

## **Camp TBI “The Best Imagined!” Must Be *Re-Imagined* in 2016 & Beyond~**

Dear Survivor, Family Member, Caregiver and Volunteer,

Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc. (BIAF) has offered the gift of Camp TBI-“The Best Imagined!” for 25 years. It has grown in popularity and attendance enormously in the past five years, serving a maximum of 260 survivors and families one time per year, in one location at a cost of \$75,000. This is a small number compared to the 4,000 unique families our Resource Coordinators serve annually. Many of the families we serve are unable to experience Camp TBI as we deliver it today.

Until now BIAF has been able to fund the majority of our annual Camp costs through our contract with the State of Florida. That option is no more. Regretfully, BIAF’s Board and Staff recently made the decision to cancel the delivery of Camp TBI for June 2016.

But we are not giving up. BIAF is committed to bring the best of Camp TBI to you, rather than bringing a limited number of people to Camp TBI as we know it today.

BIAF will use this year to figure out how we can *re-imagine* “the best imagined” workshops and activities from Camp TBI, develop them, fund them, and bring them on tour to cities near you! Just imagine for example “dance at Club 806”, “slam poetry open mike night”, “art on tour”, or “ask the expert”. The possibilities are endless if we start small, one community at a time, and build on what we know and who we know. Imagine Camp TBI on tour to major cities across the State serving more survivors and families more often by 2020- a perfect vision we can all work toward!

So how can you help? One way is to dedicate your efforts and time starting NOW to BIAF’s WalkAbout Brain Injury campaign. Click here [www.biaf.org/walkabout](http://www.biaf.org/walkabout) to get involved in creating teams and raising dollars by joining the journey.

Another way to help is to [click here to take our survey](#) and give us your valuable input on Camp TBI and what is important to you and your community. By completing the survey you’ll be part of BIAF’s *Re-Imagine* Camp TBI network where updates, news and views will be shared.

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

Thank you for your belief in us and what we do. With your support we can deliver our gifts from Camp TBI to many more and turn our vision into a reality for years to come.



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