Dear Friends of ThinkFirst,

The 2017-2018 fiscal year was constructive for ThinkFirst, marked with collaborating, project planning and grant writing that proved to be transformational for the year to come. ThinkFirst Missouri developed, piloted and tested an educational program for parents of teen drivers that caught the interest of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), so the ThinkFirst Foundation got to work planning for a similar program in Illinois, and later for other states. Additional highlights include:

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### ThinkFirst Programs
- ThinkFirst For Your Baby
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- ThinkFirst About Concussion
- ThinkFirst To Prevent Falls

### Chapters* reported:
- 5,180 ThinkFirst injury prevention presentations were given to attendees
- 380,000 people were fitted with new helmets
- 19,647 kids & teens learned to TF!
- 213,541 *58 out of 134 chapters reported

#### 2018 ThinkFirst Awards
- **Sponsoring Physician of the Year:** Hugh Garton, MD, Ann Arbor MI
- **International Chapter of the Year:** Piensa Primero, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- **US Chapter of the Year:** ThinkFirst Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI
- **VIP of the Year:** Cecelia Fred, ThinkFirst Navajo Nation, AZ, NM, UT
- **VIP of the Year:** Patrick Severin, ThinkFirst Northwestern Medicine, Winfield, IL
- **Outstanding Community Involvement:** Julie Philbrook, DNP, RN
- **Outstanding Community Involvement:** ThinkFirst Minneapolis, MN
- **Outstanding Research Award:** ThinkFirst Missouri-University of Missouri School of Medicine, Columbia, MO
- **ThinkFirst Injury Prevention Research Award, AANS Abstract Author:** Aaron Michael Yengo-Kahn, MD, Nashville, TN
- **ThinkFirst Injury Prevention Research Award, CNS Abstract Author:** Paul Page, MD, Madison, WI

The 2017 Dr. David and Donna Cavanaugh Distinguished Service and Partnership Award
- Mark A. Spatola, MD, FAANS and Mihaela Ionescu, MD, Orange Park, FL

By October 2018, we had been approved for a grant from General Motors for the development of new chapters and the revision of our children’s curriculum, and a grant from IDOT to develop the Parents of Teen Drivers program and revise ThinkFirst For Teens — our diligent work paid off! With staff and project funding, we look forward to a productive year ahead.

*Thank you* to everyone who donated to ThinkFirst this past year. Your support goes directly to program development and chapter training and is *vital to our success*. On behalf of those who benefit from our programs, thank you for helping people learn to ThinkFirst!

Your partner in prevention,

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In honor of Grace Gerhardstein
Nena Ray, LPN
In honor of Krista Jones
Nena Ray, LPN
In honor of Stephanie Lambers,
Nena Ray, LPN
In honor of Dale Spencer
C. Wesley and Benita Bellamy

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In memory of Lauren Courtney
Bob and Lee Shannon
In memory of Vladimir Mikhailov
Mary Mikhailov MD
In memory of Bill Morrison
Tom and Debby Gerhardstein
Bonnie Jean Morrison
In memory of Seymour Proctor
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Hernando Torres, MD
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**Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets**

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### ThinkFirst Programs

**ThinkFirst For Kids**

Assembly presentations to grades 1-3 utilize animated characters, gelatin brains and other age-appropriate ways to introduce the importance of protecting the brain and spinal cord. Use of helmets, booster seats and pedestrian safety stressed.

**ThinkFirst For Youth**

Students in grades 6-8 hear from VIP speakers — Voices for Injury Prevention — about how an injury to the brain or spinal cord changed their life. Injury prevention professionals and VIPs give presentations in science classes or assemblies.

**ThinkFirst For Teens**

High school and college students who are new, inexperienced drivers benefit from additional information on traffic safety. VIPs help them realize this could happen to anyone; the key is to buckle up and drive safely to protect themselves and others.

**ThinkFirst About Concussion**

Concussion awareness, recognition and management is important for everyone to know. This program can be presented to grade 6 through adult, in any setting: health or science classes, athletic groups or as a hospital community education program.

**ThinkFirst To Prevent Falls**

Falls are a leading cause of injury for older adults and others at risk for falls. This basic introductory class can be given in a 1-hour or 2 1/2-hour class at hospitals, independent living centers or at other community settings, complete with useful handouts for attendees.

**ThinkFirst For Your Baby**

ThinkFirst For Your Baby is a four-hour class for new and expectant parents, covering a wide range of topics on protecting infants and establishing family safety practices. Topics cover car seat use, safe sleep, SIDS, Shaken Baby Syndrome, household hazards and more.
Headquarters: Naperville, Illinois

ThinkFirst Chapter Locations

National
Alabama
Birmingham
Mobile
Arizona
Chandler
Phoenix
Tucson
California
Chico
Los Angeles
Loma Linda
Redding
San Diego
Santa Barbara
Colorado
Frisco
Lakewood
Vail
Connecticut
New Britain
Wallingford
Delaware
Dover
Newark
Wilmington
District of Columbia
Washington DC (two chapters)
Florida
Fort Pierce
Jacksonville (two chapters)
Orange Park
Orlando
Pensacola
Georgia
Atlanta
Idaho
Boise
Coeur d’Alene
Illinois
Carbondale
Chicago
DeKalb
Polo Heights
Peoria
Quincy
Springfield
Winfield
Indiana
Bloomington
Evansville
Fort Wayne
Indianapolis (three chapters)
Richmond
South Bend
Terre Haute
Kansas
Topeka
Kentucky
Lexington
Owensboro
Louisiana
Shreveport
Maryland
Baltimore
Silver Spring
Massachusetts
Boston
Michigan (21 chapters)
Ann Arbor (two chapters)
Bad Axe
Detroit (three chapters)
East Lansing
Grand Blanc
Grand Rapids
Ithaca
Jackson
Kalamazoo (two chapters)
Livonia
Midland
Mt. Clemens
Pine Grove
Pontiac
Royal Oak
Saginaw
Trenton
Minnesota
Duluth
Minneapolis
St. Paul
Mississippi
Gulfport
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White Plains
North Carolina
Charlotte
Ohio
Canton
Cincinnati
Cleveland
Columbus
Gallipolis
Zanesville
Oklahoma
Oklahoma City
Oregon
Portland
Pennsylvania
Bethlehem
Danville
Hershey
Hummelstown
Philadelphia (two chapters)
Wilkes-Barre
South Carolina
Aiken
Charleston
Columbia (two chapters)
Conway
Florence
Greenville
Spartanburg
West Columbia
Tennessee
Knoxville
Texas
Frisco
Harlingen
The Woodlands
Washington
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