



Executive Director's Message

Summer and fall are two very busy times here at the BIAWA. This summer we supported not only the Walk, Run & Roll but also a great social outing in Tacoma.

Furthermore, as school began, some of our largest outreach efforts ever began to take place. In fact, we participated in 35 days of outreach in October alone reaching close to 6,000 individuals. Outreach remains a crucial part of what we do on a daily basis – building awareness and educating a diverse audience on Brain Injury and the services and support we provide.

October is also Gala month, and we feel fortunate that this year's event brought together the largest gathering ever of our community – over 500 attendees joined us on October 27th. That combined with the outreach and our ongoing work with individuals and the Resource Center definitely kept our staff throughout the state busy. Given all that has been asked of the BIAWA staff in the last few months, I want to personally and publicly thank them all for their hard, dedicated work. They are a passionate group of individuals and it's a pleasure to work with them on a daily basis. It's amazing what this very small organization has accomplished and is continuing to accomplish. I encourage each of you to keep in touch. We want to hear from you. Feel free to call or send me an email at Deborahc@braininjurywa.org.



2012 Gala

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General Chiarelli is both a hometown hero and a national leader. He hails from Seattle and is a graduate of Seattle University and the University of Washington. General Chiarelli is recently retired from the U.S. Army after almost 40 years of service.

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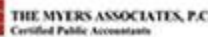
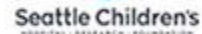


As the Army's Vice Chief of Staff, he was a tireless advocate for service members and veterans seeking treatment for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress injury. Under his leadership, the U.S. military made important improvements in diagnosing and treating these injuries. BIAWA is proud to honor his service to this country and this community.

More than 500 individuals including survivors, family members and philanthropic business professionals came together to support the ongoing work of the BIAWA and to pay tribute to those whose lives have been affected by Brain Injury. The 6th Annual BIAWA Gala was also a celebration of our 30th year; a milestone for this organization. In an evening filled with excitement and enthusiasm, there was within all a knowledge that the dollars raised would provide important life improving services to those we work with every day. In fact, during the evening a poignant video presentation celebrated the work of this organization in a very personal way – through the stories shared by those we have had the honor of working with. They were the greatest inspiration of the evening.

This event is such a wonderful way to celebrate the accomplishments of past and come together to ensure an even better future. We are thankful to all who attended and in particular our main Sponsors. Without their ongoing support of this event, it would not be the success it has become which ensures we are able to carry forward our mission "to increase public awareness, support, and hope for those affected by brain injury through education, assistance, and advocacy" for another 30 years.

Special Thanks To Our 2012 Sponsors





Baseball with the BIAWA

As part of our continued outreach to support survivors and family members, BIAWA hosted a Group Outing to Cheney Stadium on August 20, 2012. 50 of us met up to watch the Rainiers play, enjoy some hot dogs, spend time with old friends and make some new ones

Support Group members came from the Bremerton/Silverdale, Lewis County, Puyallup, Tacoma, and Seattle – You & Me groups.

We at BIAWA were happy to have the opportunity to host such an event and look forward to many more fun outings!



Sometimes It Takes a Village...or Dedicated Parents and a BIAWA Pediatric Resource Manager

When Alana Collucci called the Washington TBI Resource Center (877-824-1766) in November of 2011, she had been working tirelessly on her own for nearly a year to obtain the support her son Dominic needed to be successful at his school.

Dominic, born in Boston, had sustained a TBI and stroke after falling from a bunk bed in 2004.

She subsequently received home tutoring and then was educated at a private Massachusetts school for students with special needs including Brain Injury. It was after the family moved to Washington State that Alana first called us and was referred to our Pediatric Resource Manager Julie Dawning.

Dominic had been enrolled in his local public school and it was quickly determined that Julie would begin attending school meetings to help Alana advocate for her son. Julie spent time listening to the family and found ways to make sure their concerns about Dominic's decreasing emotional health and lack of educational progress were heard by the school district. Once it became clear to the family and Julie that Dominic really needed the support only a specialty school could provide, it took six months working with the family, the district and the specialty school to place Dominic with the school district covering the expense.

Julie and the Colluccis also enlisted the support of New Horizon School's Administrator Marla Veliz as part of the team to ensure a successful placement for Dominic. Dominic is now a proud student at New Horizon School in Renton, where he receives his education in an environment that is well suited to his needs. This is one of the many ways BIAWA is privileged to witness the



successes that happen when survivors and their families team up with our Resource Managers to achieve goals.

A Golden Evening with the Golden King



Join the Brain Injury Association of Washington on December 11, 2012 for a catered reception of Mediterranean specialties by Classic Catering followed by a private viewing of the King Tut Exhibit with an introduction from Cleopatra herself!

Our guests will have the opportunity to appreciate objects from King Tut's tomb, in a small intimate setting. Many have never toured in the United States before this exhibit, and this is the last time the exhibit will be touring before returning to Egypt permanently! Tickets are \$75 for General Admission and \$100 for the VIP Experience. For more information and to register, [visit our website](#)

2012 Walk, Run & Roll- Over \$7000 Raised to Support 3 Important Organizations!



Thank you all for coming out to the 2nd Annual Walk, Run & Roll at Magnuson Park on July 29, 2012. It was a delight to see more than 200 happy faces enjoying the sunshine, the greenery, and the company of our supporters and friends!

This event is all about collaboration, and we enjoyed planning and participating with our friends and colleagues from Seattle BrainWorks ClubHouse and Headstrong for Life. Brenda Asterino, a local public access television producer and supporter of BIAWA, created a video of the event. You can view it [here](#).

While every dollar raised is crucial to supporting the services provided by our three organizations, we did acknowledge the exceptional efforts of a few of our participants: Irene



outshone all other individual participants by bringing in the largest amount of pledge support, winning the Individual First Prize. Three teams received awards: the Kitsap Kingfishers and the Initiators for largest Team pledge, Team Doiron! got Second Team Prize, and Third Team Prize was taken home by the Rock the Kishpaugh team. We would like to extend a warm thank you to the huge group of volunteers who turned out to support this meaningful event. Without you, it would not have been possible! Donations from **Clif Bars**, **Noah's Bagels** and **Starbucks** helped us wake up and kept us full of energy.



This year's primary sponsor was [RockiNoggins](#) who came out to **Walk, Run & Roll** with us fully garbed in their designer helmet covers.

Stay tuned for details about next year's event – we doubled our attendance this year and cannot wait to have even more participants at next year's Walk, Run & Roll.

BIAWA 2012-2013 Academic Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the four recipients of the BIAWA 2012-2013 Academic Scholarship! Shahaela Doyle was the recipient of the Em Finlay Western Washington Student Scholarship. Patrick Budig and Carol Zinke were the joint recipients of our Eastern Washington Student Scholarship. And, Silas James was the recipient of the Higher Education/Professional Scholarship. You can learn more about the recipients [here](#).



Shahaela Doyle



Patrick Budig



Carol Zinke



Silas James

Busy Fall for Expanded Pediatric Resource Management

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure a higher quality of care for individuals whose lives are affected by Brain Injury; BIAWA actively participates in collaborative networks spanning coverage for a range of needs.

Most recently, we presented at the Washington State Residential Care Council (WSRCC) Fall Conference where we educated Adult Family Home providers and caregivers on Brain Injury, common signs and symptoms, and tools to effectively care for an individual with Brain Injury. BIAWA looks forward to an ongoing relationship with WSRCC in an effort to ensure more Adult Family Homes throughout Washington are properly trained to care for residents with Brain Injury, ensuring a higher quality of life for those we serve.



BIAWA also participated in a joint-training for King County Aging & Disability Services (ADS) contractors who provide respite care. Along with representatives from the ALS Association Evergreen Chapter, National MS Society, and Northwest Parkinson's Foundation, our Resource Center Operations Manager Jessica Giordano provided training to more than 40 service providers on Brain Injury and the free services and support available through BIAWA.

This was the perfect opportunity for BIAWA to reach out to such important organization as Evergreen Care Network, Kinship Care, Chinese Information & Services and many others to support expansion of education on Brain Injury and better equip their staff to provide support services to individuals affected by Brain Injury. The idea for this training came from connections made at the Lifespan Respite Coalition, in which BIAWA is an active participant.

The Lifespan Respite Coalition develops, promotes and supports a statewide continuum of planned and crisis respite care that is responsive and accessible. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from a broad range of programs and to collaborate as we work to find ways to increase support services and respite available throughout Washington State. In particular, Respite Care has been identified by the BIAWA Board of Directors as an area of focus and the opportunity to network with colleagues has supported that endeavor.

WA TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY RESOURCE CENTER 1-877-824-1766

Resource Line Specialists are available Monday through Friday - 9AM to 5PM, to assist callers as they navigate the challenges that arise as a result of brain injury.

Or visit the [WA TBI Resource Center](#).

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About the BIAWA

BIAWA Vision Statement

Our vision is a world where brain injury is prevented, and every person already affected by its impact benefits from resources that maximize his/her quality of life.

BIAWA Mission Statement

Our mission is to increase public awareness, support, and hope for those affected by brain injury through education, assistance, and advocacy.

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