

Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke Program

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Gift of time, talent and treasure: A legacy of giving and giving back

As a highly specialized rehabilitation program, the Roger C. Peace Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke Program requires a broad range of resources and is supported in part by the giving of those we impact. The trust shown to us in these gifts motivates the team members in giving back to our patients and community. The history of the program reveals a rich culture of giving by staff, patients and caregivers – specifically, giving of time, talent and treasure that have helped shape the Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke program into what it is today.

Community support such as that provided by the Harper Family Foundation and its founders, the late Caldwell and Elizabeth Harper along with their son, the late Antony (Tony) Harper, and the Makulinski Family Foundation have had a significant impact on patient care through supporting staff participation in advanced trainings/certifications, acquisition of specialty equipment, expansion of the West End Co-Op and support for the Brain Injury Leadership Academy. Private donations such as these have demonstrated community alignment with our vision and have impacted numerous lives.

Thank you to all who have donated and continue to do so for helping us make a difference in the lives of those with brain injury and stroke.

To learn how you can make a difference in the lives of those who have experienced brain injury or stroke, please scan the QR code or text **BrainInjuryRCP** to 41444.



RCP staff gift of advocacy for our patients

Advocacy is a core value of the RCP Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke Program, evidenced by the fact that each staff member sets an annual advocacy goal. These goals span a variety of avenues from the local to national level. Over the years, our advocacy efforts have contributed to raising community awareness, increasing access to care and improving quality of care provided to the persons served.

Staff members have advocated through presentations at professional conferences and through local and national leadership roles that have resulted in allocation of public funds and fundraising achievements. Staff members have also helped establish, lead and participate in local patient and caregiver support groups.



One project with a lasting impact was patient and staff advocacy efforts that led to the allocation of public funds to the Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Division waiver that provides services to eligible patients. This funding has allowed us to serve many people that would have otherwise gone without treatment.

If you would like more information about how to get involved in local advocacy efforts, visit the Brain Injury Association of South Carolina website at www.biaofsc.com.

Patient experience: Giving back

For many, the realization that they can contribute to the recovery of others is a huge step on their own road to recovery. Patients benefit from the gifts of past patients, family members and community members that recognize the value of the services provided by the program. One recent example was a large donation of tools made by Ryobi after the program helped a valued employee return to work. This donation expanded the functional therapy opportunities available such as mowing grass, trimming hedges, assembling woodworking projects and more.



Partnering with past patients and family members through volunteer opportunities has allowed them to give back the gift of time and talent. Patients also give through presenting at conferences, coordinating support group events and assisting with fundraising efforts. These partnerships help contribute to the richness of services provided by the RCP Outpatient Brain Injury and Young Stroke Program.

Opening soon!

In the heart of the community, **Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital Community Health and Wellness Space at Unity Park** will offer people with disabilities and chronic health conditions an opportunity to live a healthier lifestyle through adaptive bike rentals and more. It's now under construction but slated to open this winter. To help fund this project, scan the QR code.



Staff Spotlight: Giving

Long-time employee continues to give

Terry Monts retired from RCP Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke Program in 2020 after serving the program as a psychometrist for 32 years. Terry and her husband, Tom, recently gave a monetary donation to the program that was designated specifically for patient use. Donations such as these enable underfunded patients to purchase necessary medical equipment, participate in driving evaluations and access services. Terry exemplifies the lifelong commitment to the brain injury community demonstrated by the staff of RCP.

RCP staff presentations: Giving of time and talent

Hannah Summer, speech-language pathologist, conducts monthly one-hour crisis intervention trainings for first responders through the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). These trainings provide law enforcement with specific strategies to communicate, de-escalate and serve individuals in the community with traumatic brain injury or stroke.

Patrick Beam, physical therapist, and **Taylor Ross**, speech-language pathologist, presented "Rehab 101" at the Brain Injury Association of South Carolina (BIASC) conference in Columbia in July. The session focused on the purpose and methods of an interdisciplinary stroke and brain injury rehabilitation program.

Julianna Hollopeter, speech-language pathologist, helps lead a monthly support group at RCP.

RCP staff specialization: Putting your gifts to use

Community donations help support program specialization by allowing staff to attend local and national conferences. Staff members then present what they've learned to the entire staff so that the program as a whole benefits from each opportunity. Here are recent trainings that were supported by philanthropic funds:

Laura Anthony, Patrick Beam, Marlene Cabrera, Julianna Hollopeter, Kate Peterson and Taylor Ross participated in a Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS) course through the BIASC in the spring.

In November, **Shannon Howe**, occupational therapist, participated in a virtual vision course that covered the assessment and treatment of spatial neglect.

Amanda Heys, Ross Livingston, Holly Pruitt and **Jacob Satterfield** participated in the Brain Injury Leadership Academy in November. This interactive workshop

provided an overview of emotional intelligence and how individual and team effectiveness is impacted by psycho-social factors.

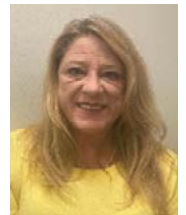
In November, **Holly Pruitt** and **Jasmine Thomason** completed the Brain Injury Fundamentals course through the Brain Injury Association of America. This training and certificate program addresses the challenges of those who care for individuals with brain injury.

RCP welcomes new staff

Yasmin Thomason joined the staff in July and works in the business office as a utilization management specialist. A Greenville native, she received her undergraduate degree in marketing and management from Lander University.



Holly Pruitt joined the staff in August as the West End Co-op coordinator. Holly is a native of Greenville and a graduate of Clemson University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She comes from a background in marketing and event planning.



Amanda Heys joined the staff at the Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke Program in October. She received her bachelor's degree in human development and family science from the University of Georgia and her master's degree in occupational therapy from the Medical College of Georgia. She is currently working toward her brain injury specialist and hippotherapy certification.



Ross Livingston joined the Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke Program team in October as a physical therapist. Ross holds a doctorate in physical therapy from East Tennessee State University.



Jacob Satterfield, occupational therapist, graduated with his master's in occupational therapy from the Medical University of South Carolina. He has worked for the Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke program as a PRN occupational therapist since 2018 and is now transitioning to full time. In his new role, part of his time will be spent supervising the West End Co-op while the other part will be clinical. He also serves as an occupational therapist in the Army Reserves.



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Referrals

The Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke Program accepts referrals from physiatrists, neurologists, neurosurgeons and psychiatrists. Referrals from other physician specialties will be considered. We recommend that a rehabilitation medicine consultation be obtained.

To make a patient referral for outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and neuropsychology at the Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke Program, please call RCP's centralized referral coordinator, Yasmin Kears, at 864-455-8788.

National impact of giving

RCP Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke program staff give time and talents to make an impact on a national level.



Sheldon Herring, PhD, clinical director of the Outpatient TBI Program, serves on the Board of Directors for the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) and is the immediate past chair of the Board of Governors for the Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS). Dr. Herring contributed to the establishment of the Brain Injury Association of South Carolina and was a member of the Governor of South Carolina's Task Force that helped establish the South Carolina Brain Leadership Council. He established the Brain Injury Leadership Academy in 2017 to help integrate mindfulness approaches into clinical practice.

Marty Van Dam, manager of therapies at RCP Outpatient Brain Injury & Young Stroke program, has served on two American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) committees and is currently serving on ACBIS Board of Governors.

RCP staff have also helped develop support materials for the ACBIS advanced practice exam to promote specialization within the field of brain injury rehabilitation.