



Annual Report

Collaborating for Growth

Expanding Reach | Strengthening Partnerships

A Letter from Our Executive Director & Board President

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Reflecting on 2023, we're proud to share key milestones in advancing our mission. It's been a year of *growth, collaboration, and progress.*

One major achievement was *expanding our Resource Facilitation team from five to seven members*, boosting our ability to serve individuals affected by brain injury across the state.

After three years of virtual events, we were thrilled to *return to an in-person brain injury conference*, offering a renewed platform for knowledge-sharing and connection within our community.

In June, we partnered with the *University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Public Health* on an *NIH-funded initiative* to implement brain injury screenings in domestic and intimate partner violence programs statewide. This 4-year project aims to enhance awareness and support in these critical areas.

Additionally, our collaboration with the *Douglas County Youth Center* to screen justice-involved youth for brain injury reinforces our commitment to supporting high-risk populations.

These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our team, strong partnerships, and the collective drive to create a better future for all Nebraskans affected by brain injury.

With gratitude and determination,



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Executive Director



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Recognizing **Extraordinary Individuals**

Each year at the Nebraska Brain Injury Conference, we dedicate time to recognize and honor individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the brain injury community.

In 2023, we were proud to honor the following individuals for their outstanding work in Nebraska.



Dennis Marks - Professional Advocate of the Year

Since 1996, Dennis has been a dedicated Deputy Public Defender in Sarpy County, representing youth in adult, juvenile, and appellate courts. His passion for advocating for individuals with brain injuries sets him apart, and he has co-presented with BIA-NE at conferences to educate peers on the connection between brain injury and juvenile justice.

Dennis has implemented a brain injury screening process in his office to better support his clients and serves on numerous committees. Thank you, Dennis, for your leadership and dedication to serving Nebraskans!

Roland Kramer - Spirit of Nebraska

Lincoln County Sheriff Chief Deputy Roland Kramer began his law enforcement career in 1989, working through various divisions and expanding his expertise before becoming the supervisor of the Detention Center, Deputies, and Clerks in 2011. Throughout his career, he has served on many boards and brought impactful programs to the detention center, including GED, Wise Minds, Gambler Assistance, AA, NA, and Work Share.



Passionate about inmate mental health, Roland has partnered with BIA-NE to ensure struggling inmates have access to advocacy and support. Thank you, Deputy Kramer, for your dedication to addressing the root causes of incarceration and helping individuals avoid recidivism.



Rhonda Alcorn - Everyday Hero

In 1997, Rhonda received a call every parent dreads—her teenage son, Luke, had lost control of his truck on the way to football practice. At 16, he suffered a severe diffuse axonal brain injury and was life-flighted to Kearney Hospital. From that moment, Rhonda's and her family's lives changed forever as they navigated surgeries, therapy, paperwork, and even fundraising for a service dog to support Luke's recovery.

Beyond advocating for Luke, Rhonda has been a tireless supporter of others affected by brain injury or disability, offering her help in advocacy, peer support, and committee work. Thank you, Rhonda, for your unwavering support and dedication.

Showcasing Our Impact

Below are key data highlights of our statewide impact and the vital work of our Resource Facilitators across the state.

As part of our commitment to transparency and accountability under the Brain Injury Assistance Act of 2022, we also compile a more detailed report with Partners for Insightful Evaluation and share that data with the Brain Injury Oversight Committee. For those interested in a deeper dive into our statewide efforts and outcomes, we encourage you to review the full reports on our website.

650
Total individuals
served through
Resource Facilitation



478
Outbound referrals provided
to 226 individuals

397
Brain injury screenings
recorded with 7 partner
agencies



80
Trainings conducted
across Nebraska

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Finances

Financial Activities

Revenues & Support

Contributions	\$ 127,679.00
Grants	\$ 470,623.00
Fundraising Events	\$ 27,505.00
Conference & Training Fees	\$ 11,754.00
Decrease/Increase in Investments	\$ (18,618.00)
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 1,572.00

Total Revenue & Support **\$ 657,751.00**

Net Assets Released from Restrictions **\$ 553,013.00**

Expenses

Program	\$ 882,045.00
Management	\$ 57,109.00
Fundraising	\$ 21,050.00

Total Expenses **\$ 960,204.00**

Increase in Unrestricted Assets \$ 250,560.00

Restricted Net Assets

Grants & Contributions	\$ 450,000.00
Conference	\$ 16,650.00
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	\$ (553,013.00)

2022 Year Summary

Decrease In Restricted Assets	\$ 86,363.00
Total Increase In Net Assets	\$ 164,197.00

Net Assets at Beginning of 2023 **\$ 1,082,726.00**

Net Assets at End of 2023 **\$ 1,246,923.00**

Financial Position

Current Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 886,697.00
Grants & Pledges Receivable	\$ 12,113.00
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 17,722.00
Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 77,898.00
Other Assets	\$ 175,875.00

Total Current Assets **\$ 1,273,059.00**

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 14,538.00
Other Accrued Expenses	\$ 11,598.00

Total Current Liabilities **\$ 26,136.00**

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 1,093,161.00
Restricted Net Assets	\$ 153,762.00

Total Net Assets **\$ 1,246,923.00**

Total Liabilities & Net Assets **\$ 1,273,059.00**

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Mission

Create a better future for all Nebraskans through brain injury prevention, education, advocacy, and support.