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the Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission



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AGENDA

WELCOME

Craig Young, *BSITFC Executive Director*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Alana Shepherd, *Co-Founder Shepherd Center*

HISTORY OF THE TRUST FUND

Multimedia presentation

PRESENTATION OF PATHFINDER AWARDS

Presented by David Renz, Treasurer BSITFC

Senator Don Thomas

Presented by Rusty Kidd, Chair BSITFC

Senator Ronnie Chance

Representative Steve Tumlin

Presented by Susan Johnson, Vice-Chair BSITFC

Ben, Charles and Kay Fuller

Presented by Mary Alice Bullock, Secretary BSITFC

Rusty Kidd

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

Presented by Annette Bowling, BSITFC Public Policy Committee Chair

Zelphine Dixon-Smith

John O'Connor

Judy Hagebak

Michael Smith

Hunter Hurst

Keith Sorrells

LARRY HUGGINS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE PERSON

Presented by Joseph D. Frazier, Commission member

Chantay Reese

RECOGNITION OF THE 2006 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MEMBERS

Presented by Craig Young

Tom Connelly

Debra Gordon

Charles Lamb

Bill Lee

RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS

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ABOUT THE PATHFINDER AWARD

*Sponsored by Mary Alice and Morris Bullock
in honor of their son, Ben*

The Pathfinder Award is presented by the Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission each year to individuals and organizations dedicated to advancing the lives of Georgians with traumatic brain and spinal cord injury. This year's award is designed by Allen London of Atlanta, a well-known artist among Atlanta's art galleries where he has sold paintings to Barry White and Patti LaBelle. In 1994 Allen was in a severe car accident that left him in a coma for three months. With no identification at the time of the accident Allen was given a John Doe identification. The day that Allen was court-ordered to be taken off life-support his family found and identified him.

Since the accident Allen has gotten serious about his artistry, with the intent to show the creative and godly-side of people. Allen states, "I believe that it is meant for me to do something spectacular with my talents. I want to do something for people that have had incidents like myself and show what God can do."



ABOUT THE LARRY HUGGINS MEMORIAL AWARD

The inaugural Larry Huggins Memorial Award is named for an advocate and friend of the Trust Fund and one of our original Commission members. Larry helped to organize the effort to create the Trust Fund and get the establishing Legislation passed. Larry was instrumental in developing the Commission's first Distribution Policies and Chairing that same committee for many years. Recipients, staff and Commission members alike will remember Larry for his compassion and zest for life. He will be missed, so we will honor Larry with this award for outstanding committee person each year at our Annual Meeting.

The first recipient of the Larry Huggins Memorial Award is Chantay Reese. Chantay was asked to join the first distribution committee by then Commission Chair Dennis Skelley. Chantay enlivens the distribution committee deliberations by bringing her own experience of the myriad needs a person with TBI can have. Her injury has enabled her to help many others seeking a Trust Fund Grant.

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The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission is fortunate to have so many partners that represent a wide spectrum of mission driven advocates, experts, providers, and stakeholders. The Trust Fund could not be a force for enterprise and systems change for health care in Georgia without their support. From research to planning to implementation many new initiatives received their genesis in committee discussions. The Neurobehavioral White Paper, The Adult and Children & Youth Resource Guides, The Needs Assessment/State Action Plan are all products of dedicated committee members generously donating their time. The Distribution committee works diligently each month to recommend applicants for trust fund grants to the Commission. Many hours are given by Commission members beyond the Commission meetings as they serve on multiple committees. Leadership Development Program members gladly attend Commission meetings and serve on Committees! We thank everyone listed below for enriching these collaborations and going above and beyond to make Georgia a better place for us all.

~ Susan Johnson, Chair, Advisory Committee

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HISTORICAL TIMELINE CAPSULE

Congratulations!

The Governor's Council On
Developmental Disabilities
proudly supports the Brain &
Spinal Injury Trust Fund
Commission on the occasion of
their Tenth Anniversary. GCDD
applauds the Commissioners,
staff and volunteers for their
commitment to serve
Georgians with disabilities and
their families.

GOVERNOR'S
COUNCIL ON
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES

1995 Brain Injury Association of Georgia board member David Goudeock chairs a legislative committee to lobby for the creation of a Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund to provide financial assistance for Georgians who have sustained traumatic brain and/or spinal cord injuries.

1997 A coalition of organizations, individuals, and other grassroots organizers involved in the brain and spinal injury community begin helping lobby the Georgia legislature for the creation of the Trust Fund.

1998 In accordance with SB 110, the General Assembly creates the Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund, ratified by an overwhelming 73% of voters in a referendum during the November general elections.

1999 In April, a 10% surcharge on DUI fines begins to fund the Trust Fund. • In December, the first Authority members are sworn in by Governor Roy Barnes.

2000 On June 22-23, the Authority holds its first meeting at Roosevelt Warm Springs, in Warm Springs, GA.

2001 Bylaws for the Authority and distribution policies for the Trust Fund are drafted in November.

2002 On October 1, the application process is officially opened for the first time.

2003 The Department of Community Health requests the Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission to assume the role of Lead Agency for TBI services in Georgia. The Commission expands the role to include SCI services as well.

2004 The Commission begins administrative management of the Georgia Central Registry for Traumatic Brain and Spinal Injuries and identifies 45,000 new traumatic injuries, compared with 2,400 identified the year before.

2005 The Commission awards almost \$2 million (\$1,978,861) to 523 recipients, and by June of 2005 the total awards given through the Trust Fund reach the \$3.5 million mark.

2006 In September, the Commission holds its first SCI Summit in Atlanta, Georgia.

2007 More than 2,000 Georgians have received \$8.8 million in Trust Fund awards in the Commission's five years of disbursements.

2008 Trust Fund grants awarded to Georgians surpasses \$10 million.

The logo for Accessibility Services Plaza features the words "ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with "PLAZA" in a larger, bold, blue, sans-serif font below it. The text is set against a white background with a subtle blue and green gradient behind the words. The entire logo is enclosed in a thin blue border.

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