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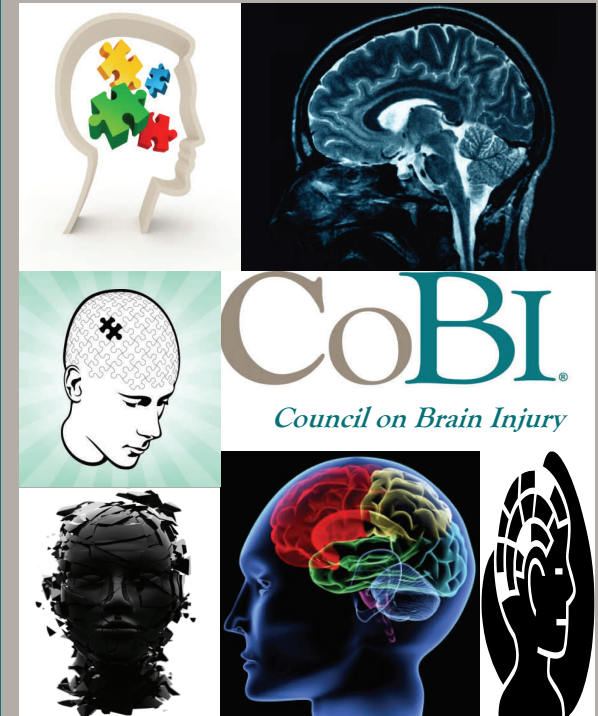
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In May 2007, in memory of Dr. David Strauss's dedication to brain injury rehabilitation, ReMed started the Council on Brain Injury (CoBI). The mission of CoBI is to:

- Fund education and activities related to brain injury;
- Support research for improved treatment;
- Advocate for improved services.

CoBI is committed to education, research and advocacy.

Education

CoBI provides scholarships to individuals with brain injuries and their families to attend activities with an educational purpose. This includes funding the David Strauss Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Brain Injury Association of PA (BIAPA) which provides scholarships for individuals with brain injuries and their families to attend the BIAPA annual conference.

In addition, CoBI provides funding for educational activities to inform the public, clinicians and insurers about brain injury and brain injury prevention.

Research

CoBI supports research efforts relating to brain injury – understanding its risk factors, improving the understanding of brain injury, promoting health models to improve the overall health of individuals with brain injury, and developing improved treatment models. Through CoBI, interested

parties can apply for research grants, mini-grants and stipends to study or develop ideas that are aimed at improving the lives of people with brain injury.

Advocacy

Through its volunteers, CoBI works in public forums to help state and national agencies better understand brain injury, the needs of individuals with brain injury and to better meet those needs.

CoBI's Board is in the process of developing a long-range plan which focuses specifically on initiatives that are aimed at improving life at home and in the community at large for individuals and families affected by brain injury.

Fundraising

Please consider becoming part of our efforts. CoBI's **Opportunities Given Program** offers individuals and corporations a way to support CoBI's mission and help create greater recognition of brain injury as a disability, as well as to promote much needed prevention and safety efforts. Donations can be made any time and can be made in someone's honor.



Additionally, CoBI hosts two annual fundraising events. **David's Drive** is a golf tournament held in the early fall in the Philadelphia area and **An**

Evening of Opportunity is a silent auction and dinner event held in the late fall in the Pittsburgh area.

Monies raised from these events as well as donations and grants have been utilized to:

- Provide scholarships to individuals with brain injuries and their families to attend educational events;
- Support social and recreational activities for individuals with disabilities, including a bowling league in the Pittsburgh area;
- Promote safety and prevention through helmet giveaways and community education;
- Fund post-rehabilitative exercise programs;
- Develop CoBI's communications and outreach as an organization.

CoBI's Board

Our volunteer Board of Directors is committed to developing the scope of CoBI's education, research and advocacy. It is our hope to be able to:

- Provide research stipends to students and professionals involved in the development of new and innovative approaches to rehabilitation;
- Extend greater outreach to both soldiers and families whose lives have been altered by brain injury; and
- Further our efforts toward safety and prevention of brain injury.

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