

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.

ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation

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Dear Friends of ThinkFirst,

2014 marked the twenty-eighth year of ThinkFirst! Chapters throughout the United States and internationally have been working harder than ever to carry out our mission to prevent brain, spinal cord and other traumatic injuries through education, research and advocacy. Through live classroom presentations to students, and community events for families, ThinkFirst injury prevention coordinators make the facts come to life while VIP speakers talk about their personal experience with a brain or spinal cord injury. Together their dynamic presentations help participants understand the importance of seat belts, bicycle helmets, safe driving and other measures for preventing devastating injuries.

The ThinkFirst Foundation continues to be the premier source for presentation materials and training for injury prevention coordinators. Programs focus on vehicle safety, sports safety, avoiding violence and preventing falls. This year, increased efforts were devoted to concussion awareness:

- *ThinkFirst About Concussion* was launched as a new ThinkFirst program, developed for chapter presentations to health, science or gym classes, and athletic teams
- *Concussion Recognition and Management* brochures are available to anyone for use as an informational handout at thinkfirst.org/products
- *Concussion 101: The Current State of Concussion Education Programs* is our latest [article](#), accepted for publication in the October 2014 Supplement of NEUROSURGERY

The ThinkFirst Foundation also focused on distracted driving, one of the leading causes of death and disability among teens:

- Volkswagen led the way in [sponsoring](#) our new ThinkFirst For Teens campaign, helping us promote teen traffic safety and distracted driving awareness
- *Distracted Driving* brochures are available to anyone for use as an informational handout: thinkfirst.org/products
- *Texting and Driving: Fast Facts* was added to our website selection of free downloadable handouts at thinkfirst.org/get-facts

Our committed Board of Directors and chapter committees are working on further program expansion, chapter development and fundraising to continue providing excellence in injury prevention education. We are looking forward to the 2015 ThinkFirst Conference on Injury Prevention, May 2-4 in Washington, DC.

Please visit our website at thinkfirst.org to learn about programs, locate chapters and to make a donation to ThinkFirst. The annual support of individuals, groups and corporations goes directly to injury prevention program development, and is vital to our success. Thank you to our donors and sponsors for providing the financial resources that contributed to a successful year!

Best wishes for a safe season,



Debby Gerhardstein
Executive Director

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The Medtronic Foundation's 2013 Bakken Invitation Honoree, Tracy O'Connor, was awarded \$20,000 to a charity of her choice. Tracy and husband Dr. Brian O'Connor presented the award to the ThinkFirst Foundation. Accepting are Dr. Nicholas Theodore, chairman, Lucy Ranus, board member, and Debby Gerhardstein, executive director.

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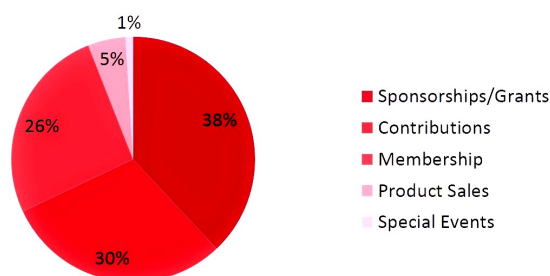
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Financial Summary

Ending 6/30/14

Assets	
Cash and Investments	22,011.00
Other Current Assets	35,330.00
Surrender Value—Life Insurance Policies	488,467.00
Total Assets	545,808.00
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Exp.	32,085.00
Long-Term Debt—Life Ins. Policy Loans	368,999.00
Net Assets	144,724.00
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	545,808.00
Activities and Changes in Net Assets	
Total Revenues	218,867.00
Total Expenses	231,908.00
Revenues over Expenses	(13,041.00)
Net Assets (Deficiency), Beginning of Year	157,765.00
Net Assets, End of Year	144,724.00

This is an excerpt of the full financial statements ending 6/30/14; full statements are available upon request.