

HEAD LINES



January 2008

IMPROVING LIFE AFTER TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY



Two Days Devoted To Traumatic Brain Injury

Monday, February 25, 2008 Survivors & Families

For survivors of brain injury, family members and caregivers

Topics Include:

- Lessons in Advocacy
- Can the Brain be Rewired?
- Overview of ADA
- Community Leadership
- Driving After TBI
- Legal Issues After TBI
- Problem Solving for Caregivers
- Coping with Changed Relationships
- Recreation & Leisure After TBI
- Behavioral Issues and The State

Presenters Include:

- Marilyn Lash, MSW**
Lash & Associates
- Drew Davis, MD, FAAPMR, FAAP**
Assist. Professor Pediatric Rehab UAB
- J. Patrick Hackney, Attorney**
Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Prog.
- Al Condeluci, PhD, CEO**
UCP/CLASS Pittsburgh
- Josh Watkins, Attorney**
Watkins Law Firm
- Susie Montgomery, MS, CTRS, CBIS**
Director of Recreation AHIF
- Patricia Rivera, PhD**
Clinical Psychologist, VA Medical Ctr.
- Tom Novack, PhD, Neuropsychologist**
Spain Rehab Ctr. & Director of TBI Model System, UAB
- Kristi Miller, MS LPT**
Restore Health Group
- Stephen Perrett, PhD**
Policy Specialist, TBI State Implementation Grant, HRSA/MCHB

Tuesday, February 26, 2008 Professionals

For rehabilitation, addiction and mental health counselors, social workers, nurses, & service providers

Topics Include:

- TBI, Substance Abuse & Employment
- Behavior Issues: Children & Youth
- Clinical Intervention & Accessing Services for Substance Abuse & TBI
- Aggression & Violence
- Substance Abuse Treatment Interventions in the Community
- School Re-entry Issues

Presenters Include:

- John Corrigan, PhD**
Ohio State University
- Daniel Davidow, MD**
Cumberland Hospital for Children & Adolescents
- Francesca LaVecchia, PhD**
Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
- Mike McLemore**
Vice-President
Alabama Voices for Recovery
- Robert Walker, MSW, LCSW, M.Div.**
University of Kentucky
- Cecilia Franklin**
Special Education Coordinator
Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

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Ryan Remembered

Ryan Davidson died from a head injury suffered from a motorcycle accident in June 2006. He was a 21 year old young man from the Pleasant Grove, Hueytown area of Jefferson County.

To honor Ryan's life and memory, friends of his that shared his passion for motorcycles, family members and Calvary Baptist Church recently conducted the second annual Ryan Davidson Memorial Ride. Sam's Club of Trussville, Irondale, Hoover and Tuscaloosa were major sponsors. The ride benefitted the Alabama Head Injury Foundation and others in Ryan's community. The event helped give Ryan's family and friends a way to perpetuate his caring nature.

A family friend said, "There are few people who leave an ever-lasting memory in your heart. For me, my husband was one and the other was Ryan."

Ryan's mother elaborated, "Doing this Memorial Ride allowed us and Ryan to continue to do and give to others as he always did. We wish to thank Calvary Baptist Church in Concord, Pastor Jimmy King and his church members. The communities of Concord, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove and Hueytown along with other surrounding areas have really embraced this Memorial Bike Ride. From the family of Ryan to all of the many RIDERS, we say THANK YOU with great pride, love and appreciation We pray that the monies raised for the Alabama Head Injury will help many others."

Cooking with Family and Friends of The Alabama Head Injury Foundation

As the name implies, recipes featured in this cookbook are favorites of family and friends of AHIF. Money raised from cookbook sales will help support AHIF services in Mobile, Baldwin, Washington and Clarke counties.

Reserve your copy now for **only \$10.00!**

To reserve a copy call: Melissa Slater at 251-776-8863 or email at: mrslater@bellsouth.net



Dr. Drew Davis Joins AHIF Board

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Drew Davis to the AHIF Board of Directors. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine at UAB with a secondary appointment in the UAB Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

He attended medical school and completed his residency at UAB. A fellowship followed at Children's Health System of Alabama.

Dr. Davis is an active member of the:

- American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation,
- American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine,
- American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodagnostic Medicine,
- Southern Medical Association,
- Medical Association of the State of Alabama
- Alabama Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation,
- Jefferson County Medical Society

In addition to the AHIF board he serves on the Statewide Alabama Head Injury Task Force and the board of Magic Moments.

We look forward to working with Dr. Davis on behalf of Alabama survivors of TBI and their families.

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Successful Year of AHIF Services

During fiscal year 2007, AHIF continued to address the needs of its constituency through a variety of programs and services:

Resource Coordination was provided to 1,699 people throughout the state, 235 newly injured. Donated goods and services totaling \$621,364 were secured for clientele.

Housing: The U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development approved funding in the amount of \$2,927,400 to develop the Anderson-Fischer apartments in Mobile. An additional \$95,000 was awarded by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta.

Information and Referral: During the past year, 695 people received information on a variety of topics.

Respite Care: Through contracts with Home Health Agencies across the state, 47 caregivers were able to enjoy breaks from the constant duty of round-the-clock care valued at \$52,526.

Recreation: During the past year, the Small Places recreation program served 77 people in Birmingham, Anniston, Jasper, Huntsville, Cullman, Tuscaloosa, Florence, and Gadsden.

Recreation Support Groups: 161 meetings across the state with 2,729 in attendance.

Volunteers: 300 volunteers provided 5,053 hours of service to AHIF.

Two Camp Sessions were held on Lake Martin serving 97 campers.

Safety/Prevention: AHIF developed the "Car Seats for Kids" Program in response to Act #2006-623.

Public Policy: AHIF spearheaded the passage of Act #2007-33 which begins to address the state's need for neurobehavioral treatment and services.

Grant Activity: AHIF and its partner, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS), conducted Town Hall meetings across the state, researched other states' service delivery systems, and coordinated the Alabama Head Injury Task Forces' Behavioral Committee activities.

Education/Training: In February, AHIF and ADRS hosted the First Annual Alabama State of the State TBI Conference with over 200 in attendance.

Staff Development: Eight staff members of AHIF became nationally certified as brain injury specialists by the American Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists - AACBIS.

(Services funded in whole or in part by the Alabama Impaired Drivers Trust Fund).

**During FY 2007
a total of 5,582 people
were served by AHIF!**

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.

Board of Directors 2007 - 2008

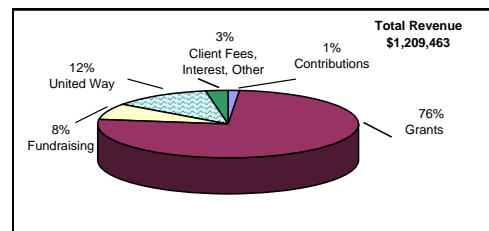
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Alabama Head Injury Foundation FY 2007

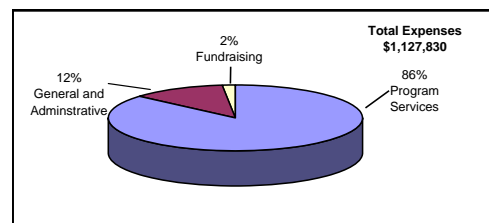
Revenues

Contributions	\$15,770
Grants	\$918,563
Fundraising Events	\$94,349
United Way(s)	\$145,600
Client Fees, Interest, Other	\$35,181
Total Revenue	\$1,209,463



Expenses

Program Services	\$973,866
General & Administrative	\$133,666
Fundraising	\$20,298
Total Expenses	\$1,127,830



Agency Endowment \$28,664

(Figures Subject to Audit)

South Alabama Volunteers Honored

Submitted by Thomasina Werner

On September 18, a "Country Picnic" was held at the Regency Church of Christ in Mobile to honor Joy Peters and Melissa Slater for their years of outstanding leadership of local TBI/SCI support groups. Survivors, families, caregivers and volunteers gathered to enjoy a barbeque lunch at the event. The picnic theme was carried out with tables covered in red checkered table cloths and a centerpieces of sunflowers in mason jars.

Charles Priest, AHIF Executive Director and Sandy Koplon, Director of Community Outreach, presented each of the women with a plaque and commented on the extensive scope of their involvement. Joy and Melissa are both mothers of sons who sustained brain injuries.



Joy Peterson receiving her award from Sandy Koplon, Director of Community Outreach and Charlie Priest, Executive Director.

Melissa Slater receiving her award from Charlie Priest, Executive Director and Sandy Koplon, Director of Community Outreach.



Ms. Slater, as Chair of the Mobile AHIF Steering Committee, leads the effort to increase awareness of TBI and raise funds for local activities in Mobile, Baldwin, Washington and Clark Counties.

Ms. Peters organizes and leads the Baldwin County Support Group. They meet twice monthly for fellowship, recreational activities such as music, art and outings.

Regency Church of Christ in Mobile, the Robertsdale Church of Christ, and Thomas Hospital in Daphne were recognized for their hospitality and support of local AHIF support groups.

*Support AHIF and survivors of TBI
in your community*

Selma Walkathon Funds Local Needs



Pictured above is the family of Xavier Muse, a 9 year old survivor of a traumatic brain injury, at the walkathon.

The Annual Daniel Rainwater Walkathon to benefit AHIF was held in Selma on November 3, 2007. This annual event, sponsored by the Selma Pilot Club, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, and WHBB/WDX radio station, raised \$1800 which will be dedicated for unmet needs of survivors of traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury in the Selma/Tuscaloosa area.

Participating in the Walk were students from Meadowood Christian School and families who have been impacted by TBI. Pilot Club members organizing and assisting with the Walk included Kitty Singley, Patricia Tharp, Pauline Bryant, Laura Allen, Judy Davenport, Kay Stephens, Chris Singley, and Maxine McDonald. Members of ESA Sorority lending their assistance included Karen Peacock, Michelle Kiefer, Susie Burnside, and Nelda Curtis.

You Can Become an AHIF Volunteer

You will not only be helping others, but you will be making your own life more meaningful! Contact Sandy Koplon, Director of Community Outreach, 1-800-433-8002 or go to www.ahif.org. **Contact us today!**

Candlelight Tour of Homes Benefits AHIF in Mobile

The third annual Mobile Candlelight Tour of Homes in the Historic Oakleigh Garden District was held on December 1st. Once again the featured homes were beautifully decorated for Christmas festivities.

Hosts graciously inviting the public in were Mr. & Mrs. Allan Gustin, Mr. & Mrs. Duke Walker, Mr. & Mrs. D.G. Ewing and Mr. & Mrs. Terri Raines.

Thank you to everyone who participated and especially those who also bought presents at the Gift Bazaar. All proceeds from the tour will help provide services for survivors of traumatic brain injury who live in Mobile, Baldwin, Washington and Clarke Counties.

*Happy
New Year!*

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*from
Your Friends
at AHIF*

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