



Honoree Spotlight

Lori and Wallace Kyle Caregivers & Past BIANJ Board Chair

Since 2006 Wally and Lori have dedicated themselves to understanding and researching brain injuries and the effects on both the individual and those that love them. In that year, their daughter Meghan was a passenger in a severe automobile crash and the family was thrust into the world of traumatic brain injury (TBI). Lori and Wally spent three months at Meghan's side at the hospital and in rehabilitation, working with and for her. They relentlessly pushed the doctors, therapists, and the entire support staff to ensure Meghan's success. During this time, they experienced many perplexing and unique situations and felt inspired to share their knowledge with others going through the same trauma.

The family spent many hours learning and sharing with friends, family, doctors and others who had faced similar experiences. Lori and Wally initiated several innovative adolescent support groups in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and have acted as tireless advocates on behalf of people with brain injuries and their families. Wally is the Past Chair of the Board of the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey where he championed fundraising and oversaw the start-up of the Support Coordination Program for people and families dealing with brain injury. Wally also helped lay the groundwork for new legislation regarding the care and recovery of students with brain injury.

Wally enjoys a diverse professional background that includes a 15-year career in the publishing industry at Time Inc. developing the international production for Time Magazine around the globe. He has also enjoyed success as a small business owner, commercial artist and even a lobsterman. He started in the financial industry at Smith Barney in 1999 as a financial advisor. In 2012, he joined UBS, where he promotes financial planning and portfolio management for clients.

Lori's distinguished professional career in publishing began in 1974 at a small firm on Long Island. In 1982, she embarked on a 32-year career at Time Inc. where she held several diverse positions. The last six years were spent as VP of Operations for seven of their titles, including People Magazine, InStyle, and Entertainment Weekly.

The Kyles love spending time with their three children and their families. Meghan has proven to be a relentless hard worker and is currently finishing her doctorate in Clinical Psychology, graduating next fall. She plans to continue the legacy of working with individuals and families with TBI so they may experience some of the same successes as she has.