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From the Board...



It is my honor to serve as the ThinkFirst Foundation's 15th Chairman of the Board, and the first female neurosurgeon to hold the position. I look forward to the next two years in this role.

Fiscal year 2019 highlights (July 2018-June 2019):

- ThinkFirst was awarded two major grants, from the General Motors (GM) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), focused on improving teen safety on our roadways. Funding has supported staff and expenses for developing educational programs for teens and parents of teen drivers, as well as developing ThinkFirst chapters, to increase the number of people who benefit from these programs.
- A new video, Decisions Matter, featuring ThinkFirst Voices for Injury Prevention speakers (VIPs) was produced and is in use in ThinkFirst For Teens programs. Other program components were also updated, with a focus on traffic safety, including vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.
- The 2019 ThinkFirst Conference on Injury Prevention was held in San Diego in April, providing two days of CEU sessions, a chapter training day, community helmet fitting event, and receptions.

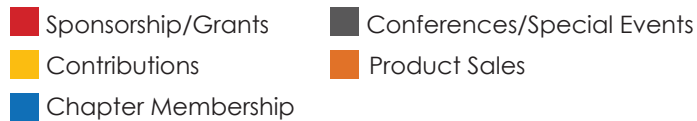
Fiscal year 2020 has begun with transition:

- We thanked Debby Gerhardstein as she retired November 1, 2019 after 12 years as our Executive Director. Susan Crotty was hired to serve as Executive Director, but ultimately accepted another job offer and resigned in January.
- I am very pleased to announce that Kim Spayer has been hired and will begin as Executive Director on February 20th, 2020. Debby is assisting with the transition as we welcome Kim to ThinkFirst.

We hope you will join us for our 2020 Conference, community events, exhibit booth and receptions, which coordinate with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meetings. Meet our Board and staff – or contact us anytime – to learn how you can become involved in injury prevention through ThinkFirst.

Uzma Samadani, MD, PhD, FACS, FAANS
Chair, ThinkFirst Executive Board

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Balance Sheet

6/30/19

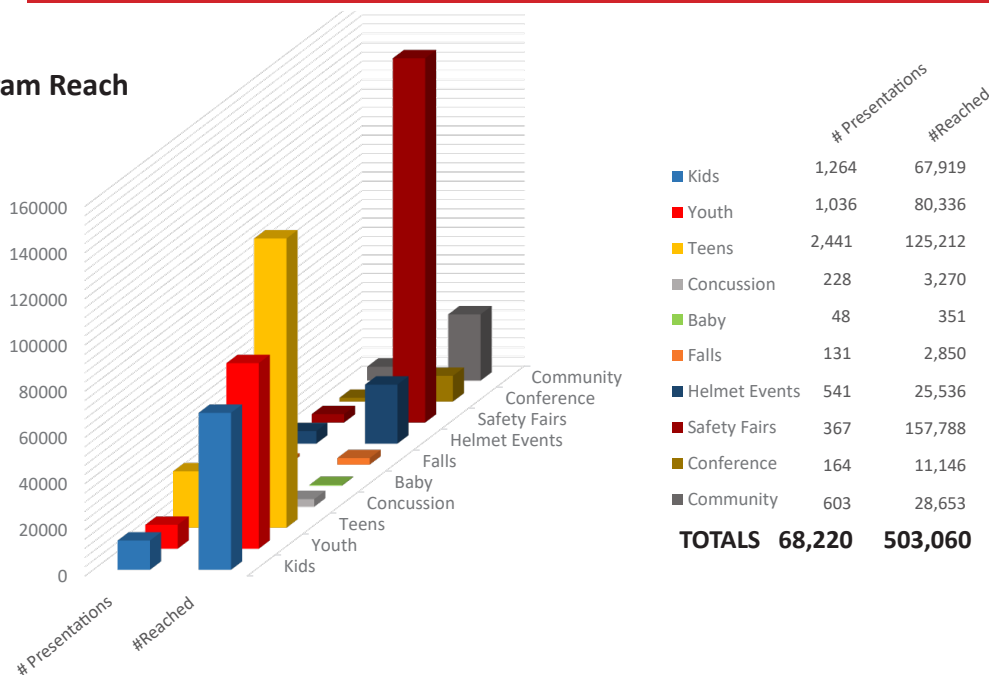
Assets	
Cash and Investments	20,908.00
Other Current Assets	76,343.00
Ins. Policies	443,612.00
Total Assets	540,863.00

Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Exp.	50,038.00
Long-Term Debt	374,494.00
Net Assets	116,331.00
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	540,863.00

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets	
Total Revenues	444,848.00
Total Expenses	426,564.00
Revenues over Expenses	18,284.00
Net Assets (Deficiency), Beginning of Year	98,047.00
Net Assets, End of Year	116,331.00

PROGRAMS

Program Reach



2019 AWARDS

- ★ Chapter of the Year: ThinkFirst Missouri, University of Missouri School of Medicine, Columbia, MO
- ★ International Chapter of the Year: ThinkFirst Pakistan, Northwest School of Medicine, Peshawar, Pakistan
- ★ VIP of the Year: Rusty Burris - ThinkFirst Missouri, Columbia, MO
- ★ Medical Director of the Year: E. Malcolm Field, MD, ThinkFirst Saginaw, Saginaw, MI
- ★ Outstanding Community Involvement: ThinkFirst Boston, Boston, MA
- ★ Dr. David and Donna Cavanaugh Distinguished Service and Partnership Award: Debby Gerhardtstein, Retired Executive Director, ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation

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