

Dear Brain Injury Community:

The [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) estimate that **over 9 million people in the U.S. are living with impairments from [traumatic brain injuries \(TBI\)](#) and [strokes](#)**.

TBIs and strokes are only two of the many causes of [acquired brain injuries \(ABI\)](#). TBI is the “[signature wound](#)” of the conflict in Iraq.

Those of us affected by an ABI know too well that brain injuries leave people with cognitive and/or physical disabilities that change lives forever.

I am pleased to announce the launching of the ***Brain Injury Connection (BIC)***. ***BIC*** is a [501\(c\)\(3\) tax exempt charitable organization](#) dedicated to enriching the lives of people affected by acquired brain injuries. Our [brochure](#) and [flyer](#) provide more information about ***BIC*** and tells the stories of four people who were affected by brain injuries. You can also read [my story](#) on the ***BIC*** website.

Because you have been affected by a brain injury or because of your concern for people affected by brain injuries, we hope that you will make a [tax deductible donation](#) to help us launch the **Brain Injury Connection**

. Your contribution will be used to connect survivors, caregivers, providers and the community to an educational, informative and interactive website and publication. Your contribution will help to empower people affected by brain injury and to educate the public at-large.

We need the brain injury community -- both those affected and those who work with the ABI community -- to step forward to help turn the **BIC** dream into a reality. We are asking you to [give generously](#) to this worthwhile endeavor.

A charitable contribution of up to \$499 will designate you as a **Friend of the BIC** and \$500 or more will designate you as a **Founding Friend**.

No donation is too small and every donation is equally appreciated.

[Friends of the BIC](#) and [Founding Friends](#) will be acknowledged on the **Brain Injury Connection**'s

website at

www.braininjuryconnection.org

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[Founding Friends](#)

will also be acknowledged in the **BIC**

publication. If you prefer to remain anonymous, your request will be honored.

[Please donate today!](#) I am personally donating to the **BIC** \$12.00 per month via [PayPal](#) .

I am challenging those who work with the brain injury community to match my donation, if you can't be a Founding Friend. I'm also challenging my peers and their families who have been affected by an acquired brain injury (ABI) on a limited income to donate \$12.00 per year (\$1.00 per month).

Together we can make life better for those affected by brain injury.

If you have any questions about your donation or the **BIC**, please phone me at (510) 865-4953
or [E-mail me](#) .

Respectfully,

[Deborah. D. Palmer](#)

Founder