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## **Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts Returns to Framingham for Regional Walk & Roll**

*The final of three annual walks to be held across Massachusetts*

(Westborough, Mass, August 23, 2017) The [Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts \(BIA-MA\)](#) is pleased to announce the return of its annual Walk & Roll fundraiser events. This year, BIA-MA returns to Framingham State University in Framingham, MA for their third and final event of the season on Sunday, September 24 starting at 9:30am.

By participating in the Walk & Roll, participants help fight for a better quality of life for those affected by brain injury. Residents can register as individuals, set up a team, start a fundraising page or provide a one-time donation. The official page for the event can be found at [give.classy.org/biamawalkcentral](http://give.classy.org/biamawalkcentral).

“We have had such a tremendous experience thus far with this year’s Walk & Roll events,” BIA-MA Executive Director Nicole Godaire said. “As we were welcomed back to the other two venues from last year, it is only fitting we return to FSU for our final walk of the season.”

One of the participants joining this year’s walk is Victoria Eno of Medford, MA, part of team Paul’s PAC. Eno is currently a caregiver for her brother Paul, who suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) four years ago in a snowboarding accident.

“When the accident happened, our family had never heard of a traumatic brain injury. You might say that we were a bit unprepared for what awaited us,” Eno said, expressing her gratitude towards the “talented and caring doctors and therapists” that supported their family.

After years of hard work, countless hours in hospitals and therapies, and unwavering determination to not be limited by his injury, Paul has relearned to walk unaided, speak, and go about his daily living. “While his injury has brought new challenges to his life, he still approaches his days with the same endless confidence and strength as he always has,” Eno said.

Eno explained it was through their case worker at the hospital that they were introduced to the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts. “Over the years, [BIA-MA] has provided us with a network of support and friends that understand our family, journey, and situation in a way that the general population does not. We are extremely grateful for the awareness they bring to the state, the work they do to support families in need, and the overall positivity that it has provided to our lives,” Eno said. “We love attending the Walk and Roll each year for the fun atmosphere and the feeling of community that it brings. We are looking forward to another great event!”

BIA-MA is the first and oldest organization in the state to offer support and resources to brain injury survivors and their families. They provide prevention programs, educational trainings and legislative advocacy.

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*The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) is dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by brain injury while reducing its incidence and impact through prevention programs, education and training and legislative advocacy. Founded in 1982, the BIA-MA is the primary conduit between survivors and an extensive network of facilities, programs and professionals including 56 statewide support groups. The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts is a chartered affiliate of the Brain Injury Association of America. For more information, visit [www.bjama.org](http://www.bjama.org) or call (800) 242-0030.*