

# Headlights

WINTER 2012

## SAVE THE DATE..

### 2012 SHUCK-A-RAMA

• BENEFITING THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA •

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012  
GOLD BUG ISLAND, MT. PLEASANT, SC  
5:00-8:00PM

#### Ticket Prices:

\$35.00 In Advance

\$45.00 At the Door

For more information and to purchase tickets, please call 803.731.9823  
OR email [scbraininjury@bellsouth.net](mailto:scbraininjury@bellsouth.net)



[WWW.BIAUSA.ORG/SC/](http://WWW.BIAUSA.ORG/SC/)

**LIVE MUSIC FRESH OYSTERS CHILI BEVERAGES**

The BIASC is now looking for sponsors for the 2012 Shuck-A-Rama.

The sponsorship levels include:

“Pearl” (Presenting) Sponsor - \$5,000

“Half Shell” Sponsor - \$2,000

“Bushel” Sponsor - \$1,000

“Shucked” Sponsor - \$500

“Steamed” Sponsor - \$300

“Raw Sponsor” - \$150

For more information on sponsorship benefits, please contact Joyce Davis at  
[scbraininjury@bellsouth.net](mailto:scbraininjury@bellsouth.net)

### Inside This Issue:

Messages	2-3
SC Concussion Legislation Update	
BLASC Golf Tournament	4-5
Sponsor Recognition	
BLASC Board and Supporters	6-7
BLASC Members	
Support Group Information	8-9
Support Group Spotlight	
Chandler's Law:	10-11
SC ATV Legislation	

### BIASC Officers and Staff

Kay Brooks  
President

Thomas Seastrunk  
President-Elect

Elaine Phillips  
Past-President

Sherry Caldwell  
Treasurer

Malcolm Crosland  
Secretary

Joyce Davis  
Executive Director

Ashley Bailes  
Resource Coordinator

## Message from the President

As I write the column for this quarter, we are rapidly approaching the holiday season. In this season of reflection and Thanksgiving, I am very grateful for the BIASC staff, Board of Directors, and especially our members and supporters throughout the state.

Joyce Davis and I recently traveled to Florida to attend the Brain Injury Association of America State Affiliate Leadership Conference. It was my first time attending the meeting, and I enjoyed learning more about BIAA and discussing ways to maximize the impact of BIAA and BIASC in the future. However, there were troubling developments at the conference, too. A number of states are concerned about the future direction of BIAA, and are considering separating from the Association. The reasons for their concern are numerous, but include disagreements over state affiliate dues and disagreement over the BIAA response to the Pediatric Brain Injury Act (PABI Act). I came away from the conference somewhat concerned for the national BIAA organization. However, I also felt renewed appreciation for the unity and growth within BIASC and the brain-injury community in South Carolina. I am also excited that one of our own Dr. Sheldon Herring was elected to the Board of Directors of BIAA. I know that Dr. Herring's knowledge and commitment to the brain injury community will be a valuable asset to BIAA.

It has been especially encouraging to see renewed growth and participation in our support groups around the state—such as in Rock Hill and Spartanburg. Through the involvement of both professional staff and survivors/family members, these groups are growing and providing valuable support in their communities. I also want to mention another way to become involved in supporting individuals with brain injuries by participating in the Brain Injury Leadership Council of South Carolina (SCBILC). SCBILC formally functions as the state's advisory council, providing leadership on a range of issues focusing on building a stronger and more effective system of care for individuals with brain injury in South Carolina. However, SCBILC meetings are also a great way to network with others and learn more about the latest TBI related legislation, advocacy efforts and research and education. I encourage you to check out SCBILC online at [www.scbilc.com](http://www.scbilc.com) and get involved!

I wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday season.

Kay Brooks  
Board President

## Message from the Director

Hello to All!

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather and colors and are preparing for the holiday season. BIASC has much to be thankful for during this time. The Board of Directors approved to offer \$500 stipends to SC brain injury support groups across the state to assist with costs associated with the groups. Often times, the support group leaders dip into their own pockets to provide supplies for the support group meetings and outings. The stipends assist support groups with these costs and allow the groups to do many other things. Some of the stipends this year will be used for recreational outings (bowling, zoo, baseball games), webinars, thumb drives (for storing individuals' medical history in case of an emergency), and Vials of Life (storing medical history).

BIASC will be hosting a Support Group Leader Workshop in December to “thank” and “rejuvenate” our Support Group Leaders. This will be a great time to network and share the wonderful things each group is doing as well as a chance for BIASC to provide training and an update about BIASC activities. Speakers will be providing information on Support Group Facilitation, SC Brain Injury Leadership Council, and SC Adult Sibling Leadership Network.

Finally, BIASC hosts events in the Upstate and Midlands and now will be hosting its 1st Ever Low country Event! We are reaching out to our friends and the general public in the Charleston area to spread awareness of brain injury and the BIASC. We will host an Oyster Roast at Gold Bug Island on Saturday, January 14th. We will have music, oysters, hot dogs (for those non-oyster eaters), and a lot of great fellowship! Tickets will be sold to attend the event. So, please check our website for more details as the date gets closer, and make plans to join us.

Happy Holidays,  
Joyce Davis

Joyce Davis  
Executive Director

## SC Seeks to Be 33rd State to Have a Concussion Law

### McCoy Files Legislation to Protect High School Athletes

Columbia, SC - Fighting to increase safety in high school sports, Representative Peter McCoy (Republican, James Island/Folly Beach) introduced House Bill 3768.

"With over 140,000 high school student-athletes across the country suffering concussions each year and with post-concussion syndrome and second-impact syndrome dire realities, it is imperative we protect our young athletes from serious and even fatal results," said McCoy. "The legislation I have introduced has the safety of our student-athletes as the top priority."



If passed, House Bill 3768 will require local school districts to adopt certain guidelines to protect high school student-athletes from concussions. It will also require the Department of Education to develop and distribute to local school districts model policies informing and educating coaches, student-athletes, and their parents of the nature and risk of concussions, criteria for removal from and return to play, and risks of not reporting the injury and continuing to play.

McCoy, a former high school and collegiate student-athlete, said the bill is critical in protecting high school athletes. "Requiring the Department of Education and our local school districts to address this issue is vital in maintaining the safety of our high school student-athletes."

Rep. McCoy's bill has received bi-partisan support with 18 co-sponsors, including Rep. Jackie "Coach" Hayes (Democrat, Dillon). "As a coach and an athletic director, I applaud Rep. McCoy for bringing this important issue to the table," said Hayes. "I look forward to working with Rep. McCoy to pass this important measure in protecting our youth."

---

## GO GREEN WITH BIASC!!

### Sign Up for E-Newsletters and Updates

In an effort to decrease printing, use of paper, and postage, BIASC has begun emailing a link to our newsletters to some members. We also have an email distribution list we send updates on BIASC Events and programs, legislative updates, support group news, and other information. We are also using GRASSHOPR as a way to go green, so please visit [www.grasshopr.com/BIASC](http://www.grasshopr.com/BIASC) to register! It is completely FREE and all of your information will be kept private and accessed only by a BIASC administrator! If you are interested in supporting BIASC efforts to become a little greener and leaner, by receiving the newsletter via email, Visit the BIASC website, [www.biausa.org/SC/](http://www.biausa.org/SC/) and click on "Click Here to receive more information from BIASC". Be sure to fill in all the fields.



BIASC Staff Can Also Register You for Grasshopr  
Email Ashley Bailes at [abailes.biaasc@bellsouth.net](mailto:abailes.biaasc@bellsouth.net)

Please include the following information in your email:

Full Name, Email Address, Mailing Address

Thank you and if you have any questions,  
please call us at 877.TBI.FACT.

## Find Us On The Web...



## 8th Annual BIASC Golf Tournament

The 8th Annual BIASC Golf Tournament was a tremendous success! Held at Oak Hills Golf Club in Columbia, SC, for the third year in a row, over 100 people came out to Oak Hills Golf Club on Monday, October 24th to support the BIASC. We had beautiful weather, excellent food and great prizes!

The hole-in-one prizes, provided by Larry Lucas State Farm Insurance, included a new Toyota Corolla, a set of Nike irons and drivers, a \$500 Visa gift card and a 32" LCD Television. Unfortunately, no one managed to score a hole-in-one, but there's always 2012!

Aside from the awesome hole-in-one prizes, we had several Silent Auction prizes for our golfers to bid on. Some of the items included a Yeti Cooler, a Clemson football autographed by Dabo Swinney, a USC Spirit Basket with a variety of Gamecock items, and several golf foursomes donated by golf courses across South Carolina. We were able to raise over \$600.00 in the Silent Auction!

In addition to the Silent Auction, we also provided the golfers with several great door prizes including an electronic charging station, gift certificates to Mellow Mushroom and golf balls. We would like to thank everyone who donated items for our door prizes and Silent Auction! It is through your continued generosity that we are able to provide our golfers with such nice items!

Overall, the 8th Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success and wouldn't have been possible without all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers and players!

## 8TH ANNUAL BIASC GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

**1ST PLACE: TEAM STACEY**  
**2ND PLACE: TEAM CALAIS**  
**3RD PLACE: TEAM SEASTRUNK**

# Thank You To Our Birdie and Lunch Sponsor...

# ZAXBY'S



## REAL CHICKEN

### Dinner Sponsor...



### Par Sponsors...



# Thank You To Our Sponsors & Donors...

#### Birdie Sponsor:

Zax, Inc.

#### Par Sponsors:

Moore Orthopedic Clinic

CH2M Hill

Comprehensive Maintenance Services

#### Hole-In-One Prize Sponsor:

Larry Lucas State Farm Insurance

#### Hole Sponsors:

Steinberg Law Firm

Jak, Inc.

Custom Synthesis

Piggly Wiggly Carolina Company

Doehrman Chamberlain, Attorneys At Law

Zazby's of Columbia

King Cadillac

Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Columbia

Dixie Tire & Automotive

Brackett Tax System

The Stover Family

Rosen, Rosen and Haygood

Trident Head Injury Support Group

#### Donors:

Ron Frady (In Honor of Mark Clarkson)

Jay and Linda Russell

Anbesaw Selassie

Southern Warehouse Associates

Jay Kates

Clear Country Bottled Water

### BIASC

#### Board of Director's Meetings

BIASC Board Meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held at 4:30 p.m.

**Please check with BIASC office for Board meeting locations prior to meetings**

**December 1, 2011**

**March 29, 2012**

**June 28, 2012**

**Sept. 27, 2012**

### BIASC Board of Directors

Kay Brooks, President  
Thomas Seastrunk, D.O., President-Elect  
Elaine Phillips, Past-President  
Sherry Caldwell, Treasurer  
Malcolm Crosland, Secretary

Leslie Adkins	Marsha Mikell
Cyndy Anzek	Les Paul Morgan
Rafe Ellisor	Dede Norungolo
Carey Garrett	John A. Kimes
Wesley Gravelle	Sherry Swan
Jeremy Hertz, Psy. D.	Vic Rosenthal
Daniel Knowlton	Joshua Zola
Richard Medlock	

### BIASC Advisory Board

Robert E. Brabham, Ph.D.	Danny Weaver
Philip Clarkson	Charles McLafferty
Ric Davis, Esq.	C. Daniel Vega, Esq.
Tony Harper	Sheldon Herring, Ph.D.
Mary Hassett	Lyman Whitehead

**STARTING IN JANUARY 2012, THE BIASC WILL ACKNOWLEDGE ITS CORPORATE SPONSORS IN EVERY ISSUE OF THE HEADLIGHT'S NEWSLETTER AND WILL RECOGNIZE OTHER DONORS, CONTRIBUTORS AND SUPPORTERS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING OUR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS, PLEASE SEE PAGE 7.**

## Brain Injury Association of South Carolina Circle of Supporters:

**PATRON CIRCLE:** Tony Harper (Harper Family Foundation), Patrick & Elaine Phillips, Ric Davis

**PLATINUM CIRCLE:** Deborah Skellington, Force Protection, Inc., Tommy Pruitt, Philip & Marilyn Clarkson, Greenville Hospital System, Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital, SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department

**GOLD CIRCLE:** Jeffrey & Robin Wheeler, Dr. & Mrs. Sheldon Herring

**SILVER CIRCLE:** Carole Dunlap, Edward Dunlap, Peggy Snider, Kiwanis Club of Orangeburg, Inc., Thomas Seastrunk, Jack & Melinda Kimes, Marjorie Ehrenclou, Carey Garrett, Steinburg Lawfirm, Malcolm Crosland

**CORPORATIONS/FIRMS:** Chuck Hinton, DN Jones Documentation, Vision Property

### Thank You to All of Our Amazing Supporters!

BIASC is seeking Corporate Sponsors. If you are interested in supporting the Brain Injury Association of South Carolina and its ability to continue to serve brain injury survivors and families, please contact: Joyce Davis at [sbraininjury@bellsouth.net](mailto:sbraininjury@bellsouth.net).

## BIASC Corporate Sponsorship Levels

All Corporate Sponsors Receive:

1-Year Subscription to BIASC's Headlights Newsletter

1-Year Subscription to Brain Injury Association of America's Newsletter

A Letter indicating your tax deductible donation

**Platinum Sponsorship: \$10,000+**

**Full Page Ad** in quarterly BIASC's Headlights Newsletter

**1 free exhibiting table** at the annual BIASC Conference

Member **discount for 10 individuals** at the annual BIASC Conference

Logo on **BIASC homepage** website with **live link on front page**

**Premiere Logo** on all BIASC event t-shirts

**Premiere Logo** on Banner displayed at all BIASC hosted events

**Gold Sponsorship: \$5,000**

**1/2 Page Ad** in quarterly BIASC's Headlights Newsletter

Member **discount for 6 individuals** at the annual BIASC Conference

**Logo** on BIASC website on **Corporate Sponsor Page**

**Logo** on all BIASC event t-shirts

**Logo on Banner** displayed at all BIASC hosted events

**Silver Sponsorships: \$2,500**

**1/4 Page Ad** in quarterly BIASC's Headlights Newsletter

Member **discount for 4 individuals** at the annual BIASC Conference

**Name** on BIASC website on Corporate Sponsor page as Silver Sponsor

**Name** on all BIASC event t-shirts

**Name on Banner** displayed at all BIASC hosted events

**Bronze Sponsorship: \$1,000**

**1/8 Page Ad** in quarterly BIASC's Headlights Newsletter

Member **discount for 2 individuals** at the annual BIASC Conference

**Name** on BIASC Website on Corporate Sponsor page as Bronze Sponsor

**Name** on all BIASC event t-shirts

So many have remembered the BIASC during special moments in their lives this year, and we heartily thank them for the contributions and acknowledgements to our organization. If you or a loved one has experienced a brain injury and would like to remember our organization through memorials, wedding and birthday contributions, please contact our office at **803-731-9823 or 877-TBI-FACT.**

## BIASC Membership: Renew or Join!

The Brain Injury Association of South Carolina relies on your membership dues and donations to assist in the execution of our special projects and to assist families and survivors. Many of you who receive this newsletter are not yet members of BIASC. If you have not yet joined, we strongly urge you to do so! It is important that individuals with brain injuries, their families and the professionals in the field all work together to develop and remain updated on services, legislation and support systems. Also, your membership is extremely valuable when we are speaking with legislators. Please remember, we cannot do this without your help!

To Renew or Join, Please Contact

Ashley Bailes at:

**803.731.9823 or 877.TBI.FACT**

or Online at:

[www.biausa.org/SC/](http://www.biausa.org/SC/)

## Statewide Brain Injury Support Groups

### Spartanburg-Lyman Brain Injury Support Group

Meeting Place: Bryant Center  
 SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department  
 180 Groce Road  
 Lyman, SC  
 Meeting Time: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
 Contact Person: Tanya Lambert  
 Phone: 864-249-8048 or 864-249-8030

### Beaufort Brain Injury Support Group

Meeting Place: Baptist Church of Beaufort  
 600 Charles Street, Green Room Entrance, Rm. 101A  
 Beaufort, SC 29902  
 Meeting Time: 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
 Contact Person: Robert Easter  
 Phone: 843-441-6219

### Brain Matters Support Group (Greenwood)

Meeting Place: Burton Center  
 2605 Hwy. 72/221 East  
 Greenwood, SC 29649  
 Meeting Time: 3rd Thursday of each month, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
 Contact Person: Kristy Lawson  
 Phone: 864-942-7124

### Rock Hill Brain Injury Support Group

Meeting Place: HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital  
 1795 Frank Gaston Blvd.  
 Rock Hill, SC  
 Meeting Time: 1st Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
 Contact Person: BIASC  
 Phone: 803-731-9823

### Columbia Brain Injury Support Group

Meeting Place: HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital  
 2935 Colonial Drive  
 Columbia, SC  
 Time: 1st Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
 Contact Person: Rafe Ellisor  
 Phone: 803-401-1365

### Greenville Brain Injury Support Group

Meeting Place: HASCI Resource Center  
 Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board  
 McAlister Square  
 225 S. Pleasantburg Drive  
 Greenville, S.C.  
 Time: 1st Tuesday of most months, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
 Contact Person: Anne and Gary Medlock  
 Phone: 864-230-7821 or 864-230-7820

### Hartsville Brain Injury Support Group

Meeting Place: Hartsville Memorial Library  
 Address: 147 W. College Avenue  
 Hartsville, SC  
 Time: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Contact Person: Danny Weaver  
 Phone: 843-383-5585

### Brain Injury Support Group of the Grand Strand (Myrtle Beach)

Meeting Place: HASCI (Head and Spinal Cord Injury) New Horizon Center  
 1021 3rd Avenue  
 Conway, SC  
 Time: 3rd Thursday of each month, 12 noon (pot luck lunch & meeting)  
 Contact Person: Ellen Leftwich  
 Phone: 843-349-7250

### Trident Head Injury Support Group (Charleston)

Meeting Place: HASCI Drop-In Center - Westwood Plaza  
 1812 Rittenberg Blvd., Suite 6  
 Charleston, SC  
 Time: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
 Contact: Marsha Mikell  
 Phone: 843-881-1214  
 Contact Person: Colin DiResta  
 Phone: 843-852-5550

### Aiken: Central Savannah River Area Support Group

Meeting Place #1: Walton Options for Independent Living (WOIL)  
 325 Georgia Avenue  
 North Augusta, SC  
 Meeting Time: 1st Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
 Contact Person: Les Paul Morgan  
 Phone: 866-793-3407 or 803-279-9611

Meeting Place #2: Walton West  
 1355 Independence Drive  
 Augusta, GA

Time: 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
 Contact Person: Les Paul Morgan  
 Phone: 866-492-5866

### Anderson, Oconee, Pickens (AOP) Brain Injury Support Group

Meeting Place: Anderson County Disabilities and Special Needs Board  
 212 McGee Road  
 Anderson, SC  
 Time: 2nd Monday of each month 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
 Contact Person: Candy Jones  
 Phone: 864-260-4529

### Dorn VA Medical Center TBI Support Group

*(for veterans with TBI and their family members)*  
 Meeting Place: Veterans Administration Medical Center  
 Building 100  
 Rehab Department (Basement) Room LB 148  
 6439 Garners Ferry Road  
 Columbia, SC  
 Time: 4th Thursday of each month 10:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Contact Person: Tasha Davis  
 Phone: 803-776-4000 ext.5724

## **SUPPORT GROUP SPOTLIGHT:** **Brain Injury Support Group of the Grand Strand** *(Conway/Myrtle Beach Area)*

### **BRAIN INJURY RECOVERY – RESTORATION**

The slow and deliberate process of restoring a vintage metal truck is very much like the slow and deliberate process needed to recover from a brain injury. In order to regain quality of life, the brain has to be retrained and new strategies developed for coping with a life where memory can not always be counted on.

Bob Roskow Jr. suffered an anoxic (oxygen deprivation) brain injury in 1994. Since then he has tried to keep busy with activities that require learning new skills and information. In 2006, Bob Jr. and his parents, Bob & Ann, volunteered to foster a Service Dog Puppy for Carolina Canines for Service. Fostering their rescued black lab mix, Eve, began a new adventure for the family. Learning how to train a puppy and being involved in the social activities of the service dog community was a confidence builder for Bob, Jr. Eve stayed with the Roskows for 20 months and then went on to serve a disabled Marine and to be a Police Dog. Since Bob has serious back problems and falls when he is not doing well, the Roskows decided to train Myrrh Doc, their British (white) Golden Retriever, to be Bob's service dog. Maybe you have seen Bob and Myrrh Doc on the Plantation.

They say that the best way to recover from brain injury is to try to use the knowledge and skills that you had before the injury. Bob had been an auto body technician.. even had his own shop. He had always had an entrepreneurial spirit. In 2005, with the help of counselors from the New Horizon Head and Spinal Cord Injury Center in Conway, Bob was able to acquire the skills to use the computer. That opened a giant door for him. He found a craft on the internet that allowed him to put photographs on various metal shapes and thus began a photo jewelry business with his Mother called Imagewear Designs, LLC.

His greatest passion, however, began in 2008. He was bored and started looking in his storage and found one of his old Tonka trucks from the '70s. It was rusty and beat-up. He began to wonder if he could use his auto body skills to restore the truck to its original condition. Slowly, using strategies to help him remember, he started restoring the Tonka Truck.



The process is slow and deliberate. Bob takes the truck apart and then sand blasts all the parts to remove the original paint and rust. He paints the parts with primer, does auto body repair on damaged and dented parts, and then paints them the original color of the Tonka. He found an auto body paint store in Myrtle Beach that would match the original Tonka paint colors. All the parts are sanded and buffed to the ultimate shine. Bob was able to find sources for the decals, hub caps, hooks and all the little parts that are required for restoration. He has acquired the technology to reproduce a lot of the plastic parts and to refurbish metal parts. Having success with his first attempt, he has grown his hobby to the point of buying old Tonka's (and other metal trucks) on Ebay. To fund his hobby, he has an Ebay store called The Toy Truck Body Shop and he does a couple craft shows each year. He has also done some custom restorations. Bob does all the sand blasting and painting at his workshop in Garden City. All the fine work of reassembling is done at home.

The Roskow Family love living in Wachesaw Plantation and want to thank the residents for their friendship and support.

**Ann Roskow, mother of Bob Roscow and Brain Injury Advocate**

## South Carolina ATV Law

South Carolina passes an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) safety bill establishing the first protections for children and youth operating ATVs while on public lands. The Chandler's Law prohibits children under the age of six from operating an ATV and calls for all under the age of 16 to complete a safety course, wear a helmet and eye protection, and may not ride an ATV in violation of the Manufacturer Age Restriction Warning Label. The law allows exceptions for children who are on family farms, are hunting or are on private property under the direct supervision of their parents or guardians.

One of the requirements of the Chandler's Law is that children 16 year and younger have to take an ATV safety training course. According to the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) there are nine training sites in South Carolina: Low Country – Dorchester and Horry; Midlands- Aiken; and Upstate- Fairfield, Greenville, Laurens, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Chester. For additional information on ATV Rider Courses visit ATV Safety Institute at <http://www.atvsafety.org/>.

An ATV law is needed in South Carolina. According to South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, on average 6 children die from ATV-related injuries in South Carolina each year. From 1999-2009, 63 children died from ATV accidents. This is the third time both the House and Senate have passed a version of Chandler's Law, named for 16-year-old Chandler Saylor, who died in an ATV accident near Swansea in 2003. The Saylor family has been dedicated to increasing awareness and establishing a law to protect children on ATVs. In the past years, there were two ATV bills introduced and vetoed. South Carolina will be joining 44 other states with legislation keeping children safe while operating an ATV.

In September 2010 DHEC DIVP, along with state partners, participated in The Child Safety Network's (CSN) National Community of Practice (COP) on Child and Adolescent Rural Injury Prevention. CSN COP developed groups of 5 to 10 states to collaborate on "Action Planning Small Groups" focusing on the same rural health issues and to develop and implement a comprehensive action plan within each state. The Action Planning Small Groups consisted of monthly conference calls among the states to discuss the progress on developing action plans and giving constructive feedback. South Carolina along with 6 other states participated on a CSN "ATV Action Planning Small Group". To move forward with developing an ATV action plan within SC, DIVP assembled and facilitated an ATV State Team to develop and implement a comprehensive state action plan which would advocate, market, and promote the proposed ATV safety legislation in SC (See Attachment I). At the final session of CSN COP, CSN hosted a national webinar to highlight two state teams to present on their experiences developing and implementing action plans. South Carolina was nominated and chosen by other states from the "ATV Action Planning Small Group" to present on their experiences developing and implementing action plans on ATV injury prevention surrounding the Chandler's Law. On September 15, 2011 Nichole Spivey presented on the successes of implementing SC's ATV action plan to an audience of injury prevention directors and staff, Maternal Child Health (MCH) directors and staff, rural health professionals, and interested other in state health departments in 14 states around the country. By participating in this national initiative, DHEC DIVP was able to highlight the development and implementation of policy, system and environmental change within the community by using an action plan to increase ATV safety awareness and education. The DHEC DIVP accomplished a deliverable from the current Core VIIP grant by implementing public health policy interventions in SC. The DHEC DIVP will continue facilitating a workgroup dedicated to ATV safety by identifying evidence-based policy strategies and implementation of action plan, which includes measurable goals and objectives with timeframes and identifying organizations to plan activities.

The ATV State Team consist of partners such as Safe Kids of SC, The Children's Hospital Collaborative of SC, Medical University of SC, Steve and Pam Saylor (Parents of Chandler), The Children's Trust of SC, Honda, Emergency Medical Services for Children, and Greenville Children's Hospital. The ATV State team created an ATV Safety Communication Plan with key messages and implementation methods to target parents of children allowed to ride ATVs. Some of our strategies will be visual representations/flyers, face to face communication with parents, distribution of information materials, mass media initiatives, PSAs, and social networking (See Attachment U). The DHEC DIVP created a webpage on ATV safety to place on DHEC's agency website at [www.scdhec.gov/injury](http://www.scdhec.gov/injury).

The ATV State Team also created a website, [chlandersatvlaw.com](http://chlandersatvlaw.com), which has information about the law, training, Q & A for children and parents, and scenarios to understand law.



**Please Support Chandler's Law H 3562/S 448:  
All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety  
Legislation for Children**



<p><b>ATV Statistics</b></p>	<p><i>[Source: SC DHEC, Division of Biostatistics]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On average, 6 children die from ATV-related injuries in South Carolina each year.</li> <li>● From 1999 – 2009, 63 children died from ATV accidents in South Carolina. Nearly 40% of those children were age 9 and under.</li> <li>● The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 450 children are injured each year in South Carolina on ATVs.</li> <li>● Nationally, 95% of children killed on ATVs were riding adult-sized ATVs despite industry recommendations</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Why ATVs are especially dangerous for children</b></p> <p><i>The odds are in favor of the ATV</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ATV</b></p> <p>Weight between 200-900 lbs</p> <p>Capable of speeds up to 75 mph</p> <p>No seatbelt or metal frame to protect rider</p> <p>Excess power as compared to control/stability</p> <p>Ridden on uneven terrain –prone to rollovers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>vs.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Child</b></p> <p>Avg. weight, 10 yr old boy = 70 lbs</p> <p>Lacks physical strength and motor coordination needed to safely handle an ATV</p> <p>Lacks maturity, perceptual, &amp; cognitive abilities to be able to react quickly and appropriately in a dangerous situation</p> <p>Most common ATV injuries: fractures, head and spinal cord injuries</p>
<p><b>What Chandler's Law Proposes</b></p> <p>✓ <i>Consistent with *SVIA model ATV safety legislation</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Minimum age to operate an ATV is 9 years.</li> <li>✓ Children 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult if riding on public land</li> <li>● New requirements for children under age 16:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Must complete a hands-on ATV rider safety course before operation on an ATV</li> <li>✓ Must wear a safety helmet and eye protection</li> <li>✓ May not ride an ATV in violation of the manufacturer Age Restriction Warning Label</li> <li>✓ May not carry a passenger on an ATV without a valid driver's license</li> <li>○ The above requirements, although recommended, do not apply for ATVs in use for farming, ranching, hunting, or trapping</li> </ul> </li> <li>● ATVs can be registered with the SC Dept. of Motor Vehicle for purposes of receiving a title.</li> </ul> <p>* SVIA is the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America</p>		

**For more information on Chandler's Law and the SC ATV Law, please**



**BRAIN INJURY  
ASSOCIATION**  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

PO Box 21523  
Columbia, SC 29221-1523

NON PROFIT ORG.

U. S. Postage

**PAID**

Permit No. 415


Columbia, SC

\*Time Date Material

\*BIASC is charged for returns due to change of address.

\*Return Service Requested

*BIASC's Vision: A world where all preventable brain injuries are prevented, all unpreventable brain injuries are minimized, and all individuals who have experienced brain injury maximize their quality of life.*




# The Best Gifts Don't Always Come With Bows

Helping someone in need is a gift everyone is sure to enjoy!

This holiday season, make a charitable donation to the Brain Injury Association of South Carolina and help us continue to serve brain injury survivors and families. As a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization, all donations are tax deductible and GREATLY appreciated!

**Make a donation on our website through Network for Good or mail payment to:**  
**BIASC**  
**PO Box 21523**  
**Columbia, SC 29221**



**BRAIN INJURY  
ASSOCIATION**  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

*Creating a better future through brain injury prevention, research, education and advocacy*



**BRAIN INJURY  
ASSOCIATION**  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA