

Brain
Aneurysm
Awareness
Month
AT A
GLANCE

1st

statewide
awareness
day.

22

fundraising
events raised
over \$300,000

24

awareness events
were held around
the country.

100+

BAF billboards
were spotted
around Massachusetts.

14

research grants
awarded
totaling \$445,000.

50

states contributed to awareness either
by donating, participating, posting, etc.

1st

national spokesperson was announced:
Boston Bruins defenseman Kevan Miller.

DONATE



and fundraising. Thank you Mount Sinai Cerebrovascular Center for your support, and many thanks to Cindy's family and friends who have been committed to honoring her memory and supporting the mission of the foundation for the past 10 years. Thank you to all the event organizers that made awareness month such a success! Read about all the past events from 2017 [here](#).

Nationwide Participation

The Susco Family has been raising awareness and funding research with the "Susco 8K: Running with Tim" in Virginia for 10 years to honor their son and brother, Tim, who passed from a ruptured brain aneurysm. Thank you to the entire Susco family for their continued support. The 4th Annual Philadelphia Aneurysm/AVM Awareness event proved to be the most successful to date. Thank you to the many volunteers led by Jill Galvao, RN of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital who made this event possible. It was a beautiful day at the Navy Yard with over 40 survivors participating who were awarded certificates for their efforts. A summer like day in Riverside Park in New York was the setting for a record breaking TeamCindy 5K Run for Research in both participation

Record-Breaking Research Funding

At our annual research symposium, which was hosted by Duke University in North Carolina in late September, the foundation awarded research grants totaling **\$445,000 — the largest amount ever awarded** by the foundation and 43 percent more than last year — to 14 researchers. The foundation remains the largest private funder of brain aneurysm research in the nation, thanks to the generosity of thousands of supporters. Since its inception, the foundation has distributed more than \$2.1 million in research grants. A gift of \$10,000 will establish a named [Research Chair](#) to fund a researcher for one year.

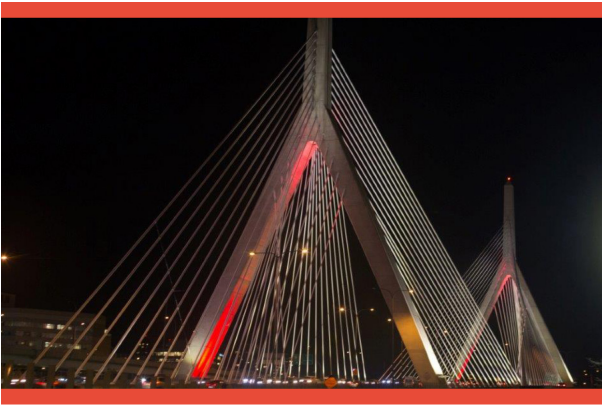




FIND AN EVENT NEAR YOU

The BAF Event Season is underway!

Awareness Month Highlights



Every year, Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month has a greater reach and impact, with this year being the most successful yet!

Here in Massachusetts, the foundation held its first statewide Brain Aneurysm Awareness Day on September 25 at the Massachusetts State House in Boston, where Governor Charlie Baker spoke passionately about the need to raise awareness about brain aneurysms to a large gathering that included survivors, family members, and the press. That evening, landmarks around the state were illuminated in red. Our goal is to have this type of awareness event in each state throughout the year. If you have a contact at the state level, please e-mail us at office@bafound.org

- Thanks to the efforts of BAF volunteer and survivor Tom Tinlin and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, digital billboards throughout the state displayed our messages during September, reaching hundreds of thousands.
- At hospitals around the country, healthcare professionals teamed up with survivors to host informational tables where passersby could ask questions and pick up our free educational materials. Watch our awareness video [here](#).
- Via a social media campaign, the foundation continued to raise awareness about the risk factors and warning signs of brain aneurysms with more than 200 posts on Facebook, 75 Tweets, and multiple e-mails.