

A definition of the common good is the measure of success by which a project is judged. In other words, a collaborative effort between survivors, families, and individuals that care about society and each other-working together to dream and to create a community that otherwise did not previously exist. That community is Villa Licci.

Post-accident, a brain-injured person typically runs through a course of hospitalization, rehabilitation, and if successful, a return to a new life. This is otherwise known as the new normal, where the survivor may look perfectly fine but suffers a constellation of symptoms related to the injury. Traumatic brain injury is non-discriminatory and will affect all involved. Each person is a member of this group as a TBI may affect anyone, anytime and anywhere.

A family member, caregiver or survivor, has been thrust into a new life without context or meaning. How are you supposed to act? What is normal? What will happen next? Will the behavior escalate? Will my family member find worth, love, and success? Success comes in little steps that add up to benefit not only the survivor but others that care too.

For almost 30 years, I have represented the spectrum of brain injury survivors and their families, understanding that each injury is severe. Each injury is different. Each person is different. Each outcome is different. As an attorney, I help my clients for the remainder of their lives when the unexpected happens. One of my favorite clients said "my lawyer would help me the rest of my life." We become a collaborative unit for the common good and provide support and answers to each other.

Why collaborate with Villa Licci? Support (time, talent, and treasure) of the common good will benefit some of the most vulnerable populations in Indiana. Brain injury survivors may possess the basic benefits provided by the government, health insurance, parents, kids, and support, but lack access to interaction with other similarly situated survivors in a residential setting. A feeling of worth, independence, caring, and communication are certainly at the top of the reasons to support Villa Licci.

On behalf of my clients, friends, families, and caregivers, please support us in making a collaborative change for those that need and deserve it most.

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