



## June 2018 News & Updates

### Meet Our New Executive Director

Please welcome SBAIN's new Executive Director Julie Benson. She started with the association in March and has hit the ground running!

She has a strong background in health care communications and has had leadership positions in health trade associations, home health networks, and health quality assurance organizations. Mid-career she earned a master's degree in nonprofit management with additional coursework in health administration, public health, and fundraising. Since that time she has worked in fundraising and project management for various nonprofits in Indianapolis.

"I'm so excited to be part of the Hoosier spina bifida family!" she said. "There is a great energy here and passionate, talented people that give a great deal. I'm looking forward to a bright future."

She can be reached at [jbenson@sbain.org](mailto:jbenson@sbain.org) or by calling 317-744-2670.



**Julie Benson**  
Executive Director



### Hurry \$500 Scholarship Deadline Extended!

High school seniors with spina bifida, who will be going on to a college, trade, vocational, or business school need to hurry and apply for the Lisa Jones Memorial Scholarship before June 1.

The purpose of this award is to recognize Indiana high school students with Spina Bifida who have shown determination, perseverance, and seek independence with a \$500 scholarship. This year SBAIN will give out two such scholarships.

The applicant must:

1. Be enrolled or is enrolling in an accredited college, university, junior college, approved trade, vocational, or business school to further his/her education in a career of their choice.
2. Complete the application form. [click here for the application form](#)
3. Provide two letters of recommendation from a school official (administrator, teacher and/or coach), church/community leader and/or employer.
4. Write an essay.
5. Provide a copy of the most recent transcript.

**Send all application materials to:**

SBAIN

Lisa Jones Memorial Scholarship  
P.O. Box 19814  
Indianapolis, IN 46219-0814

**or scan and email to**

[jbenson@sbain.org](mailto:jbenson@sbain.org)

All applications must be received by June 1, 2018.  
Scholarship winners will be notified by June 18, 2018. The funds will be sent directly to the Bursar's office of the chosen school.

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## Save the Dates!

*Friday, June 22*

*Zoo Day!*

*Watch for more to  
come!*



*Indiana Walk-N-Roll  
September 22, 2018*

*Lion's Park  
in Zionsville, Indiana*



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## SBA Updates

### **Teal on the Hill 2018**

About 100 people from 29 states converged in Washington D.C. May 8-10 to meet with their congressional delegation. Participants talked to their congressmen and senators about

- more funding for the National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC);
- joining a newly organized spina bifida caucus;
- and a bill that would protect access to specialized wheelchair equipment for people with disabilities.

***New Healthcare Guidelines*** are coming from the Spina Bifida Association. We

would like to know who you use for primary care and specialties in order to send them the new guidelines. This is part of our advocacy and education mission. Please contact us at [sbainoffice@sbain.org](mailto:sbainoffice@sbain.org) or click 'Update Profile' at the very end of this email and let us know which physicians should receive the new guidelines.

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