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Ten Survivors of Brain Injury Featured in “Faces of Brain Injury” Exhibit
At the Massachusetts State House, Doric Hall, March 7-11

A brain injury occurs every 23 seconds – unanticipated, unpredictable, indiscriminate. It affects people of all ages, races, and genders.

During March, Brain Injury Awareness Month, ten survivors will share their personal stories as part of the “Faces of Brain Injury” exhibit at the Massachusetts State House. These survivors come from all walks of life and represent the many thousands of people in Massachusetts who live with brain injury.

“This exhibit provides a small glimpse into the world of brain injury and the challenges that survivors overcome everyday,” says Arlene Korab, Executive Director of the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA).

Survivors featured in the exhibit include: eight year-old Owen of Medway who sustained his injury as a result of a lesion on his brain; George of Boston who was the victim of assault; Scott of Woburn whose car was hit by a texting driver; Claire of Acton who suffered a sports concussion; and Wayne of Webster who suffered a life-altering stroke at 41. Each survivor’s story will be presented individually on a 24” x 36” poster with photographs.

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, a private, non-profit organization, provides support to brain injury survivors and their families, offers programs to prevent brain injuries, and educates the public on the risks of irresponsible behavior and the impact of brain injury. The association also advocates for funding to support services for individuals with brain injury, supports legislation to prevent brain injuries, and collaborates on educational campaigns with state agencies and related associations.

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Who:  Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts
What:  “Faces of Brain Injury” Exhibit
When:  March 7-11 (March is Brain Injury Awareness Month)
Where:  Massachusetts State House (Doric Hall), Boston