IES Brain Research Foundation

2010 News

JOIN US IN OUR MISSION FOR BRAIN HEALTH!!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 16, 2011 IES Brain Research Foundation Golf Outing & Dinner

HOLIDAYS – A GREAT TIME TO GIVE

We hope that you will think of us during this holiday season and make a donation to keep our efforts going. Whatever you can give as we enter the new year would be greatly appreciated. Donations keep us running and able to keep our fellowships program growing. Those who can afford larger donations are encouraged to donate $2500 for a summer fellowship. You can indicate if you would like a name attached to that fellowship. Donations of all sizes are appreciated and needed. Since this Foundation is run totally by volunteers, your donations actually go to the programs. Please help us make a difference. To donate you can go to our website www.iesBrainResearch.org and pay by credit card or PayPal, or you can send a check made out to IES Brain Research Foundation to: 270 Sparta Ave. Suite 104 Sparta, NJ 07871. All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt. If you would like like a certificate sent in honor or in memory, please indicate that. Thank you so much for whatever you can give!!!!!!

IES BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION 2010 GOLF OUTING

IES Brain Research Foundation held their annual golf outing and dinner on Monday, August 16th at Lake Mohawk Golf Club in Sparta, NJ. After a beautiful day of golf, the golfers were joined by many non-golfing dinner guests. The money raised goes to the IES Brain Research Foundation Summer Student Fellowship Program, to attract bright young minds to the field of neuroscience, who will add to this important research. We have had students work in labs with Nobel Prize winners, heads of departments, world award winners, on work that will benefit the basic mission of the foundation and the quest to hasten research that will lead to effective treatments and cures for Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, epilepsy, autism, addiction, pain, brain cancer, stroke, PTSD, traumatic brain injuries (concussions, etc.), schizophrenia, and other serious brain diseases and conditions. Through your support by: attending, volunteering or strictly donating, we are able to help provide these opportunities for brilliant students to study and learn from leaders in the field of neuroscience. This organization is run solely by volunteers, so your support is greatly appreciated and needed. Be sure to tell friends, colleagues & family about this fun event - for a cause that will benefit us all!!!!!!

IES BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2011 SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS IN NEUROSCIENCE

The Irene & Eric Simon Brain Research Foundation will be accepting applications until March 15, 2011 from bright, motivated, undergraduate juniors & seniors and first year graduate or medical students, interested in being trained in a first rate United States lab in the field of neuroscience. The awarded summer fellowship amount for working full time for 8-10 weeks will be $2500.

The Foundation has given out 33 fellowships since the summer of 2005. Summer fellows have worked on Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, brain cancer, epilepsy, TBI, drug addiction, etc. with top notch scientists. Students have been receiving wonderful experiences with outstanding scientists: including Nobel Prize winners Dr. Paul Greengard & Dr. Eric Kandel. Many of the student fellows enthusiastically shared their summer experiences at our events. Several students have been so excited by the experience that they have decided to go on for their PhD in neuroscience and have cited their summer experience as helping them to make the decision to make neuroscience a part of their career. IES Brain Research Foundation’s goals are to attract bright, motivated young people to the field of neuroscience and to help advance research to find effective treatments for brain diseases and conditions such as pain, addiction, Alzheimer’s & Parkinson’s diseases, brain cancer, epilepsy, PTSD, autism, Schizophrenia, concussions, TBI, etc.. Go to our website to read about the 2010 and previous summer fellows’ exciting experiences. Interested students and anyone interested in sponsoring a fellowship, donating, coming to fund-raising events or volunteering, should also go to www.iesBrainResearch.org or call 973 726-6218.
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Do you have a skill, or talent you would like to share with IES Brain Research Foundation?
Do you have time (whether once in a while, monthly or weekly) that you would be willing to spend helping IES Brain Research Foundation? Please contact us at www.iesBrainResearch.org or call 973-726-6218

There are so many ways that you can help!!!! It can be anything from handing out flyers to organizing an event, making copies, volunteering at an event, writing press releases, making phone calls, selling raffle tickets, making introductions and more!

We are solely supported through volunteers, no act is too small. If you can find the time to volunteer, we would greatly appreciate it. Questions, comments, ready to help! Contact us!

A heartfelt thank-you to all of you who give your time and talent to IES Brain Research Foundation and for your support, without which this would not be possible. It is the volunteers that make IES the success it is!

**FIRST ENDORPHIN 5K FESTIVAL & BUSINESS EXPO**

September 25, 2010 - Skylands Park in Augusta hosted the first annual Endorphin 5K Festival & Business Expo to benefit IES Brain Research Foundation. WithumSmith+Brown, PC located in Morristown, NJ assembled a team of their accountants and consultants, winning the prize for largest 5K Team. Team Eastern of Eastern Propane won the prize for fastest 5K Team. These teams were joined by Team Vandenberg organized by Vandenberg Dental of Sparta and the Savage Team consisting of members of the Savage family. The teams and over 100 individual walkers and runners came out to support the first annual Endorphin 5K Festival & Business Expo to benefit IES Brain Research Foundation. The flat and fast 5K course ended up by home plate in Skylands Park. A wonderful time was had by all and we are planning another and which is expected to bring out more people and their families.

Lauren Huffman, a teacher from Ogdensburg came in 1st place overall! One of her students joined her this year and many more will join her next year. The entire list of results and winners can be seen by going to our site www.iesBrainResearch.org. Darlene Vance won one of the two grand prizes, winning a trip to Las Vegas and Jeanne Orts won the other grand prize, a beautiful gas grill donated by our sponsor Eastern Propane. Everyone, who stayed until the end left a winner! Each received a door prize. Games, pumpkin decorating, speed pitch, vendor tables, silent auction, door prizes, and even a bounce house were on hand to amuse children and families of the 5K participants, spectators and business expo visitors. There was plenty to do and a great time was had by all.

The money raised from this event, thanks to sponsors, vendors, runners, walkers and families, will go to summer student fellowships to attract bright, motivated students to the field of neuroscience. One of last year’s summer student fellows worked with Dr. Maria Castro on a treatment for brain cancer that is now in clinical trial. IES Brain Research Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit is run totally by volunteers. The mission of IES Brain Research Foundation is to hasten research that will lead to effective treatments and cures for Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, epilepsy, autism, addiction, pain, brain cancer, stroke, PTSD, traumatic brain injuries (concussions, etc.), schizophrenia, and other serious brain diseases and conditions. IES Brain Research Foundation thanks everyone who volunteered or participated in any way! For more information go to our website or call 973 726-6218.

**NFL STARS JUSTIN TUCK AND RYAN GRANT PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT**

During a dinner meeting on Thursday, April 22nd 2010, National Football League stars Justin Tuck, defensive end for the NY Giants and Ryan Grant, running back for the Green Bay Packers, declared to IES Brain Research Foundation President Faye Simon Harac, their desire to support the IES Brain Research Foundation. Justin Tuck and Ryan Grant expressed their desire to help, stating their enthusiastic agreement with the Foundation’s mission, which is to advance research leading to treatments and cures for brain diseases and disorders. The players communicated a particular interest in concussions and Alzheimer’s disease; areas of growing concern to them and their fellow players.

Tuck & Grant were enthusiastic about the Foundation’s summer fellowship program designed to attract bright young minds to the field of basic brain research. Discussion was had about the many ways that Justin Tuck and Ryan Grant could and would assist the Foundation. The two NFL players were gracious, taking a photo with the Foundation caps to show their support, and giving permission to the Foundation to start immediately announcing this partnership.
CONGRATULATION TO THE 2010 MERCHANISE RAFFLE WINNERS

Judy Savage: Peter Max Poster  Alex Bekker: Ceramic Bowl & Pitcher  Louise Basile – Tiffany Style Table Lamp

Thank you to all who bought or sold raffle tickets.

BLANK ROME HOSTS LUNCH & LEARN IN NYC

October 13, 2010 Blank Rome, LLP hosted a Lunch & Learn in NYC. The food was delicious and the energy at this event was remarkable.

Our Honoree and Keynote Speaker, Dr. Tom Blanck shared scientific evidence that chronic pain should be considered a disease. He provided some interesting insight into how chronic pain originates and persists. He pointed out that the cost of chronic pain in suffering and dollars is enormous.

Dr. Eric Simon, the inspiration for IES Brain Research Foundation, explained the importance of basic brain research and how one discovery can impact multiple diseases. He gave the example of Gleevec, a very effective treatment for chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), a formerly fatal blood cancer. Recent exciting research on this drug has opened up promising leads towards better treatment of patients with Alzheimer's Disease.

Dr. Kenneth Bonnet, a board member and enthusiastic supporter, pointed out that basic research (like what this foundation supports), is a tool needed by doctors to effectively treat and cure all of us from these devastating diseases and conditions.

We also heard from four of our 2010 summer fellows: Tatiana Becker (who worked on spinal chord injury with Dr. Blanck), Hilary Shui (winner of the 2010 Yin-ming Huang & General Jian Gao IESBRF Fellowship who worked on Parkinson’s Disease with Dr. Wagner), Larry Hong (winner of the 2010 Hanni Kaufmann IESBRF Fellowship, who worked on Alzheimer’s Disease & Dementia with Dr. Hawrot) and Nicholas Brown & Nicholas’ faculty sponsor, Dr. Bernardo Rudy (who worked together on Autism & Schizophrenia).

We are thrilled to announce that, upon meeting and hearing from some of our student fellows at this event, Peter Kaufmann donated for 2011, another fellowship in memory of his beloved wife, Hanni Kaufmann.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

A really important way to help this Foundation grow and be able to expand the important programs that can help make a difference in the area of brain health, is to help inform other people and get them involved.

1. Host a lunch, cocktail party or coffee & dessert, etc. at your home or business. Invite people you know, so that we can tell them about the exciting and important research, what this Foundation is trying to do and how they can help.

2. Make introductions and open doors for us to potential benefactors, celebrities, etc.

3. Help us get more media exposure.

4. Pass on newsletters, emails and information to people you know.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give us!!!!!! We all want answer, cures and treatments to the devastating brain diseases and conditions that exist.

EMAIL SILENT AUCTION

From time to time we have a silent auction via email. Congratulations to the recent winners: Louise Basile on a Mary Bennett massage & George Michael’s Salon Gift Certificate and Carol Post on An All American Bar-B-Que and BrachEichler His & Hers Wills. Thank you to all who have (and will) bid on and donate items.

THANK YOU

To our volunteers, sponsors, event participants, and donors. This Foundation could not continue without you.

Lists can be seen on our website: www.iesBrainResearch.org. Thank you so much!!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY

AND A HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!
IES Brain Research Foundation Donation Form

Questions: Contact 973 726-6218
faye@iesbrainresearch.org or www.iesbrainresearch.org

**You can donate by credit card or PayPal on our website or you can mail a check with this form**

I/We have enclosed a donation** in the amount of

__$25  _$50  _$100  _$200  _$500  _$1000  Other $________

Gifts at all levels are very much appreciated!!!!

I/We want to sponsor a Student Summer Fellowship @ $2500
I/We would like *my/our name attached to the fellowship __Yes  __No

I/We want to sponsor a 1 year Post Doc Training Grant@ $50,000
I/We would like *my/our name attached to the fellowship __Yes  __No

I/We want to sponsor a 2 year Post Doc Training Grant@ $100,000
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*Can be your name, business name or in honor or memory of someone

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