



11TH BRAIN INJURY SYMPOSIUM OF MID-MICHIGAN

presented by:
Origami Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center

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MSU Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
219 S. Harrison Rd.
East Lansing, Michigan 48824

WHY ATTEND

The Brain Injury Symposium of Mid-Michigan will enhance attendees' knowledge of brain injury rehabilitation in the areas of personal experiences with brain injury and recovery, a multi-disciplinary approach to managing neurofatigue, dialectical behavior therapy, post-traumatic stress disorder, serial casting, assistive technology, and swallowing dysfunction.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Interdisciplinary professionals interested in the field of brain injury including, but not limited to, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, nurses, social workers, psychologists, vocational counselors, recreational therapists, case managers, discharge planners, and healthcare students.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to identify...

- Personal experiences with brain injury and recovery
- Various methods to managing neurofatigue
- Benefits of dialectical behavior therapy
- Overlapping features of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury
- Three specialty services beneficial for the brain injury population

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Applications have been submitted for the following:

- Certified Case Management
- Certified Rehabilitation Counseling
- Nursing
- Social Work
- Speech-Language Pathology
- General Attendance Certificate (suggested for OT, PT, Rec, & CBIS)

Participants must attend the entire program and complete an evaluation form to earn contact hours.

This activity has been submitted to the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91) for approval to award contact hours. The Ohio Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Whitney Cerak Wheeler

Whitney Cerak Wheeler had led a very charmed life. She grew up in the quaint town of Gaylord, Michigan with her older sister, Carly, and parents, Newell and Colleen. Whitney had been very involved in High School where she excelled as a student and as an athlete. She played basketball, volleyball, and soccer.



When she graduated from High School, she moved to Taylor University's campus in Upland, Indiana. Whitney was in the student work study program through which she obtained a job with the food services department. On April 26, 2006 the food services group was called to arrange for a special dinner for Taylor's new president at Taylor's Fort Wayne campus. On the return trip, their van was hit by a speeding semi-truck as it crossed through the median. The collision left the van torn open and all nine passengers thrown from it. In the horrific chaos, two of the survivors were air lifted to Fort Wayne's Parkview Hospital. Of the nine passengers, five were killed and four survived.

Whitney's parents were told their daughter had been killed instantly in the crash. The family spent the next five weeks in heartache. One of the survivors, Laura Van Ryn, was in a coma but signs of healing were occurring with regularity. After her transfer to Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan, it became painfully clear to the Van Ryns that the girl they thought was their daughter was in fact Whitney. There had been a terrible case of Mistaken Identity. Only by God's grace was the mistake rectified. It is an amazing story which God has used for good.

Whitney and her parents were reunited and her miraculous road to recovery began to accelerate. Four months later, Whitney returned to Taylor University as a sophomore. The journey in college was a hard one, with ups and downs, but Whitney, with God's strength, graduated on May 23, 2009.

Her story, although amazing, is about a young lady with insurmountable injuries, becoming herself once again. It is about God's sustaining comfort, strength and peace in the midst of the storms of life. It is about perseverance, frustration, discouragement, and ultimately a peace found in understanding her Identity is in God alone . . . and that is no mistake.

AGENDA

8:00 - 8:25 am **Registration, Refreshments, and Networking**

8:25 - 8:30 am **Welcome**

Tammy Hannah, Executive Director
Origami

8:30 - 10:00 **Mistaken Identity: Two Families, One Survivor, and Unwavering Hope**

Whitney (Cerak) Wheeler
Survivor

10:00 - 10:30 am **Break, Refreshments, and Networking**

10:30 - 11:30 am **Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Managing Neurofatigue**

Rani Gebara, DO, MS
MSU Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

11:30 - 12:30 pm **Lunch**

12:30 - 12:45 pm **Networking**

12:45 - 1:45 pm **Dialectical Behavior Therapy: Application with Comorbid Borderline Personality Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury**

Sarah Wice, PhD, LP
Origami
Patricia Freundl, LMSW
DBT Institute of Michigan

1:45 - 2:45 pm **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in the Setting of Traumatic Brain Injury**

Jeffrey A. Frey, DO
Lansing Institute of Behavioral Medicine

2:45 - 3:00 pm **Break, Refreshments, and Networking**

3:00 - 3:15 pm **Vendor Raffle Announcements**

3:15 - 4:25 pm **Specialty Service Spotlight:**
Serial Casting
Assistive Technology
Swallowing Dysfunction

Arika Button, PT, DPT, CBIS, Origami
William Day, Computer Rehab Consultants
Meghan McAvoy, MS, CCC-SLP, Sparrow

4:25 - 4:30 pm **Program Evaluation**

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- \$90 for all students (must provide identification)

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