

## ThinkFirst Foundation

Founded in 1986 by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons

ThinkFirst is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to prevent brain, spinal cord and other traumatic injuries through education, research and advocacy.

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Dear Friends of ThinkFirst,

2016 was a milestone year for the ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation:

- ThinkFirst turned 30! Thirty years of providing educational injury prevention programs to students, families and communities. Thank you to our founders, the AANS and CNS, and to all who have developed chapters, implement programs and supported our mission.
- “*Celebrating 30 Years*” was the theme throughout the year, beginning with the 2016 ThinkFirst Conference on Injury Prevention, held in Chicago, April 23-25. Several past chairmen graced the stage as they presented an endearing history of ThinkFirst. Dr. E. Fletcher Eyster, who co-developed ThinkFirst with Dr. Clark Watts, opened the presentation. The National Safety Council, AAA and many others presented.
  - Thank you to our conference committee, speakers and all attendees for making this an excellent educational program for our chapter members
  - Thank you to all who supported us at the Chicago House of Blues celebration!
  - Thank you to our generous sponsors for making it all possible
- Our first adult program, *ThinkFirst To Prevent Falls*, was released as a 2-1/2 hour program that introduces older adults to the basics for preventing falls. With the prevalence of falls, and their life-altering outcomes, we are pleased to offer this comprehensive class. Chapters offering the program include information on other related community resources, such as exercise classes and extended prevention programs like *Matter of Balance*. A one hour version is also available to meet various requests.
- To promote research, the annual *ThinkFirst Injury Prevention Research Award* was established with the AANS and CNS. Each association chose a winner among submitted abstracts, and winners were announced at their Annual Meetings. Dr. Chunyan Li and Dr. Scott Zuckerman were this year’s distinguished award winners.
- The *ThinkFirst Summer Drive* was established, providing updates in weekly, quick-read e-newsletters that incorporated a new fundraiser. The drive generated \$7,050.00 in its first year. *Summer Drive* newsletters are posted at [www.thinkfirst.org/newsletters](http://www.thinkfirst.org/newsletters).
- *Celebrating 30 Years* continued at the CNS San Diego meeting in September. A helmet fitting event on the Embarcadero Promenade gave us an opportunity to advocate for bicycle helmet use, while an evening reception wrapped up our celebrations.

Thank you to our Board of Directors and committees for a great year of progress, and very special thanks to the chapters and VIP speakers reaching thousands with our programs.

On behalf of the Foundation and Board of Directors, thank you to all new supporters and those who have been giving for 30 years. Donations are applied directly to injury prevention program development; *your donations are vital to program success*. Thank you for your commitment to ThinkFirst and injury prevention!

Your partner in prevention,



Debby Gerhardstein, Executive Director

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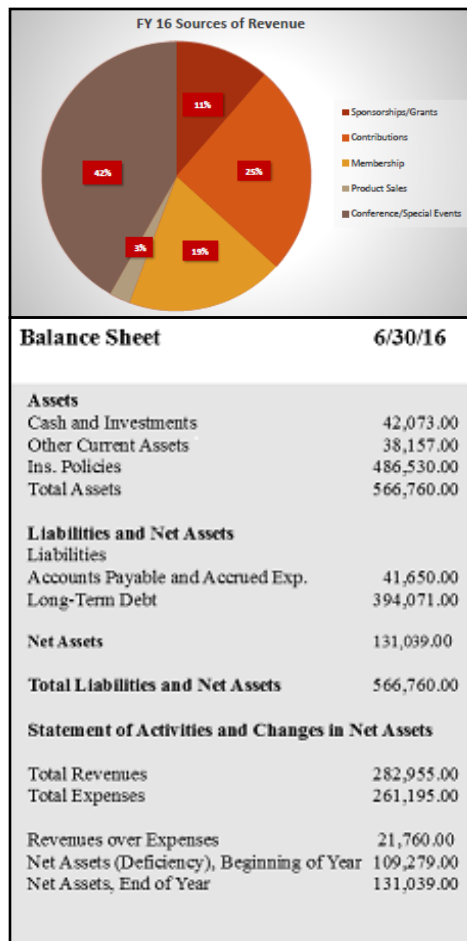
- ThinkFirst Programs Brochure
- Concussion Recognition and Management
- Distracted Driver: Are You a Safe Driver?
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