



## USBIA Mission is Personal for David King

**D**avid King joined the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance in 2008 as its executive director, but his passion for ensuring those who have sustained a brain injury have a great quality of life started 30 years earlier. David was working on his Bachelor's Degree in social work at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania when his friend sustained a brain injury due to encephalitis. The experience left an impression on David that never faded.

One point of pride for David was when he earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of Maryland at College Park. Another more personal achievement was when he became the founding member of the United States Brain Injury Alliance. He currently serves as CEO of the USBIA. In 2009, he led the operational merger between the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance and the Minnesota Stroke Association, the latter on which he also serves as executive director. On his radar for 2018 is continued growth of the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance's reach. Through his role with the national organization, David has been able to assist emerging alliances to achieve development goals, as well as financial stability.

Back home in Minnesota, he quietly works to ensure that local hospitals and the community are true support systems for those living with brain injury. David serves as a member of the Brain Injury Interagency Leadership Council, the Mayo Regional Traumatic



Brain Injury Advisory Council, and the Minnesota Department of Human Services Partners Panel. He is also the chair of the Finance Committee of New Life Presbyterian Church, and chairs the board recruitment efforts for the Shoreview YMCA Advisory Board.

David describes his role as executive director for both the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance and the Stroke Association as his dream jobs. While his passion for brain injury services began all those years ago in college, it became even more personal when his father suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) from a fall that occurred following a stroke.

We would like thank David for devoting his career to serving those with brain injury.