

# RAYS OF HOPE



**Brain Injury  
Alliance**  
ARIZONA



*It's a Wrap!*

Once again, we had 300 people at our annual family and survivor conference, Rays of Hope. If you missed our fabulous morning keynotes, Jim Ledgewood's *Headstrong & Not Giving Up* and Julie Rake's *The Neuroscience of Transformation*, they are available on YouTube.

**We'd also like to thank our amazing presenters who made our keynotes and 20 breakout sessions possible!**

Ronda Alcorn  
Mary Ann Bebe  
Mattie Cummins  
Chris & Amy Hotaling

Bruce Kuluris  
Jim Ledgewood  
Malissa Mallett  
Joyce Meyer  
Jocelyn Obermeyer  
Adam Pepiton  
Tara Pepiton  
Julie Rake  
J.J. Rico  
Katie Ritter  
Gaile Sickel  
Chrystal Snyder  
Charlotte Stewert  
Brittany Sweeney  
Ann Tarpy

Sabrina Taylor  
Brain Thomas  
Billy Thompson



Volunteer Dr. Jessica Brown, CCC- SLP joins presenter Chris Hotaling for a quick photo op.



Thank you to J.J. Rico, Director of the Arizona Center for Disability Law for joining us.

## SOME SPECIAL FRIENDS STOPPED BY!



The Rehab Without Walls Farmers Market Committee was honored with the Sharron Philips Spirit of Camp Can Do Award.



Bruce Kuluris was able to accept our thanks on behalf of CareMeridian for seven years as BIAAZ corporate supporters.



#PrayforJazmine was honored as the 2018 Run, Walk, & Roll top team



Our 2018 keynote speaker Jason kept the mood light as he reconnected with old friends and made new ones.



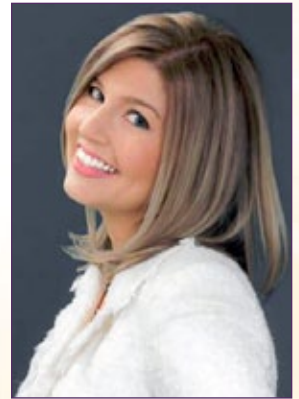
The Board was able to thank our Tucson 2018 Bowl for Brain Chairwoman Sofia Melnychuck for her fantastic work on behalf of our signature Southern Arizona event, Bowl for Brain.



Thank you to retired NFL players Bob Crumm of the Cardinals and Greg Boyd of the 49ers for joining us at Rays of Hope.

## Save the date, Rays of Hope 2019 planning has begun!

Meet Courtney Clark, our 2019 Rays of Hope keynote speaker. Courtney is the luckiest unlucky person



in the world. At age 26, she beat melanoma, but five years later, routine follow-up scans found an aneurysm in her brain that was close to hemorrhaging. She is a speaker and the author of two books on resilience – *The Giving Prescription*, and *The Successful Struggle: Powerful Techniques to Achieve Accelerated Resilience*.

## Would you like to help plan or present?

Each year we offer over 20 fun and educational 60-minute breakout sessions at Rays of Hope on a variety of topics of interest to caregivers and survivors. If you would like to submit a proposal to conduct a breakout session as an unpaid volunteer, please contact us at [info@biaaz.org](mailto:info@biaaz.org). You can also apply to volunteer to be part of the BIAAZ Education Committee that works to plan educational workshops year-round by visiting [biaaz.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://biaaz.org/get-involved/volunteer), filling out the volunteer form, and selecting the Education Committee.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR  
RAYS OF HOPE ON FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019**  
Visit [biaaz.org/rays](http://biaaz.org/rays) today!