

**SUPPORT LINK****Information for Support Group Leaders**

Project STAR and The Family and Community Support Center at Carolinas Rehabilitation

**SupportLink** has focused on many issues of interest to support group leaders over the past two years. The information contained in the newsletters has included tips on facilitating groups, what other groups are doing, upcoming events, and general news and information of interest to the brain injury community in North Carolina.

One of the common threads through all of the editions of SupportLink has been emphasis on the role of support groups in the advocating for services for persons with brain injury.

With all of the media attention being focused on traumatic brain injury as a result of ABC anchorman Bob Woodruff's TBI in Iraq, and the many military personnel returning from the Middle East with brain injuries, the time to advocate for brain injury is now.

In this edition of SupportLink, we will focus on advocacy. Some of the articles serve to show simple ways to advocate for adequate funding and services for persons with brain injury.

Here are some important steps **YOU** and your support group members can take to help the advocacy effort in North Carolina.

- *Join the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina (A membership application is on page 5 of this publication).*
- *Contact your local representatives for both the North Carolina House of Representatives and the North Carolina Senate and tell them you are counting on them to support any legislation that increases funding for developmental disability and brain injury services.*
- *Be aware of any legislation that affects brain injury services.*
- *Attend any public meetings where you can have a voice and express the needs of those with brain injury in North Carolina.*

Advocacy is essential if services and supports are to be improved.

*A note from the President... Sandra Farmer*

I would like to thank all the support group members and other volunteers who helped make our March 31<sup>st</sup> Walk and Roll-a-thons a great success. Each of the regional Walks in Asheville, Kenersville, Raleigh, Greenville and Fayetteville were well attended and profitable. Over 650 people participated in the Walks and 1,100 made donations that totaled \$48,000. Several Walks were featured in local newspaper articles and newscasts that gave us an opportunity to increase public awareness about brain injury. The money that was raised will help support the Association in our efforts to increase and improve services for people with brain injuries in North Carolina.

The North Carolina legislature is currently finalizing the budget for state funded services for the next two years. It is extremely important that your electoral district's congressional and senatorial representatives understand that brain injury is included in funding for people with developmental disabilities. The House of Representative's budget calls for cuts in services at a time when the LME (mental health) system is in crisis and crumbling. We can help prevent the cuts by contacting our state senators and asking them to support Senate Bill 1236 which increases funding for people with developmental disabilities, mental illness and substance abuse. You can learn more about contacting your representative at BIANC's website [www.bianc.net](http://www.bianc.net) or by calling our office at 1-800-377-1464.

The state has a budget excess that can easily fund the services that are needed but we have to let our senators and representatives know about our needs. Personal stories about the struggles that you face will have the greatest impact on legislators. Please take a few minutes to call, write or e-mail your state senator and representative.

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## ***Together, We Can Do More!***

*By: Marian Hartman, Director of Public Policy, BIANC Board of Directors*

While each person can make a difference as an advocate, joining with others increases the strength of that advocacy. Through the years, people have recognized the importance of working together, and have created many organizations to address various issues and interests. Today, advocacy success is usually related to the size and strength of the groups promoting the issue. The larger and stronger the group, the better its chance for successful advocacy.

The Brain Injury Association of North Carolina has a strong, committed membership, but it can be stronger if it joins forces with other groups with similar interests. Since Traumatic Brain Injury at any age is considered a developmental disability in North Carolina, BIANC can work together with other developmental disability advocacy organizations to create changes and find solutions to critical issues.

A new opportunity for joining forces with other advocacy groups has recently come about. The Arc of NC started a campaign to improve the service system for people with developmental disabilities. As part of the campaign, The Arc created a position paper on how the state should address the needs of people with developmental disabilities called "Life in The Community: A Roadmap for System Success." The paper outlines steps that would improve the current service delivery system and address the needs of more people with developmental disabilities, including Traumatic Brain Injury. The Arc invited BIANC to become an advocacy partner in this campaign, and BIANC has agreed. Now, it is up to every member of BIANC to participate in this important effort. More information will be coming soon about ways for you to be involved.

For a copy of The Arc's "Roadmap," please visit their website at [www.arcnc.org](http://www.arcnc.org).

**We need your input! If you would like to contribute an article or other information for this newsletter, please contact:**

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## **Teamwork**

By Ana King,  
*Chair, Brain Injury Association of North Carolina Board of Directors*

It is always encouraging to see a group of people working together to make an event a success especially when that group includes brain injury survivors, families, BIANC staff, Board members, and other professionals and volunteers.

I recently attended the Walk 'n Roll event held in Fayetteville and later the Camp in Stokesdale. Everywhere I looked teamwork was evident at both events.

It has been said that "a successful team beats with one heart" (author unknown). I truly believe that our survivors, families, staff, board members, volunteers, and professionals in the field of brain injury are all part of a team that beats with one heart. I am so proud to be associated with such a caring and active group of people.



<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/homePage>

### **Keeping up with Legislation**

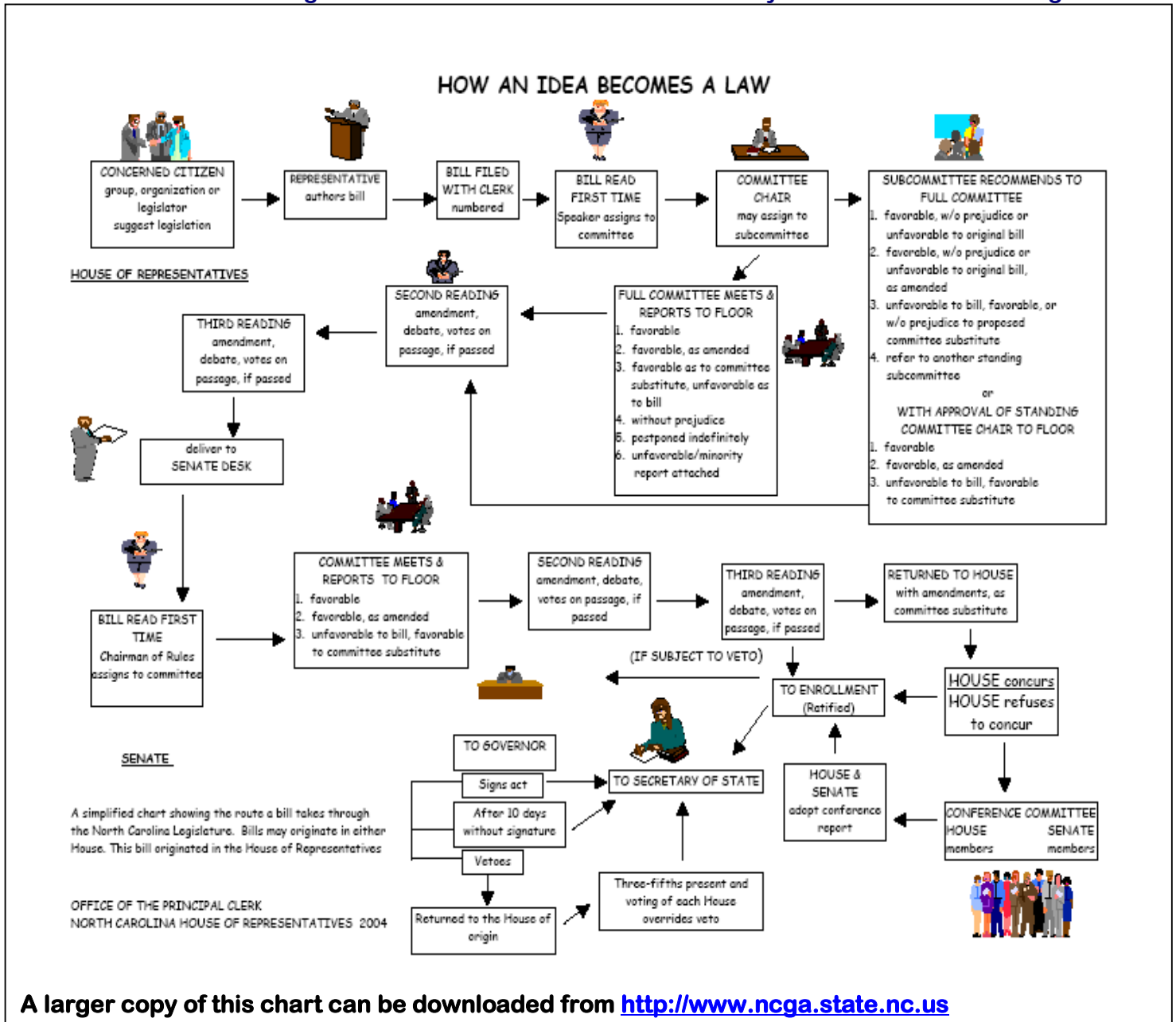
**What can you find here?**

The website for the North Carolina General Assembly allows citizens to keep up with the process and actions in the legislature. You can access both the NC House of Representatives and the State Senate through this site. Some of the things you can find are;

- **Bill lookup:** Find the bill and read its contents and determine where it is in the legislative process.
- **Audio of proceedings:** Listen to the proceedings of the House and/or Senate on your computer.
- **Links to your representatives:** Home pages for each representative and one-click email options to send them messages.
- **Daily calendars:** Listing of bills being heard and committee meetings
- **Legislative updates:** Important schedule changes and other information to help citizens follow the process of the legislature.
- **General Information:** Legislative educational information for citizens

# Accent on Advocacy...

## North Carolina Legislative Process and How Your Advocacy Efforts can Affect Change



## How a Law is Made (from the North Carolina General Assembly Homepage)

### 1. Drafting of Bills

A bill is a proposed law. It may be drafted by any competent person. The Legislative Services Commission's Bill Drafting Division drafts bills at the request of the members of the General Assembly. The Office of the Attorney General has the statutory duty to draft bills for the State departments and agencies generally, including the General Assembly. Thus, legislators have two separate offices to which they may turn for drafts of bills.

### 2. Introduction of Bills

Only a member of the General Assembly may introduce a bill - that is, present it to the General Assembly for its consideration - and that member is called the bill's introducer or sponsor.

At the proper time during each daily session, the presiding officer announces "Introduction of Bills and Resolutions." A member wishing to introduce a bill has already filed the bill with the Principal Clerk on the previous legislative day when it received a bill number. The Reading Clerk reads aloud the name of the introducer, the bill number, and the bill title. At this point the bill has passed its **first reading**.

### **3. Reference to Committee**

Normally, when a bill is introduced, the Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee for Senate bills and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for House bills name a committee to which the bill will be assigned for careful study and recommendation. If the committee approves the bill, it reports this fact and the bill is placed on the calendar - the daily schedule of business - for consideration by the full membership of the body. Changes to the bill called "amendments" may be recommended by the committee or may be proposed by any member from the floor.

### **4. Consideration by First House**

When the time comes for a consideration of the bill by the full membership of the house (Senate or House of Representatives), the Chair will recognize the sponsor of the bill or the chair of the committee which recommended the bill for passage. That person will explain the bill, and then any member who wishes to speak for or against the bill will be heard. Sometimes there is lengthy and heated debate; sometimes there is virtually no debate at all. After all who wish to be heard have spoken, a vote is taken. If the vote is favorable, the bill is said to have passed its **second reading** and moves to its **third and final reading**, at which time there may be more debate.

### **5. Consideration by Second House**

After a bill has passed its third reading in the house in which it was introduced, it is sent to the other house, where it goes through the same process as in the first house - that is, it is referred to committee, and if approved, is debated and voted on at the second and third readings on the floor.

### **6. Concurrence in Amendments**

It often happens that the second house will make changes in a bill which was passed by the house in which the bill originated. In such cases the bill must be returned to the house of origin with a request that that body concur in the changes. If the original house does concur, the bill is ready to be enrolled and signed into law. If the original house objects to the amendments adopted in the other house, the two presiding officers may appoint members to a conference committee which seeks to reconcile the differences between the two houses. If the committee can agree upon the disputed subject, the committee reports to each house, and the two houses vote on the recommended text. If either house rejects the conference committee's recommendation, new members to the conference committee may be appointed to try again, otherwise the bill is defeated.

### **7. Enrollment, Ratification, and Publication**

After a bill passes both houses, it is enrolled. A clean copy, including all amendments, is prepared, with space for the signatures of the two presiding officers, and the governor, if necessary.

The enrolled copy is taken to each presiding officer during the daily session. Each officer signs the enrolled copy. When the second signature is affixed, the bill is said to have been ratified. If the bill is a local law, it becomes law at that point.

In November 1996, the citizens of North Carolina voted to amend the State Constitution to allow for a gubernatorial veto (Section 22 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution). All Public Bills other than bills making appointments, proposing constitutional amendments, or revising districts are presented to the Governor on the day following ratification for the Governor's approval or veto. If the Governor signs the bill or takes no action on the bill within ten days after presentation, the bill becomes law. After adjournment of the General Assembly, the Governor has 30 days to act on a bill. The Governor is required to reconvene the General Assembly if a bill is vetoed after adjournment, unless a written request is received and signed by a majority of the Members of both houses that it is not necessary to reconvene.

If the Governor vetoes a bill, the bill is returned to the original house where 3/5 of present and voting members can vote to override the veto. If the original house votes to override the veto, the bill is sent to the second house where 3/5 of present and voting members must also vote to override the veto before the bill can become law. After it becomes law, the term "bill" is no longer used. The enrolled act or law is given a chapter number and is published under that number in a volume called "Session Laws of North Carolina."

## ***Join the team***

BIANC is encouraging all support group members to become members of the state brain injury association. A special \$6 per person rate is available to family members and survivors. The membership form on page 5 can be copied and used by group leaders and members. Please encourage all of your members to join. The number of members directly affects the ability of BIANC to effectively advocate for services that benefit persons with brain injury in North Carolina. You can make copies of the application on page 5 and take it to your next support group meeting to encourage members to join.



# Brain Injury Association of North Carolina

## Membership Form

### How to Reach Us

#### Family Helpline

1-800-377-1464

[bianc@bianc.net](mailto:bianc@bianc.net)

BIANC has four regional offices:

#### Asheville

Community CarePartners68

Sweeten Creek Road

Asheville, NC 28803

828-227-4868 Fax: 828-277-4869

1-866-890-7801

#### Raleigh

P.O. Box 10912

Raleigh, NC 27605

919-833-9634 Fax: 919-833-5415

1-800-377-

#### Charlotte

*Carolinas Rehabilitation*

1100 Blythe Boulevard

Charlotte, NC 28203

704-355-1502 Fax: 704-355-9480

#### Greenville

202 East Arlington St., Suite T

Greenville, NC 27834

252-439-1900 Fax: 252-439-1993

1-800-697-3115

Visit our website:

[www.bianc.net](http://www.bianc.net)

Membership in the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina provides an opportunity for **you** to demonstrate your interest in and support for survivors and families in North Carolina. Who should join? **Brain injury survivors, family members, friends, nurses, doctors, therapists, rehabilitation specialists, case managers, attorneys**, other professionals, and **organizations** that work with individuals who have had brain injuries.

Benefits of membership include: discounted registration for events sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina, and subscription to the *Starting Point* newsletter. All membership fees to this non-profit organization are tax-deductible.

- **Basic Membership** is \$38 a year. Includes all benefits above. No survivor or family will be denied membership due to finances. A reduced rate is available.
- **Executive Membership** is \$100 a year. Includes the additional benefit of recognition in BIANC's publications.
- **Platinum Membership** includes all of the above benefits, as well as a certificate suitable for framing and recognition on our website, which receives over 3000 visitors each month, for \$250 each year.
- **Corporate Sponsor Programs** are also available. These include all of the above benefits plus advertising space in BIANC publications, tickets to the annual golf tournament, and sponsorship of campers at the survivor's retreat. Contact BIANC for more information.

**Our financial viability is largely dependent upon the generosity of our members. You can help now by becoming a member. Join by completing and returning the membership form below.**

## Membership Form

Basic individual membership.....\$38/yr

Platinum membership.....\$250/yr

Executive membership.....\$100/yr

Please send me an information packet on the Corporate Sponsorship Program

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  Survivor  Family member  Professional

Other

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Master Card  Visa  Check enclosed.

Send to: Brain Injury Association of North Carol  
PO Box 10912, Raleigh, NC 27605

# CAMP CAREFREE

Camp Carefree was once again a resounding success.

With before breakfast coffee and social time and a more relaxed schedule of activities, those who attended had the opportunity to talk to one another and make new friends as well as catch up with old ones.

The weather was great and those who attended enjoyed a beautiful weekend of outdoor activities, crafts, bingo and other events. There were even some strange exotic animals to see. It took a while to figure this guy out. An Alpaca with a poodle cut was the final consensus!



The highlight was the Saturday Night Campfire. Bruce James, self billed as "Buster Lugnut, The Dipstick of Lizard Lick, North Carolina" entertained the crowd with his humorous original songs and guitar picking. A sing-along exposed many talents that shocked even close family members of the performers.



**Buster Lugnut**

In addition to the fun and games that are always a part of Camp Carefree, there were several meetings held during camp. A statewide support group leaders meeting,

a caregiver breakout session and the annual open meeting of the BIANC Board of Directors were incorporated into the camp activities.

A special thank you goes out to Sandie Worthington and the rest of the camp committee who worked so hard to make the camp a success. These unsung heroes deserve kudos for all the time and effort that goes into the planning, coordinating and organizing of camp each year. So..Thank You!

## *Notes from the Statewide Support Group Leaders Meeting*

The annual statewide support group leaders meeting was held under the arbor at Camp Carefree. There were approximately 25 present. We extend a special thank you to our guest speakers, Ana King, Chair of the BIANC Board of Directors and Marian Hartman, the Director of Public Policy for BIANC. Both shared great information on advocacy.

As a part of this meeting a discussion on support groups was held. The discussion points

and comments were

### **When is support group too large?**

- When the group does not meet the needs of those who come
- Folks need to be able to reach out and have needs addressed
- It could be too large with 85 or with 10

### **What are some solutions if groups get too large?**

- Break down into smaller sub-groups: need leaders and space for each sub-group
- Have separate meetings for social or recreational activities
- Have pre-selected topics to discuss

### **How can we increase attendance at support group?**

- Call or send mail reminder
- Have food
- Advertise in newspaper, Community calendar, TV or radio,
- Posters in hospitals/doctors' offices, magnets for member's cars

### **How can BIANC help?**

- Send information to support group leaders
- Help get new support groups going
- Help identify speakers for support groups
- Call and let support group leaders know if special events are going on
- Let support group leaders know about legislative activities or funding requests

### **How can we get leadership assistance or new leaders or speakers for support groups?**

- Ask for help, identify potential leaders, draft them into service
- delegate activities
- Advertise for help
- Ask local neurophysiologists or Counselors to help
- Break into smaller groups of survivors or caregivers and get leaders to help with these sub-groups
- Have a set agenda so anyone can run the meeting in the expected format
- Pay mileage for speakers, write a thank you letter

### **What financial needs do support groups have?**

- Postage
- Copying expenses
- Emergency funds for someone in the group with a special need
- Assistance with transportation
- Recreation activities that may cost money
- Have Pot Luck Dinner
- Statewide Christmas Party or other special events

### **How can support groups raise money?**

- Get sponsors in community (churches, grocery stores, businesses) to make donations of food, postage, or money
- Become a 501(c)(3)
- Have a basket at support group to collect donations
- Recycle aluminum or glass and get money
- Have a bake sale
- Team up with local business for sharing profit

## Support Group News Around the State

March was Brain Injury Awareness month and many support groups across the state did special projects to create awareness within their communities. Here are some of the highlights shared by the groups.



**The Charlotte Area Brain Injury Association,** the Lake Norman Brain Injury Support Group and employees of Carolinas Rehabilitation volunteered four Saturdays in March to promote brain injury awareness and prevention at area Chick-fil-A's. Over 400 packets of brain injury information and prevention materials, along with helmet awareness stickers and tattoos were given to Chick-fil-A customers!!! The brain injury awareness booth included brain injury awareness posters, banners, and a very interesting helmet display. Local sports mascots such as Sir Purr with the Carolinas Panthers joined the festivities, along with the Chick-fil-A Cow and 107.9 radio station. Thank you to all of the volunteers!! Thank you to BIANC for a prevention banner that was used at the booth and for the BIANC shirts that were given to the volunteers. Special thanks to Marty Foil with Hinds' Feet Farm, for initiating this opportunity with Chick-fil-A, providing banners, the helmet display and the stickers and tattoos. We look forward to this great opportunity next March!!!

**Greenville:** Cindy Asby reports that the Down East Survivors held a doughnut sale and participated in the Walk & Roll-a-thon in Greenville. Thanks for the update, Cindy.

**Concord:** The Concord group set up a table at the local mall and handed out information on brain injury. The information included a fact sheet on incidence, prevention information, helmet safety and other information for parents and children.

**Fayetteville:** The Fayetteville group organized one of the Walk & Roll-a-thons. This first time effort was very successful and raised

awareness of brain injury as well as money to support the Brain Injury Association

**Lake Norman:** Lake Norman BI Support Group participated in the Chick-Fil-A event at Exit 25 Huntersville. The group handed out safety stickers, ate chicken nuggets, handed out brochures, took pictures, talked with people who stopped by, and had fun.

On April 14, 2007 Lake Norman BI Support Group and Surviving Angels had a video showing of "The Secret Life of the Brain". It is the only series ever made of the brain from conception to 95 years old. We had pizza from Domino's Pizza and outlines of the videos for easier viewing. A reporter was there from The Statesville Record and Landmark, and the event was published on the Front Page of the paper on Monday, April 16, 2007.

**Asheville (Smoky Mountain):** Karen Harrington reports "Smoky Mountain/Teens & Youth support group is going strong. "We have about 25 each month with several new families joining us. Everyone that went enjoyed Camp and we look forward to returning next year! We were part of a "Safe Kid Summer Kickoff" at the Biltmore Square Mall. There was a bike rodeo, helmet safety, MAMA (Mountain Area Medical Ambulance) helicopter that landed in the parking lot. Several of our group passed out stickers for bikes that promoted helmet safety and did face painting. This month we are looking forward to a picnic at Lake Julian complete with canoes, volleyball & paddleboats. Oh yeah, lots of good food"

**Statesville:** In addition to walking in the Walk & Roll-a-thon, Kim Munroe, leader of the group reports many activities that she coordinated to promote awareness during Brain Injury Awareness Month. Some of these include;

- Placed handouts in church bulletins on each Sunday in March.
- Handed out the BIAA "Brainy" activity book to all kids under 5<sup>th</sup> grade level at a church and a Children's Moment was used to educate children about the dangers of not wearing a helmet when participating in sports where injury could occur.
- Mailed information to area newspapers.
- Did an interview with a local radio station about brain injury.

The group also joined with the Lake Norman group to host a viewing of the video series "The Secret Life of the Brain". Kim was also able to secure a donation of lunch from Dominoes Pizza and table arrangements from Clippers Florist.

**BITS of Stanly:** Members of the BITS group attended Camp Carefree and the Support Group Leaders Meeting. The group continues to enjoy fun and fellowship at monthly meetings, especially music provided by the Gospel Bluegrass band that the group organizers are part of.

**Union County:** The Union group provided brain injury awareness fliers to be inserted in church bulletins at local churches, and ran informational scrolls on the local Time Warner Cable information channel. The scrolls included some statistics and Brain Injury Awareness Month designation.

## GACPD Re-designation

Effective July 1, 2007 the all functions of the Governors Advocacy Council for Persons with Disability (GACPD) will be re-designated to Carolina Legal Assistance. This includes the PATBI grant that provides advocacy assistance for persons with Traumatic Brain Injury.

**The Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI)** was created in 2002 when Congress authorized a state grant program to improve access to health care and other services for individuals with TBI. The grants support protection and advocacy agencies, which provide information and referral services to people with disabilities and help them find solutions to problems involving discrimination and employment, education, health care and transportation, personal decision-making, and overall quality of life. The Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration administers the PATBI through its Division of Child, Adolescent and Family Health. In North Carolina this grant has been administered through the GACPD.

Carolina Legal Assistance (CLA) is an established non-profit organization that is well positioned to assume the responsibility of serving as the state's Protection and Advocacy agency. CLA has an experienced Board and staff and the organization enjoys the respect of the disability community, the legal community and government policy makers. CLA has advocated continuously for people with mental disabilities in North Carolina since its inception in 1978. Starting out as a "special client program" within Legal Services of North Carolina, CLA expanded from providing civil legal assistance to patients at Dorothea Dix Hospital to serving people with mental illness and developmental disabilities statewide. With the designation as P&A, CLA will expand its services to all people with disabilities consistent with the federal mandates.

*Information above can be located at*

[www.cladisabilitylaw.org/news\\_alerts/redesignation](http://www.cladisabilitylaw.org/news_alerts/redesignation)

## "A Day at the Farm..."

### Hinds' Feet Farm

*By Will DeGrauw, Day Program Director at Hinds' Feet Farm*

The Charlotte Area Brain Injury Group and Lake Norman Brain Injury Support Network had a wonderful time at Hinds' Feet Farm's "A Day at the Farm" on Saturday, May 19, 2007. Support group members - persons living with brain injury, their families, and professional caregivers, rehabilitation professionals - enjoyed themselves by landscape gardening, planting flowers, eating lunch with friends, enjoying a banjo concert, touring the farm on a tractor pulled hay ride, feeding horses, celebrating Sylvia Whitmire's "29th" birthday or learning about the new day program.



Hinds' Feet Farm is a new community-based, day program for people living with both traumatic and acquired brain injury that is opening in July 2007 in Huntersville.

North Carolina.

A huge thank you to Barbara Westphal and John Simon of the Charlotte Area Brain Injury Group, Sylvia Whitmire of the Lake Norman Brain Injury Support Network, Sally Rickard of Project STAR at Carolinas Rehabilitation, and Marty Foil of Hinds' Feet Farm for creating an outstanding "Day at the Farm."



### Hinds' Feet Farm Program Information

Available to the greater Charlotte community, Hinds' Feet Farm is a person-centered program that embraces a holistic health and wellness orientation empowering persons living with brain injury toward a new meaning in life post injury. Individual and group activities focus on opportunities for exploration, self-discovery, confidence and self-esteem at Hinds' Feet Farm and in the community. For more information about Hinds' Feet Farm, please visit their website at [HindsFeetFarm.org](http://HindsFeetFarm.org) or telephone the program at (704) 992-1424.

**Do you know of a program in your area that serves persons with brain injury? Please let SupportLink know so we can share the information.**



# Notes from the



The Brain Injury Association of NC held five successful Walk & Roll-a-thons across North Carolina on March 31, 2007. Many individuals, support group leaders and members, rehabilitation employees, survivors, family members, friends and BIANC staff worked to make these events fun and to raise awareness in their communities. BIANC appreciates all the work and support of the many volunteers and sponsors that made this possible.

	<i>Asheville</i>	<i>Fayetteville</i>	<i>Greenville</i>	<i>Raleigh</i>	<i>Triad</i>
# Major Sponsors	5	10	8	13	9
Sponsors Income	4200	2550	5137	7475	3380
Registration	610	735	285	1200	495
Pledges	1907	843		4856	1409
Misc Pledges/Donations	178	125	240	1985	390
Cash	774			873	
Donations of Services/Products	500	4071.93	250	4250	
<b>Total Income of \$ + Services</b>	<b>\$ 8,269.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,324.93</b>	<b>\$ 5,912.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,639.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,665.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,368.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,252.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,194.74</b>	<b>\$ 2,826.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,578.08</b>
<b>Money after Expense/Donations</b>	<b>\$6,401</b>	<b>\$3,001.00</b>	<b>\$3,692.26</b>	<b>\$14,603</b>	<b>\$4,086.92</b>

**Total money and donations:** \$48,809.00  
**Subtract expenses and donated services** -\$17,250.76  
**Actual money raised** \$31,558.24

### *How Your Contributions Are Being Used:*

- **Membership Program** – Re-print Resource Books, and other educational information brochures/skill packs
- **Support Group Development** – Provide materials/Assist with prevention and awareness projects across NC
- **Legislative Advocacy** – Educate the public/legislative representatives about the need for more resources
- **Camp Carefree** – Survivor and family camp (April 27-29, 2007)
- **Regional Recreational Activities** –Social and recreational activities for survivors and families
- **Information Materials** – Each office of BIANC is dedicated to providing the most up-to-date information on brain injury to survivors, families and professionals. Your contributions help us to continue to acquire resources that will be most beneficial for those dealing with brain injuries.
- **Training** – BIANC is targeting professionals and caregivers for training on best practices with brain injury
- **www.bianc.net** - Update and maintain our website with the most current information and resources

## **SAVE THE DATE ----- MARCH 29, 2008 ----- Walk & Roll-athon**

We hope to have Walk & Roll-a-thons scheduled in the same five cities and add at least one more in the Charlotte/Huntersville area!

### **Support Group Leader Training Opportunity**

The Central and Eastern Regions are scheduling one more Support Group leader opportunity on Thursday, June 28 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. We are trying to locate a meeting space in Rocky Mount and encourage everyone to mark this date and try to attend. We will be sending out an agenda which will include legislative advocacy training. Call Susan Fewell at 919 618 3003 or Darlene Wetzel at 252-439-1900 to reserve your space.



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