

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY NETWORK NEWS

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Survivors and Family Members
Building Lives of Meaning, Joy and Value

Happy Holidays!

We are so fortunate to have wonderful volunteers listed on page 2 and donors listed on page 3 who have made this a very successful year for ABIN-PA.

Please help us prepare for 2009 by sending your donation to our Annual Fund Appeal in the stamped self addressed envelope you received. Thanks to those already responded. Your help is vital to our young organization—only 18 months old! Even a dollar helps!

Some exciting news—all Pennsylvania Judges now have 3 pages on brain injury due to Helen Love! Please help spread the word! Do you need an email copy?

Can you help distribute ABIN-PA literature in your county? So many need info on brain injury & available resources.

The PA Respite Coalition needs a volunteer from each county—call me for more information.

Barb Dively

ALL ARE WELCOME

Tues. Dec. 2nd, 10am—Mail Newsletter
Sun. Dec. 7th, 2pm—Board/Discussion
Sun. Dec. 14th, 2pm—Holiday Potluck

FOR QUESTION & DIRECTIONS:
215-699-3391, 800-516-8052
info@abin-pa.org

CHECK OUR WEB CALENDAR !

All are welcome !

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK

2-5 pm, Sunday
December 14th, 2008

Dively's
2275 Glenview Drive
Lansdale PA 19446

Please call or email
if you can come:
215-6992139
or info@abin-pa.org

Survive with Pride

NEW SUPPORT GROUPS: New Stanton & Elkins Park

Maria Martin is starting a new brain injury support group at The Days Inn, 127 W. Byers Ave., New Stanton PA 15672 near the Greensburg Exit of the Turnpike. Meetings will be the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 pm. The first meeting is December 9th. Call The Days Inn at 724-925-3591 or call Maria at 724-925-3591. Helpers would be welcome.

A new daytime group has started at MossRehab in Elkins Park. For info, call Dan Rohrback at 215-291-4235.

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED.

**Abraham Lincoln said
“ALL MEN ARE CREATED
EQUAL”- he DIDN'T say,
LIFE IS FAIR!**

By Jeannette Kline

Yes, traumatic brain injury in most cases is bewildering to the victim and incomprehensible to family members and professionals.

It promotes symptoms that are painfully bizarre—shutting the doors of memory, distorting vision, judgment, personality, etc.

How can you be expected to answer questions when you can't comprehend the question?

How can you relay a message when your mind can't retain information, when your mind is a vacuum while at the same time your head is in excruciating pain as if cement blocks are piled on top of your head pushing your head down into your neck, etc., etc.

Your life has changed, but you will find the courage within yourself to put forth the necessary determination and fortitude to get from one day to the next.

Know that thanks to Lee and Bob Woodward, and yesterdays' survivors, loving care givers, caring families who refused to give in to negativities, and persistent professionals, knowledge, therapy and treatments are available today that were not available in 1974.

Life may not be fair, but

LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL AGAIN!

THANKING VOLUNTEERS!

Robin Gane—visited two police stations.

Erikka Johnston—weekly clerical help.

Oct.5—Board & Discussion—Pat Strenk, Helen Love, Barry Childress, Anna Marie Childress, Sheryll Poris, John Dively, Barb Dively.

Oct. 7 – Maureen Neve—Doubletree.

Oct.17 – Dan Rohrback—table at Rep. John Taylor's Health Expo—George Matwiejczyk, John Gray, Don Heron, Roslyn, Rhonda Scott.

Oct.18 – Robin Gane—Upper Perkiomen Valley Library—Anna Marie Childress, Barry Childress, Barb Dively.

Oct.27 - DASH Fundraising & Strategic Planning training - Madelaine Sayko, Bob Drucker, Barb Dively.

Oct.27 – Finance Com. – Barry Childress, John Frock, John Dively, Barb Dively

Oct.30 - Montgomery County Emergency Services—Pat Strenk, Anna Marie Childress, Bob Drucker, Barb Dively.

Oct.31 – Due to Helen Love, Dr. Stephen Feiler sent position paper to all judges.

Nov.1 - Helen Love and Sheryll Poris—info table—Bucks County "Day for All Women" at Bucks County Community College.

Nov.1 - Newsletter Mailing—Erik Toye, Ann Hagendorf, Pat Strenk, Kay Rowe, Gordon Rowe, John Dively, Barb Dively.

Nov.6 - Pat Strenk, Anna Marie Childress attended “Creating Trauma Informed systems of Care for Human Services Settings” at Eagleville Hospital.

Nov.6 – Barb Dively - PA Juvenile Justice Conference.

Nov.9 – Board & Discussion - Barry Childress, Pat Strenk, Anna Marie Childress, Michel Florijn, John Dively, Barb Dively

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Laura Lee Hervey
for Recovering Her Smile
from Beth Anne Hervey

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Mary Nicoloso,
Beloved Aunt of Anna Marie,
from Anna Marie & Barry Childress

ORGANIZATIONS

Lehigh Valley Brain Trauma
Support Group
Main Line Rehabilitation Assoc.
Red Lion Brain Injury Support Group

**CAN YOU DROP OFF OUR
SPECIAL BROCHURES TO YOUR
POLICE STATION?
WHEN POLICE UNDERSTAND
BRAIN INJURY, EVERYONE
BENEFITS.**

**TENANT BASED RENTAL
ASSISTANCE (TBRA)**

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency is pleased to offer a Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program which will provide a rental subsidy to eligible persons with disabilities and persons transitioning from a nursing home. TBRA is a bridge subsidy and may be provided for up to 24-months or until a permanent subsidy is received, whichever occurs first. TBRA recipients must be on the local housing authority's waiting list that serves the area where they want to reside. Eligible recipients of the TBRA subsidy will pay 30 percent of their adjusted income for rent. Additional eligibility requirements apply. Please contact PHFA at 717.780.3988 for additional information.

(Go to the website at www.phfa.org for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) - Certification Questionnaire.)

RESOURCES

Acquired Brain Injury Network of PA
1-800-516-8052
BIAPA Brain Injury Resource Line
1-866-635-7097
DOH Help Line & Head Injury Program
1-866-412-4755
Disability Rights Network
1-800-692-7443
Housing—PHFA www.phfa.org
717.780.3988
Pennsylvania Health Law Project
1-800-274-3258
Special Education Consult Line
1-800-879-2301
Waiver Help Line 1-800-757-5042

Newsletter Sign-Up, Donations & Tributes

ABIN-PA is dedicated to increasing public awareness about acquired brain injury and to providing support, education, information, advocacy and other services for individuals with acquired brain injury and their families.

DATE: _____ NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____ SURVIVOR: _____ FAMILY: _____ OTHER: _____

EMAIL: _____

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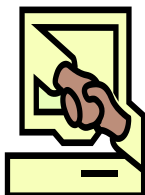
IN HONOR OF (Name): _____ (Reason): _____

(Address): _____

IN MEMORY OF Name): _____ (Family contact): _____

(Family address): _____

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