

HEAD LINES



Spring 2010

IMPROVING LIFE AFTER TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

AHIF is Grateful to All of Our Partners, Volunteers and Supporters



Photo by Srintra Saisarai

Safe Kids Tuscaloosa and the Child Passenger Safety Check Center in Northport, Alabama are the newest sites partnering with the AHIF Car Seats for Kids Program. This program now has nine locations around the state to serve families with limited income.



Recognizing a donation of \$5,000 from the Randy Smith Foundation are Senator Linda Coleman (representing the AHIF Board of Directors), Charles D. Priest (Executive Director), and members of the Randy Smith Foundation Board of Directors: Mark Robbins, Randy Smith, Wade Kirkpatrick, Murray Legg and Joe Wurtele. The generous donation was used to help fund AHIF's annual summer camp held in August.



The 4th Annual Ryan Davidson Memorial Bike Day and Ride, held at Calvary Baptist Church in Concord in October, drew a large crowd to raise money for AHIF in memory of Ryan. Ryan lost his life in a motorcycle accident in which he received a traumatic brain injury (TBI). His family and friends are determined that this tragedy will be used to help AHIF and survivors of TBI.



When the Jasper AHIF Small Places building was damaged by fire and vandalism last year, community volunteers, including family members, AHIF employees and clients, came to the rescue. To get the program up and running again required structural repair, cleaning and painting. Everyone pitched in and Walker County clients are now able to enjoy their social and recreation time together.

AHIF SUMMER CAMP 2009



AHIF campers enjoy a wide range of typical camp activities made possible by the accessible facilities and trained staff.



Congratulations, Walter!

Walter Eargle, a 2009 camp participant, was the lucky raffle winner. The prize was a one-of-a-kind quilt, hand-made by Terri Andrews of Jacksonville.

Mobile AHIF Recreation/Support Group

A fun and tasty fundraiser was created by members of the Mobile group; Krispy-Kreme doughnut certificates were sold to help support their local activities.

Group participants, who are both TBI and SCI survivors, enjoy socializing and playing games like bingo, chess and the wii. Occasionally they go on field trips, host speakers or make crafts.

The fundraiser was a success and now participants of the Mobile AHIF Recreation/Support Group can add fundraising to their list of enjoyable things to do.

Mobile Recreation/Support Group:

When: Tuesday 10:00 am -2:00 pm
Where: Regency Church of Christ
501 South University Blvd.
Mobile, AL 36609

Recreation Coordinator: Anthony Daniels
Resource Coordinator: Teresa Roberts

For information call: 1-800-433-8002



Carmen Baker, both a caregiver and a AHIF volunteer, organized a free health fair for participants and caregivers in the Mobile group.

The Providence Hospital Outreach Department provided health screenings. Lens Crafters tested vision. The Mobile Police Department spoke to the group concerning fraud, scams and safety. Over 31 people received information on their health and were especially grateful for the on-site visit from Providence Hospital.

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www.AHIF.org
Learn about programs & services,
volunteer opportunities,
and how to donate

Daphne Small Places is A Dream Come True

Joy Peters and her son Michael, who has a brain injury, live in Lake Forest in Baldwin County and have for many years participated in the Baldwin County TBI Support Group.

As long ago as 2006, Joy described her dream of having a social/recreational program in Baldwin County that Michael and others in the support group could attend to enjoy time together.

In April of 2008, Joy's dream became a reality when Small Places of Baldwin County opened. Today, an grateful group benefits from the social and recreational opportunities available to them through Small Places.

Small Places of Baldwin County:

When: Mondays 12:00 - 4:00
Where: Daphne Recreation Center
2605 Highway 98
Daphne, AL 36526

Recreation Coordinator: Anthony Daniels
Resource Coordinator: Teresa Roberts

For information call: 1-800-433-8002

Alabama Head Injury Foundation



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ANNUAL REPORT FY-2009

ANNUAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	TOTAL
Support and Revenue			
Grants	924,249	142,807	1,067,056
Contributions	35,046		35,046
Fundraising	68,914		68,914
United Way(s)	159,754		159,754
Interest, Other	13,671		13,671
Net assets released from restrictions	84,525	(84,525)	
Total Support and Revenue	1,286,159	58,282	1,344,441
Expenses			
Programs Services	1,094,586		1,094,586
General & Administrative	158,716		158,716
Fundraising	28,886		28,886
Total Expenses	1,282,188		1,282,188
Net Assets At End of Year	\$162,628	\$206,699	\$369,327

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The mission of the Alabama Head Injury Foundation is to improve the quality of life for people who have survived traumatic brain injuries and for their families!



ANNUAL REPORT FY-2009

During fiscal year 2009, AHIF continued to address the needs of its constituency through a variety of programs and services.

Resource Coordination was provided to 951 people throughout the state, 309 newly injured.

Financial Aid: \$1,079,614 was secured for clientele in donated goods and services.

Housing: Anderson-Fischer Apartments in Mobile opened during 2009, bringing to three the number of affordable, accessible housing options in Alabama, serving 57 people.

Information and Referral: 792 people requested information on a variety of topics.

Respite Care: Through contracts with Home Health Agencies across the state, 61 caregivers were able to enjoy breaks from the constant duty of round-the-clock care valued at \$67,456.

Recreation: The Small Places recreation program served 100 people in Birmingham, Anniston, Jasper, Huntsville, Cullman, Tuscaloosa, Florence, Gadsden, Montgomery and Baldwin County.

Recreation Support Groups: held 157 meetings across the state with 2,945 in attendance.

Volunteers: 312 volunteers provided 4,408 hours of service to AHIF.

Camp was held on Lake Martin serving 46 campers.

Safety/Prevention: The AHIF Car Seats for Kids Program provided 1,542 free seats.

Grant Activity: AHIF and its partner, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, continued work toward increasing access to neurobehavioral treatment funded by the U.S. Maternal & Child Health Bureau, and the Alabama Developmental Disabilities Council with additional support from the Daniel Foundation and the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham.

Neurobehavior Clinic: 25 clients and their families received help from AHIF's Clinic and its collaborative partners: UAB, United Cerebral Palsy and the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Staff Development: Staff members of AHIF continued to become nationally certified as Brain Injury Specialists by the Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS).

Funding: These services were funded in whole and in part by the Alabama Impaired Drivers Trust Fund, United Ways of Central and West Alabama, Community Health Charities of Alabama, Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, the Daniel Foundation, and generous donors like you!



AHIF Car Seats for Kids



Photo by Srintra Saisarai

The Alabama Head Injury Foundation (AHIF) Car Seats for Kids Program, along with its nine partner NHTSA certified Child Passenger Safety Stations, have fitted almost 3000 free car seats since the program began in January, 2008.

In January, 2010, Safe Kids Tuscaloosa and the Child Passenger Safety Check Center in Northport, Alabama became partners with the AHIF Car Seats for Kids Program to serve families in Tuscaloosa and Southwest Alabama.

NHTSA Certified Child Safety Seat Fitting Stations also include: NE Chapter of Safe Kids Alabama, Safe Kids Huntsville, Huntsville Hospital, Children's Hospital in Birmingham, Eliza Coffee Memorial, Hospital, Helen Keller Hospital, and Montgomery Safe Kids.

Parents with limited income who need a child car seat may contact AHIF in Birmingham at 823-3818, or at 1-800 433-8002. They will be referred to a Child Safety Inspection Station partner in their area to schedule an appointment. Nationally certified safety technicians will fit the child in the appropriate car seat, install the seat and educate the caregiver on proper usage.

In 2006, the Alabama Child Passenger Safety law (#2006-623) was passed by the state legislature requiring that all children to age 15 be in an appropriate restraint while riding in a vehicle. The law sets aside a portion of the fines received from drivers who do not properly restrain children in their vehicles. That money, designated by the legislature to go to the Alabama Head Injury Foundation, provides parents who have a limited income a way to receive a free child safety seat. The AHIF Car Seats for Kids Program coordinates the effort.

Enhancing the System of Care for People with TBI

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) and Alabama Head Injury Foundation and partners continue efforts to enhance, improve and expand services in Alabama for people with TBI and their families. These efforts are being made possible through a four year TBI State Implementation Grant from Health Resources Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau (HRSAMCHB).

Goal One

Goal one of this grant is to expand the Statewide System of Care for children and youth with TBI who are unidentified and unserved and/or underserved, with a focus on those in rural communities. Children and youth with moderate and severe TBI may be readily identified and referred to the Core TBI System through traditional referral sources such as school systems and hospitals. However, children and youth with mild TBI may be unidentified and underserved, particularly in rural communities where there may be few if any professionals equipped with expertise and experience in identification and treatment of TBI. This project will:

“Insure that children and youth with TBI are identified and have access to the TBI System through awareness, outreach and education employing the philosophy to “teach the people who reach the people”.

“Provide community partners and service providers with education to enable them to identify and serve children and youth appropriately”.

Goal Two

Goal two of the grant is to increase access to neurobehavioral health services for children, youth and adults with TBI. Needs and resource assessments have indicated that there are no appropriate, accessible and affordable neurobehavioral health services for people with TBI in Alabama. This project is a continuation of activities initiated by the Alabama Head Injury Task Force (AHITF) and Behavioral Issues Committee and the 2005 HRSA Grant. This goal will result in increased access to the amount, type, intensity and levels of neurobehavioral health service options by:

“Educating and linking with existing service providers”

“Implementing new programs for services currently not available”

For information about this grant contact:

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510 West Thomas Circle
Opelika, AL

4th Wed. each month
12:00 noon

Holli Driver 334-290-0646



Birmingham

Patton Ridge Apartments
Hoover, AL

3rd Thursday each month
6:00 p.m.

Pat Motley 205-594-4992
or 800-433-8002

Etowah

Gadsden Regional Medical
Center -Bldg 300

2nd Thursday each month
6:00 p.m.

John Hicks 256-413-8373

Baldwin County

Thomas Medical Center
Daphne, AL

1st Thursday each month
10:00 a.m.

Teresa Roberts 251-246-5003
Joy Peters 251-626-6337

DeKalb County

Call for location

3rd Wednesday each month
1:30 p.m.

Sandy Kiplinger 256-498-1023
Renee Hathcox 800-671-6834

Mobile

Social/Recreation/Support
Regency Church of Christ

1st, 2nd, 3rd Tuesday each month
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Teresa Roberts 251-246-5003
Anthony Daniels 800-433-8002

Montgomery

HealthSouth
Narrow Lane Road

2nd Thursday each month
Holli Driver 334-290-0646

Baldwin County

Robertsdale Church of Christ
Robertsdale, AL

3rd Thursday each month
10:00 a.m.

Teresa Roberts 251-246-5003
Joy Peters 251-626-6337

Dothan

HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital

2nd Thursday each month
6:00 p.m.,

Terrie Causey 334-983-9774

Shoals

Dogwood Terrace Apt.
Community Center
1502 Marlborough Blvd.
Florence

3rd Monday each month
6:00 p.m.

Debi Dean 256-383-5005