Dear Friend:

The Brain Injury Association of California (BIACAL) is a chartered state affiliate of the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA), with a joint mission to be the *Voice of Brain Injury*. Through advocacy, education and research, we bring help, hope and healing to millions of individuals living with brain injury, their families and the professionals who serve them.

Brain injury is not an event or an outcome. It is the start of a misdiagnosed, misunderstood, under-funded neurological disease. Individuals who sustain brain injuries must have timely access to expert trauma care, specialized rehabilitation, lifelong disease management and individualized services and support in order to live healthy, independent and satisfying lives. For this reason, it is imperative that Californians have a voice to advocate for awareness, and the change of legislative policies to provide better services for individuals with brain injuries.

As we promote the month of March as *Brain Injury Awareness Month*, we are proud to represent San Jose at one of the ten walk sites for the *5th Annual Statewide Walk For Thought*. Please join us on <u>Saturday, March 31st</u> and walk with us around Almaden Lake Park. We ask that you help us to promote the event by encouraging your business associates, family and friends to form teams and actively participate in raising funds to benefit BIACAL and the Rehabilitation Research Center at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (RRC), City of San Jose Head Injury Recreation & Leisure Network (HIRLN), and Services for Brain Injury (SBI). Other donations can include in-kind donations for services or supplies, or gift cards and items for the raffle at the walk.

General information and how to register as a participant can be found on our dedicated *Walk For Thought* website accessible through the BIACAL website at www.biacal.org More specifically, I would also like to ask you for a donation in the form of a sponsorship and join the growing list of organizations who are allocating funds in their annual budgets to support BIACAL.

Attached is a sponsorship form to be completed and returned in the event you chose to be a sponsor. Because the Brain Injury Association of California is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, all donations are tax deductible. For your convenience, BIACAL's EIN is 06-1763632. Sponsorships can be paid for by credit card from our website or by check. Please make checks payable to BIACAL and return with the attached sponsor form. Please mail to:

Brain Injury Association of California 1800 30th St., Suite 250 Bakersfield, CA 93301

On behalf of the Brain Injury Association of California and the three host organizations RRC, HIRLN, and SBI, we would like to thank you for your consideration, and we hope to see you at the event. If you have any questions regarding the San Jose Walk, please contact Site Coordinators Stephanie Kolakowsky-Hayner at (408) 793-6446 or Jerry Wright at (408) 793-6430.

Yours truly,

Paula Daoutis

Administrative Director

Brain Injury Association of California









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Completed sponsor form and logo must be submitted to BIACAL by February 1st for inclusion on the *Walk For Thought* T-Shirt *All proceeds benefit Brain Injury Association of California and designated Host Organization*

Please make checks payable to **BIACAL** and return sponsor forms and checks to BIACAL at 1800 30th St., Suite 250 Bakersfield, CA 93301. For credit card payments, please go to www.biacal.org and click on the WFT graphic or contact the BIACAL office at (661) 872-4903

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<u>Waiver</u> – I hereby waive all claims against Brain Injury Association of California, the Host Organization, Personnel, Volunteers and Exhibitors for any injury that I may suffer from my participation in this event. I grant full permission for Brain Injury Association of California to use photographs, video tapes, recordings, or any other record of this event in which I may appear for any legitimate reason.

COMPANY NAME:											
Please indicate the walk site that you wish to sponsor. For multiple walk sites, please designate the amount for the sites you wish to sponsor.											
Fresno	March 3, 2012	Woodward Park	Sponsorship Amount	\$							
Northridge	March 4, 2012	California State University Northridge	Sponsorship Amount	\$							
Bakersfield	March 10, 2012	Pioneer Village	Sponsorship Amount	\$							
Fullerton	March 17, 2012	Craig Regional Park (Ted Craig Shelter)	Sponsorship Amount	\$							
San Diego	March 24, 2012	Mission Bay Park-De Anza Cove	Sponsorship Amount	\$							
San Francisco	March 24, 2012	Lake Merced	Sponsorship Amount	\$							
Sacramento	March 25, 2012	State Capitol – West Steps	Sponsorship Amount	\$							
San Jose	March 31, 2012	Almaden Lake Park (Arroyo Picnic Area)	Sponsorship Amount	\$							
Oxnard	April 1, 2012	Oxnard High School	Sponsorship Amount	\$							
Rancho Cucamonga	April 14, 2012	Red Hill Community Park	Sponsorship Amount	\$							
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