

## 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.

For information on conferences, events, programs, chapters or to make a donation: [thinkfirst.org](http://thinkfirst.org).

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Dear Friends of ThinkFirst,

This is the tenth (10th!) Annual Report I have prepared as ThinkFirst's Executive Director. Each year I have been grateful to serve and proud of the many accomplishments of our chapters, Board and committees. Now, with the addition of ThinkFirst For Your Baby, we are providing injury prevention programs for all ages. Here are some highlights from last year:

### 2017 ThinkFirst Conference On Injury Prevention

April 21-24 Los Angeles, CA

**Community Event:** ThinkFirst To Prevent Falls presented in 4 languages to 85 older adults

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#### ThinkFirst Programs

ThinkFirst For Your Baby  
ThinkFirst For Kids  
ThinkFirst For Youth  
ThinkFirst For Teens  
ThinkFirst About Concussions  
ThinkFirst To Prevent Falls

#### In the US . . .

7,145 ThinkFirst Injury Prevention Presentations were given to 440,867 attendees  
14,010 people were fitted with new HELMETS  
253,921 kids & teens learned to TF!  
Plus, TF chapters are in 18 countries!

#### Latest Publication

Emily H. Youngers, et. al.: Comprehensive Review of the ThinkFirst Injury Prevention Programs: A 30-Year Success Story For Organized Neurosurgery. NEUROSURGERY, Sept. 2017.

#### 2017 ThinkFirst Awards

- *Sponsoring Physician of the Year:* Mark Proctor, MD, Boston, MA
- *International Chapter of the Year:* ThinkFirst ABC, Mexico City, Mexico
- *US Chapter of the Year:* Central Ohio ThinkFirst, Columbus, OH
- *VIP of the Year:* Sarah Smith, ThinkFirst of Greater Kansas City, MO
- *Outstanding Community Involvement:* Bonnie Muntz-Pope, RN, BSN, ThinkFirst SC Lowcountry, Charleston, SC
- *Outstanding Research Award:* Nicole Spivey, MBA, ThinkFirst Palmetto Health Trauma, Columbia, SC
- *ThinkFirst Injury Prevention Research Award, AANS Abstract Author:* Brian D. Sindelar, MD, University of Florida
- *ThinkFirst Injury Prevention Research Award, CNS Abstract Author:* Qiang Yuan, MD, People's Republic of China

#### The 2017 Dr. David and Donna Cavanaugh Distinguished Service and Partnership Award

was presented in Los Angeles on April 23 to Tetsuo Tatsumi, MD, FACS and Cindy Tatsumi, RN, MSN, Indio, CA

Thank you to the individuals, groups and corporations listed on the following page who donated to ThinkFirst this past year. Your support goes directly to injury prevention program development, and is vital to our success. On behalf of our Chapters, Foundation and Board of Directors, thank you for making our work possible!

Your partner in prevention,



Debby Gerhardstein, RN, BSN, MA  
Executive Director

# Thank You To Our Valued Contributors July 1, 2016—June 30, 2017

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## Honor Tributes

In honor of Lucy Ranus  
 Dr. David and Donna Cavanaugh  
 Tom and Debby Gerhardstein  
  
 In honor of Drs. Patti Raksin and Lisa Russell  
 Janet Burch, MD  
 Laurie Proia, MD  
  
 In honor of Kyle Signorelli  
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 In honor of Dale Spencer  
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 In honor of Clarence B. Watridge, MD  
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## Memorial Tributes

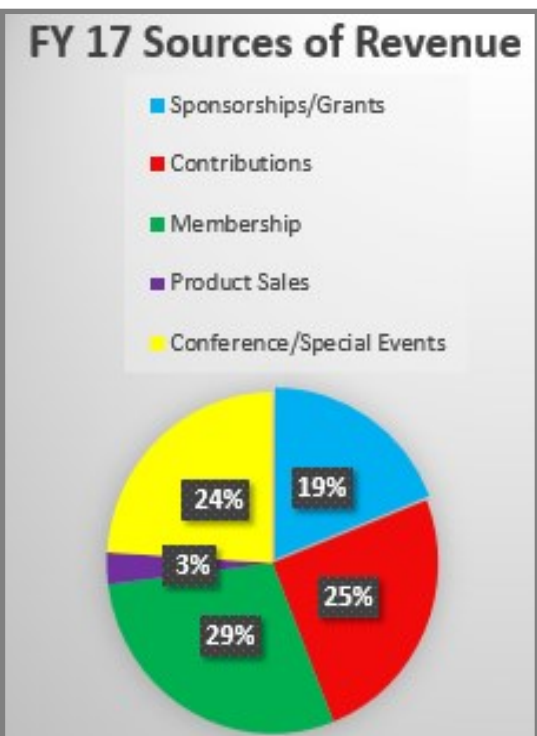
In memory of Robert C. "RC" Pope Jr.  
 Dr. David and Donna Cavanaugh  
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 Brian C. May  
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**Every effort is made to insure the accuracy of our contributor list. We regret any errors or omissions.**

Balance Sheet		6/30/17
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Investments		9,468.00
Other Current Assets		46,193.00
Ins. Policies		472,853.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>528,514.00</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Exp.		29,015.00
Long-Term Debt		387,215.00
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>112,284.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		<b>528,514.00</b>
<b>Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets</b>		
Total Revenues		238,565.00
Total Expenses		257,321.00
Revenues over Expenses		(18,754.00)
Net Assets (Deficiency), Beginning of Year		131,039.00
Net Assets, End of Year		112,284.00



**Headquarters:** Naperville, Illinois

## ThinkFirst Chapter Locations

### National

Alabama  
Birmingham  
Mobile  
Arizona  
Chandler  
Phoenix (two locations)  
Tucson  
Arkansas  
Little Rock  
California  
Chico  
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Florida  
Fort Pierce  
Jacksonville (two locations)  
Orange Park  
Orlando  
Pensacola  
Georgia  
Atlanta  
Dalton  
Idaho  
Boise  
Illinois  
Carbondale  
Chicago  
DeKalb  
Palos Heights  
Peoria  
Quincy  
Springfield  
Winfield  
Indiana  
Bloomington  
Evansville  
Fort Wayne  
Indianapolis (three locations)  
Richmond  
South Bend  
Terre Haute  
Kansas  
Topeka  
Wichita

Kentucky  
Lexington  
Owensboro  
Louisiana  
Shreveport  
Maryland  
Baltimore  
Silver Spring  
Massachusetts  
Boston  
Michigan (23 Chapters)  
Ann Arbor (two locations)  
Bad Axe  
Cadillac  
Detroit (four locations)  
East Lansing  
Grand Blanc  
Grand Rapids  
Ithaca  
Jackson  
Kalamazoo (two locations)  
Livonia  
Midland  
Mt. Clemens  
Pigeon  
Pontiac  
Royal Oak  
Saginaw  
Trenton  
Minnesota  
Duluth  
Minneapolis  
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St. Louis  
Montana  
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New Hampshire  
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Pittsburgh  
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South Carolina  
Aiken  
Charleston  
Columbia (two locations)  
Conway  
Florence  
Greenville  
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West Columbia  
Tennessee  
Knoxville  
Texas  
Austin  
Dallas  
Harlingen  
The Woodlands  
Washington  
Tacoma  
West Virginia  
Charleston  
Wisconsin  
Green Bay  
Janesville  
Madison  
Manitowoc  
Summit  
Wyoming  
Casper

### International

Algeria  
Canada (sixteen locations)  
Chile  
Colombia  
Guinea  
Honduras  
India  
Italy  
Jamaica  
Jordan  
Korea  
Mexico (two locations)  
Nigeria  
Peru (five locations)  
Qatar  
Senegal  
Singapore  
Taiwan