals to share their stories, or things they enjoyed in order to bring awareness to brain injuries, and the effects.

The BIAMD is planning on taking it with them to the annual Brain Injury Awareness Day in Annapolis, Maryland, to show state representatives who serve these individuals, and show case it as our Annual Educational Conference.

A huge thank you goes to Carol for compiling all of the squares submitting and donating the quilt to the Brain Injury Association of Maryland. Another thank you to Deb Cottrill for organizing the individuals, and sending the squares! Finally, the largest thank you goes to the individuals who submitted squares to be included in the quilt.

New to Working with Brain Injury?

Are you seeing more individuals with brain injury coming into your program/placement? Are you interested in your staff learning more about working with individuals living with brain injury?

The Brain Injury Association of Maryland and Behavioral Health Administration are working together to help build Maryland's capacity to better serve individuals living with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and their families by offering training to professionals and organizations that want to enhance their ability to serve individuals who have a history of brain injury.

Our three hour in-person training addresses the following:

- Overview of TBI, who is affected and how
- The connection between TBI, mental health and substance use related disorders
- How to use a quick screening tool to help determine a probable history of TBI
- An introduction to strategies and supports that can be used to help engage people who have TBI related challenges and diminish barriers that prevent full participation at home, work, and the community
- What are the resources and services available to professionals, individuals living with brain injury, and their families around the state and how to access them

For more information, or to schedule a training, please contact:
Caitlin Starr
starr@biamd.org
410-448-2924 (x1004)

Governor’s Maryland Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board

This Advisory Board was appointed by the Governor to fulfill the mission of identifying needs, gaps in services, and potential funding resources by building relationships and collaborating with elected officials and heads of State Agencies that will influence policy, promote prevention, education and effective interventions that impact outcomes in order to support recovery and quality of life for every Marylander affected by brain injury.

There are currently positions open on the Governor's Board, which are open to individuals living with brain injuries, and family members. If you are interested, please contact:

Stefani O’Dea
stefani.odea@maryland.gov
or (410)-402-8476

TBI Advisory Board meetings are open to the public, and the next meeting will be held:

November 9, 2016
at Maryland Department of Transportation - 7301 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076
1:00pm - 3:00pm

For more information, or to schedule a training, please contact:
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Baltimore Brain Injury Support Group
UM Rehab & Ortho Institute
(formerly named Kernan Hosp)
Baltimore
1st Monday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Candace Rebuck, (410) 448-6303
crebuck@kernan.umm.edu

Caregivers Support Group
UM Rehab & Ortho Institute
Baltimore
4th Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Gwen Alexander, (410) 448-6311

Stroke Support Group
UM Rehab & Ortho Institute, Baltimore
Meets monthly 10:00 a.m. – Noon
Pam Cauley, (410) 448-6320
Call for the monthly calendar

Sinal RETURNS! Brain Injury Support Group
St. Joseph’s Hospital
Schoeneman Blvd Baltimore
3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Laurn Smenon, (410) 601-6080
laurndon@lifebridgehealth.org

Brain Injury Support Group for Families and Caregivers
Mr. Washington Pediatric Hospital
Every Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Call (410) 378-5080
Plantsing the Seed
UM Rehab & Ortho Institute (formerly named Kernan Hosp)
Baltimore
3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
This is not a 12 step meeting. It is an opportunity for individuals to share with one another and their experiences with addition and brain injuries, and use one another as resources.
Martin Kertigan, (443) 756-5341
Kara Keller, (410) 371-7117

Brain Injury Caregiver’s Support Group
Loyola Clinical Centers, Belvedere Clinic, 9911 York Road, Suite 100
Baltimore, MD 21212
Every Thursday, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Phone: 410-617-1200
email: theclinics@loyola.edu

The John “Jack” Godfrey Brain Injury Support Group at Prince George’s Family Health and Wellness Center of Cheverly
Spelmanman Conference Room, 1st Floor
2nd Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
See website or call for details.

EASTERN SHORE AREA
Salisbury Support Group for survivors, caregivers, families and friends
Chestatee Rehab Hospital, Salisbury
2nd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Dr. Glen Brooks, (410) 546-4600 or (800) 938-4600
Anne Clay, (410) 742-2820

WASHINGTON DC AREA
BIADC Support Group
National Rehab Hospital, DC
3rd Wed., 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Ellen Ramsey (BA of DC) (301) 641-4793
Carol Bartlett (NHRC) (202) 877-1642
efremansky@verizon.net
carlo.hbartlett@medstar.net

Young Stroke Group (20’s – 60’s)
Bethesda/Rockville area
1st & 3rd Fridays, 10:30 a.m. – Noon
Susan Emery (301) 792-0781
susan@crediblerights.org

Rockville Brain Injury Support Group
Adventist Rehab Hospital
Rockville, MD
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Tom Wilkinson (240) 498-3981
evolveba@gmail.com

Breakfast AA Beginner’s Meeting
HRRS in Rockville, MD
11 Taff Court, Suite 100
Rockville, MD
Every Friday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Ruby Washington (240) 605-4335
rudolph67@gmail.com

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Headway Support Group
Western Maryland Hospital Center Hagerstown, MD
1st Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Anielle Thrift, (301) 745-4548
anielle.thrift@maryland.gov

For information on how to advertise through a quarter page, half page, or full page ad, please contact:
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Please contact Bryan if you are interested in learning about your sponsorship information and advertising!

Frances Bateson-Dexter Scholarship Fund
Consider making a contribution to the Frances Bateson-Dexter Scholarship Fund. The Fund provides scholarships to individuals with brain injuries in financial need who wish to attend BIAMD’s Annual Conference. Many individuals and family members are unable to attend because of the cost. Any donation to the “Frances Fund” is greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in BIAMD’s Annual Conference program.

Need More Information on Resources in Your Area?
The Brain Injury Association of Maryland is dedicated to improving the lives and futures of Marylanders affected by brain injury. BIAMD has grown to become the premier source of information, education, advocacy, and hope for the brain injured community in Maryland. Our clinical staff, Caitlin Starr, who will be able to connect you with resources that fit your needs. Please contact us with any questions, comments, or needs you may have!

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