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## ***Valley Miracle Men Team Up to Secure Resources & Programs for TBI Survivors***

Jim Ledgewood and Jason Taylor Will Co-Chair Run, Walk, & Roll for Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona

*Phoenix-* When Jason Taylor and Jim Ledgewood take to Kiwanis Park in April for the inaugural Run, Walk, & Roll fundraiser with their families, friends, and coworkers, it will be another day they are dedicated to living life to the fullest. These incredible survivors met after the two had separately suffered head injuries sustained from random gun violence that left them clinging to life. Today, they are celebrating their hard-won successful recoveries by giving back to other survivors of stroke, TBI, concussion, and aneurysm. The duo will chair the inaugural Run, Walk, & Roll for the Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona to ensure that there is support for 2018 programs and services for children, veterans, and adults.

A young professional just starting his career at the time of his injury, Jim Ledgewood was back to work at Swaback & Associates within eight weeks of his injury, but he found that living life as a survivor of brain injury required different support systems. "While being treated medically for my injuries, I was not made aware of the significance of my brain injury until several years after it occurred," Ledgewood said. "Therefore, I was not actively looking for help. It is important that those in need are aware of the resources and opportunities that can help them move through this life-changing process."

It's a story that's a little too familiar for Valley professional Alyssa Clayton, Patient Care Coordinator at SWAN Rehabilitation. She knows that brain injury survivors need access to community support and proper rehabilitation to assist them in their lifelong recovery after a brain injury. She is so passionate about the issues that she will be overseeing the success of the fundraiser as the co-chair with Casey Musicant of the Run, Walk, & Roll Committee. "Our goal is to raise awareness about brain injury in the Valley while opening doors for survivors to get the resources they need," said Clayton. "Casey and I want to provide hope and understanding for families on the journey of recovery after a brain injury and share some really inspirational stories along the way."

Run, Walk, & Roll will take place in Kiwanis Park on April 14, 2018. The event will feature a 10k, 5k, and 1-mile fun run. You can register at [biaazwalkandroll.org](http://biaazwalkandroll.org).

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The Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona is the state's only statewide nonprofit dedicated to providing lifelong neuro services, programs, and empowerment activities for individuals recovering from brain injury, their families, and professionals.