



THE MISSY PROJECT Update

A journal published by The Missy Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing **Brain Aneurysm Disease (B.A.D.)** in children through education, outreach and early detection.

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Boston Scientific Grants \$75,000 in Research Funds for Our Community Screening Program

Boston Scientific supports The Missy Project and the Brain and Spine Center with a research grant for \$75,000 in support of our Community Screening Program for Early Detection of Brain Aneurysm Disease. Boston Scientific is a worldwide developer and marketer of medical devices for the past 25 years. The Missy Project and the Brain and Spine Center started an early detection Community Screening Program earlier this year and have received great response from the public as well as the medical community. This screening program will provide necessary research data that supports implementing a protocol for brain aneurysm screenings all across the country. There has been mounting evidence that brain aneurysms are genetic and can be prevented through early detection and appropriate treatment. What is not clear is who is at risk. Since family physicians rarely inquire about your prior familiar relationship with brain aneurysm disease, this study can put a spotlight on the risk factors and familiar history that could save your life and those in generations to come.

If someone in your family has suffered a brain aneurysm, you may qualify for our free MRA screening program. Please visit our website: www.themissyproject.com and click on You May Be Eligible for a Free Screening for more details.

To sustain this program we need to raise \$100,000 for Phase One of the program. Thanks to our wonderful donors and the amazing grant from Boston Scientific, we are almost to our 2007 goal. But we still need financial help. Please Sponsor our Screenings – 1 screening for \$500 or 2 screenings for \$1000, etc. Join the number of people that have donated a “Save a Life” gift to The Missy Project either in honor of someone’s birthday, a special event gift or holiday, or in memory of someone special who will always remain in our hearts. If you have friends who have everything –consider donating in their name and together you can save lives. They will receive a “You’ve Saved a Life” holiday card from The Missy Project. You can donate online or mail any size donation to The Missy Project, 11303 Deadoak Lane, Austin, TX 78759.

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The Missy Project

is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization named after Missy Magel, a 12-year-old girl whose life was suddenly taken by a brain aneurysm rupture. For information, visit www.themissyproject.com.



Directors Update:

This year has been landmark for The Missy Project. Since the creation of The Missy Project November 24, 1999 (which would have been Missy’s 13th birthday) we have made great progress in the awareness of Brain Aneurysm Disease (B.A.D.). As any one will tell you, it is always good to review the mission and vision of your organization. The board held a retreat in September and did just that to

make sure we are on track and staying focused on the goals of The Missy Project. We are astonished at how consistent our progress has been to our initial goals of 8 years ago. A lot of that success was to those who helped us get this organization started right and those of you who have support all of our efforts. Based on the phenomenal achievements of the past 8 years and the outstanding board members that have helped us make a difference, we would like to

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credit all those who have donated their time and talent to make the Missy Project so successful. None of this could be possible without the love and support (emotionally and financial) of all of you. I hope you feel proud of what together we have accomplished.

The Missy Project is adding a Founders Advisory Board to the current list of professionals that assist and guide our direction. The Founders Advisory Board will be for those who have served their board position to term and have donated their expertise to The Missy Project's progress. The role of the Founders Advisory Board is to serve as consultants. The Founder's Advisory Board members are welcome to attend any board meetings and must attend the yearly board retreat, however serve as consultants – not voting board members. As current board members finish out their term of service, they are then eligible to be voted in as a Founder's Advisory Board member. We feel this is a good way to ease the time commitments of board members and allow them to stay involved after their term is completed. Like the Medical Advisory Board, the Founders Advisory Board will help us shape and maintain our mission over the coming years.

---Mary Magel

Quote: *Service is the rent we pay for living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time.*

---Marian Wright Edelman

BRAIN ANEURYSM AWARENESS WEEK

September 10th through 16th is Brain Aneurysm Awareness Week. It was a great opportunity to get the word out about Brain Aneurysm Disease. For three years now, we've teamed up with the Brain Aneurysm Foundation in Boston, MA by participating in an awareness campaign at Seton's Brackenridge Hospital. By sharing information about B.A.D. and our Community Screening Program, we identified some new qualified participants for the screening program. Thank you to our volunteers who participated in this event.



For more information about B.A.D. or our Community Screening Program, please visit our website: www.themissyproject.com.

On the Road Again...

Who would have thought that traveling to Boston in mid-September would mean traveling into 90 degree weather? But that's exactly what Mary Magel and Christine Doe experienced when they met Christine Buckley LeBlanc, Executive Director and Ginny Comstock Tocci, Assistant Director at the Brain Aneurysm Foundation (BAF). We had a wonderful meeting of the minds where we exchanged ideas on how to work together to continue awareness of B.A.D. Our websites are linked to make it easier for the public to get information on brain aneurysm disease.

The Brain Aneurysm Foundation hosted, their "First Annual Research Grant Awards Dinner". They awarded two \$10,000 grants to various experts in the field for their research projects. It was great to meet these individuals from all across the country dedicated to finding a cure for this disease. We also met individuals who survived a ruptured aneurysm and those who lost family members to B.A.D. There is a wonderful group of committed people to brain aneurysm disease in Boston.



Overall, our trip to Bean town was a very worthwhile one. We have faces to names and vice versa. And we will continue to work together to raise everyone's awareness of Brain Aneurysm Disease. Thanks for your hospitality!

---Christine Doe, Assistant Executive Director

Thanks to Our Contributors

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- Dell Foundation
- Frost, Bob & Dora
- Holland, Jay
- Hopkins, Becky Stento
- The Magel Family
- Temple-Inland Foundation

Research Grants/Screening Sponsors

- Toni Maxwell.....\$1000 for 2 Screenings
- John Schloegel, Capital Cities Assets Mgmt.....\$1000 for 2 Screenings
- Andrew Bergstrom.....\$5000 for 10 Screenings
- Boston Scientific.....\$75,000 Research Grant

Memorial Contributions

- In Loving Memory of Debra Arnold**
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- In Loving Memory of Ethan Wulfmeyer**
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The Missy Project Board Retreat was September 4th this year. It will become a yearly tradition. It was held at The Crossings in Austin – a Beautiful, peaceful environment to enjoy as we plan the future of the Missy Project. Thank you to The Crossings for allowing us the opportunity to have our retreat there.



Save the Date!

Our 9th Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 21st, 2008.

Please mark your calendars well in advance for our special event. You can sign up your team on line at any time by going to:

www.themissyproject.com

F.Y.I. A fantastic video of our organization and mission is now on the front page of the Missy Project website thanks to Mary Battaglia, video wizard. Thank you Mary. If you know anyone that would like to know more about the Missy Project and what we do, click play.....

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Here are some ways to be creative with charitable giving:

Special Occasions: Consider honoring a special occasion such as a wedding or a birthday with a donation in the name of your special friend. It's a tax deductible way to help The Missy Project.

Remembrances: The Missy Project regularly receives donations as memorials for those who have left us. The family as well as the donor will receive acknowledgement of their donation. Their special memorial donation will be listed in our Update.

Corporate Match Program: Check with your human resources department to find out if your company matches employee gifts made to charities.



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