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**The Butters Fund Receives Grant Support From The Animal Welfare Fund**  
*Funding Will Assist Survivors of Brain Injury Struggling to Maintain Their Pets*

Phoenix--The Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a grant by the Animal Welfare Fund, a component fund of the Arizona Community Foundation. The grant will assist survivors of brain injury, including veterans, in maintaining their companion or service animal while going through medical treatment or rehabilitation.

The Butters Fund was formed at The Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona by Allison & Evan Marshall after their dog, Butters saved Evan's life during his recovery from a skull fracture and brain bleed. The Marshalls started the fund so that no family would ever have to part way with their "Butters" while seeking medical services and rehabilitation after a life-changing accident, illness, or injury. "While Evan was undergoing rehabilitation, we met several families with loved ones going through the extensive recovery process that TBI can bring and it changed the way we looked at things," said Allison. "Families and their pets need support so that everyone can heal together as a team."

The Brain Injury Alliance was founded in 1983 and serves over 3,000 families a year with neuro-resources, survivor empowerment, caregiver information, and free programs designed to help survivors and the people who love them live well after brain injury. Retired International Business Executive Tom Nielsen is chair of the board of directors for the Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona.

Established in 1978, the Arizona Community Foundation is a statewide family of charitable funds supported by thousands of Arizonans. More information is available at [www.azfoundation.org](http://www.azfoundation.org).

The Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona (BIAAZ) is the only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing brain injuries and to improving the lives of individuals with brain injuries through prevention, education, life-long resource referral and information, and community support.

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