
Support Group

The brain injury support group began June, 2008. It is open to brain injury survivors, family members and anyone else affected by brain injury. The purpose of the support group is to provide information and a safe place to share the ups and downs of living with brain injury.

The support group is held every 3rd Thursday of the month at Kaweah Delta Medical Center's Rehabilitation Hospital located at 840 S. Akers Rd., Visalia 93277. The support group meets from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Polar Bear Room.

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Our mission is to provide assistance to brain injured individuals and their families along with educating the public about brain injury.

History

The Jeff Barnes Brain Injury Foundation was created in December, 2005, in honor of Jeff Barnes, a Visalia resident, who sustained a severe brain injury in December, 2001. As a result of this we assist others living in the Central Valley (Tulare, Kings, Fresno and Kern Counties) who have gone through, or are going through, a similar crisis. The Foundation provides education and awareness through various events.

Statistics

Each year in the United States, an estimated

- ◇ 1.4 million people sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) (CDC 2001; Langlois et al 2004)
- ◇ 50,000 people die from TBI (Langlois et al 2004)
- ◇ 80,000 to 90,000 people experience the onset of long-term or life long disability associated with TBI (Thurman et al 1999)

Among children ages 0 to 14 years, TBI results in an estimated

- ◇ 3,000 deaths
- ◇ 29,000 hospitalizations, and
- ◇ 400,000 emergency department visits (Langlois et al 2001)

At least 5.3 million Americans — 2% of the U.S. population — currently live with disabilities resulting from TBI (Thurman et al 1999)

Heads Up For Helmets

The Jeff Barnes Brain Injury Foundation board members and volunteers have been actively involved in promoting the foundation's "Heads Up For Helmets" campaign. We hold bicycle rodeos where helmets are checked, fit and, often times, given to individuals without one. Through this campaign, we have provided over 1,100 helmets to children and some adults.



Information Available

Education to the general public on prevention and causes of brain injury;

Information about safety equipment, i.e., helmets for bicycling, skateboarding, and other sports requiring protective headgear;

Support for family and individuals with brain injuries through our brain injury support group, info about acute care hospitals, rehabs and long-term care facilities.

Donations

Yes, I would like to help!

We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.

_____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100
_____ \$250 _____ \$500

\$100 will purchase approximately 20 helmets; \$500 will purchase approximately 100 helmets.

Sponsorship

Yes, I would like to sponsor a school for a bicycle rodeo. *Please attach your business card or contact information to this form and send it to the PO Box listed on the back of this brochure.*