

# Amanda's Giving Tuesday Story



“The opioid epidemic is so scary, and it is so easy for individuals to get hooked because they are using a stimulant recreationally or because they had an injury and now can't stop. It impacts the entire family and the community. I chose to support this campaign because it is important to educate people on the effects of substance abuse after the high and the risk for an injury while they are using due to impaired balance and coordination. Also, many people do not realize they have a “brain injury” once it happens and don't know how to navigate their life with it. They may not understand that they have a brain injury and may be forgetting things, uneasy on their feet, and attribute that to something else and they will not get the necessary help/assistance needed to adjust or combat these new issues.”

- Amanda, BIAAZ Giving Tuesday Donor

