Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The decisions children and teens make have been far less affected by the state of the economy than those of adults. While adults follow the news and consult with experts to manage their financial risk, our youth continue with their lives of school, part-time jobs, sports and play with little concern for their risk. It is our collective responsibility to never lose site of the importance of providing meaningful and effective ways to help kids stay safe. When prevention efforts are reduced, injuries and deaths increase. Providing effective programs is imperative.

One of our main goals for 2009 was to produce a new film for ThinkFirst For Teens. This was accomplished with the help of 10 talented ThinkFirst VIP speakers – Voices for Injury Prevention – who describe the decisions that led to their injuries. Think About Your Choices is an outstanding short film that provides a powerful start to each teen presentation, and was released this summer as part of the Chapter Presenter’s Collection. The new DVD also includes an informational PowerPoint Presentation, a Narrated Teen Presentation, and a vignette of one VIP speaker: Alexandria McDonald. We now have an invaluable DVD for our chapters to use in high school and middle school presentations.

Other noteworthy accomplishments:
- Presented the 2009 ThinkFirst Conference on Injury Prevention
- Hosted the ‘ThinkFirst Celebration and Silent Auction’ in Oak Brook, IL
- Promoted the ThinkFirst Race Team at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Continued expansion of chapter membership, including new international chapters in Algeria, Colombia, Guinea, Nigeria and Senegal
- Presented an electronic-poster at the 2009 World Congress of Neurological Surgery: Increasing Vehicle Restraint Use and Preventing Injuries Through Theory-based Educational Programs
- . . . and we were delighted and honored to be awarded the 2009 Distinguished Service Award by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons at their Annual Meeting in New Orleans!

These accomplishments were made possible through the dedicated work of our chapters, committees and Board of Directors, and with financial support through grants, sponsorships and donations. Because of this support we are currently working on three exciting projects:
- Think About Your Choices, enhanced with Spanish, French and English subtitles
- ThinkFirst For Your Baby, a safety program for new parents
- ThinkFirst educational fact sheets and materials for public dispersal

Exciting future projects are always waiting in the wings! As funds become available, our goals include enhancing the ThinkFirst For Kids program, developing an interactive website and offering webinar chapter training for remote locations.

The ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation has demonstrated financial stability through a challenging economy and I look forward to a productive year ahead. By leading the effort in injury prevention education, we will consistently help children, teens and people of all ages reduce their risk for injury. Thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards,

Debby Gerhardstein, RN, MA
Executive Director
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Cash and Investments 70,478.00
Other Current Assets 25,792.00
Surrender Value - Lie Ins. Policies 497,140.00
Total Assets 593,410.00

Liabilities and Net Assets
Liabilities
Accounts Payable and Accrued Exp. 166,294.00
Long-Term Debt 367,218.00
Total Liabilities 533,512.00

Net Assets 59,898.00
Total Liabilities and Net Assets 593,410.00

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
Total Revenues 246,812.00
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Net Assets (Deficiency), Beginning of Year 63,889.00
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