HOPE SUPPORT EMPATHY EDUCATION INFORMATION

> For Hospitalized and Rehabilitating Brain Injury Survivors and Their Families

From someone who has <u>BEEN</u> <u>THERE</u>...and <u>DONE THAT</u>.



Are you interested in having a Brain Injury Peer Visitor contact you at the hospital, rehabilitation facility, by phone or email?

Are you interested in learning more about the Brain Injury Peer Visitor Association[®] Program?



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- Would you like to speak to a Brain Injury Survivor?
- Talk to the Caregiver of a brain injured loved one?
- Receive hope, support, empathy, and understanding?

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Mission Statement

The Brain Injury Peer Visitor Association[®], an organization led by volunteers, is dedicated to providing the hope, support and resources necessary to help brain injury survivors and their families navigate the often difficult and confusing recovery process associated with brain injuries.



The Brain Injury Peer Visitor Association[®] is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization funded by charitable donations. These donations support the Peer Visitor Program and allow these services to be provided at no cost to survivors or their families.

<u>Brain Injury</u> <u>Peer Visitors</u>:

- Are volunteer brain injury survivors, family members and caregivers.
- Are trained by community brain injury professionals.
- Undergo background checks and health screenings.
- Visit survivors/families in the hospital or rehabilitation facility, and talk via phone or email.
- Offer private consultations with brain injury survivors/families.
- Provide hope, education, and resources.
- Answer questions about recovery.
- Listen to your concerns and needs.
- Give you the association's website on brain injury and stroke, with newspaper stories, booklists, resource lists, other websites and links, survivor & caregiver stories, and more.

The Brain Injury Peer Visitor Association®'s Peer Visitor Program is modeled after the American Stroke Association's Stroke Connection Peer Visitor Program. Support from Someone who has <u>BEEN</u> <u>THERE</u>... and <u>DONE THAT</u>.

Services:

• A Peer Visitor Program for all types of brain injuries such as those caused by:

stroke, aneurysm, anoxia, falls, tumors, surgery, brain disease, brain bleeds, physical assault, car accidents, sports injuries, military-related trauma, etc.

- On-site visits
- Specially arranged visits
- Phone calls
- **Email**
- Services provided FREE

Our Peer Visitors are prepared to discuss a variety of topics:

- Stages of recovery
- Future expectations
- Therapies (physical and mental)
- Social Security or disability benefits
- The Brain & Spinal Injury
 Trust Fund Commission
- Working in the future
- Driving in the future