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Brain aneurysms are not easy to understand... so picture this: A red balloon represents an aneurysm. The popping of that balloon represents a rupture. Together we can work to curb this silent killer!

We launched our Stop the Pop Campaign on September 1st and we need ambassadors like you from all fifty states to help us raise awareness and provide education on brain aneurysms. Our goal at the Brain Aneurysm Foundation is to **Stop the Pop!**

The campaign has two goals:

1. Make Stop the Pop go viral by visiting & choosing your favorite social media tool [here](#).
2. Join your state team [here](#) to help represent all 50 states on Capitol Hill in March of 2020 at Advocacy Day.

Start your awareness and fundraising journey now. And, remember, brain aneurysms are beatable and treatable!

(Note: If you are the top fundraiser in your state by 12/31/19, you will win a trip to our Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill in March, 2020. *you must raise a minimum of \$1,500 to qualify)*

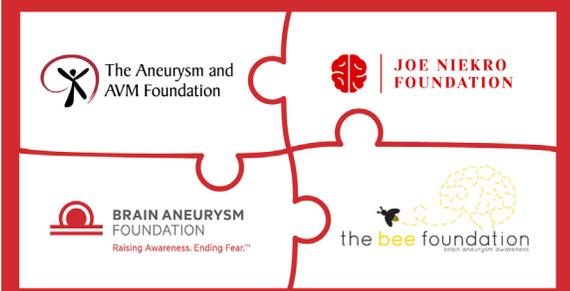


Passing of H. Res. 354

On September 26th, the Senate passed [S. Res. 354](#), which was introduced by Senators Ed Markey (D-MA) and Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), designating September 2019 as "National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month". In addition, the senate recognized that the Brain Aneurysm Foundation remains a globally recognized leader for brain aneurysm awareness,

education, support, advocacy, and research funding in continuing efforts to support research to prevent, detect, and treat brain aneurysms. We have continually been advocating for this initiative and are thrilled to have it recognized this year in advance of advocacy day 2020.

Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month



Each year, during Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month, we strive to reach more people to help educate those that may be pre-disposed or at risk of an aneurysm. This year the organizations in the brain aneurysm community came together to celebrate #BrainAneurysmAwareness Month by lifting our collective voices each Monday to spread awareness of aneurysm symptoms, treatment and support options, critical and innovative research, and new advocacy opportunities. With the organizations collective voices, we amplified September's awareness efforts while reinvesting in our conviction that knowledge ends fear. #OneVoice! [The Bee Foundation](#) [The Joe Niekro Foundation](#) [The Aneurysm and AVM Foundation](#)

The Single Largest Fundraiser in the BAF's 25 Year History



On April 30, 2017 Boston native, Tom Tinlin's life was changed forever due to a ruptured brain aneurysm. He was told by one of his doctors that he came as close to dying as one can, without actually doing it. Due to a lack of awareness, Tom was misdiagnosed the week before even though he presented classic symptoms to his primary care physician.

Since that day, Tom has learned that due to a lack of research funding and treatment options, three others suffered an aneurysm rupture that same week and he was the only one to survive. He now knows that 1 in 50 people have an undiagnosed brain aneurysm and that when it ruptures it will kill 50% of the victims in the first 24 hours, 50% more in the first 30 days, and of those who survive the first 30 days, 50% of them will have a life changing, permanent deficit.

Knowing how lucky he is to have survived, Tom states that his family also learned that gratitude not expressed is not gratitude. Therefore, they have dedicated themselves to raising awareness about this treatable disease.

This year, Tom organized the Tinlin Family 18 for 18 Golf Tournament - named not only in recognition of the staggering fact that an aneurysm ruptures every 18 minutes, but also in recognition of all of you. You are all part of our family as we band together to fight this disease. The event raised over \$150,000 through players, sponsorships, donors and many more that supported the event, making it the largest single fundraiser in the Brain Aneurysm Foundation's 25 year history. 100% of the funds raised today will go to research, advocacy and support.



Not only did our initiative to establish September as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month succeed, but we too were awarded our 2019 Seal of Transparency by Guidestar as well as receiving our first rating of 3-stars by Charity Navigator.

Guidestar's mission is to revolutionize philanthropy by providing information that advances transparency, enables users to make better decisions, and encourages charitable giving. Charity Navigator is the largest and most-utilized charity evaluator in America. The

organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health, Accountability and Transparency of over 9,000 charities and provides basic data on the rest of the 1.8 million U.S. nonprofits.

Both agencies seal of approval is invaluable to the foundation as we fulfill our mission for which we receive no endowment and rely solely on contributions from donors.

[View our 2019 Research Grant Winners Here](#)