Marin Brain Injury Network provides rehabilitative and educational services to victims and families.

By Richard Halsted
Marin Independent Journal

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Two recent studies have found that the brain can produce new neural cells, a discovery that could have implications for patients recovering from brain injuries such as concussions.

Brain injury survivor Lisa Mayock of San Anselmo regained consciousness in September 2013, but her husband said her brain was not functioning properly. She had been rushed to Dominican Hospital in San Rafael for emergency blood to her brain. When Mayock’s husband arrived, she was in coma and moving her arms, but had no pulse. Medical staff was unable to restart her heart; however, it stopped twice more on the ambulance ride to Marin General Hospital, forcing the organization to rely more on donations from individuals and small family foundations.

In addition, the network has had to reduce some services, including educational services, to individuals and small family foundations.

Marin General’s intensive care unit, where Mayock was treated, is open to patients who have sustained brain injuries and require a variety of service cutbacks.

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The network’s board of directors, led by President Mary Mayock, has continued to work on expanding the network, focusing on more donations from individuals and small family foundations.

BRAIN INJURY NETWORK AT A GLANCE

- Served 140 adults with brain injuries last year.
- Served 70 caregivers last year.
- One full-time, four part-time employees; 50 regular volunteers.
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The network has a wide range of services, including educational services, to individuals and families affected by a brain injury.

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