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March is National Brain Injury Awareness Month

- According to the Brain Injury Association of America, an estimated 2.5 million children and adults in the U.S. sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) each year
- TBIs can affect the functionality of the brain including: thinking, memory and reasoning
- Each March people from across the U.S. travel to Washington to raise awareness for brain injuries and to network with others to bring about legislative changes to benefit people with TBIs
- There is a Congressional Brain Injury Task Force that also works to bring about positive legislation.
- There are helpful websites to visit for more information on traumatic brain injuries including: www.brainline.org and www.traumaticbraininjury.com

Did You Know?

The band “Cheap Trick” began recording and touring in the 1970’s. Bass player Tom Peterson’s son, Liam, has autism and struggled to learn to talk. Tom and his wife Alison noticed Liam’s love of music on the computer. They began to use music to help Liam learn to say things like “I’m hungry” and “I don’t feel good” .The couple began “Rock Your Speech” as a national program to help other children with autism learn to talk through music and videos. Musical events are now being held to celebrate the success of “Rock Your Speech” to learn more go to: www.rockyourspeech.com