



# Twilight Gala and Auction

January 30th 2010

The Capital Room of the Hartford Marriott

To benefit the National Spinal Cord Injury  
Association, Connecticut Chapter

**No. 001**

## TWILIGHT GALA COMMITTEE:

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## THE MISSION:

*The Mission of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association is to support those with spinal related injuries or diseases and their families by being an advocate for their rights while serving as a resource to its members and the general public. We will provide individual support and furnish information to afford greater awareness of disabilities, spinal cord research, prevention and education. In addition, we will provide activities and events with the goal of empowering our members.*

# The National Spinal Cord Injury Association, Connecticut Chapter NSCIA CT Chapter

## WE ARE:

- We are individuals with spinal cord injuries and/or spinal cord injury related diseases.
- We are family members and friends of persons with spinal cord injuries.
- We are professionals in various related fields striving to improve the quality of life for persons with spinal cord injuries.

Our purpose is to help persons with spinal cord injury and/or disease restructure and rebuild their lives. We offer the experiences and support of persons who successfully live with spinal cord injury. We can provide an individual with information regarding spinal cord injury. We want to help you learn to live with the extensive changes you will experience at home, at work, at school and in various relationships with others.

The Connecticut Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association is part of a nationwide network of people committed to: Providing better services to individuals, families and communities to assist persons with spinal cord injuries. Prevention activities and campaigns to reduce the incidents that cause spinal cord injuries. Supporting research aimed at improving the quality of medical care and eventually, a cure for paralysis.

The Chapter is committed to ensuring anyone with a spinal cord injury has the opportunity for a full, meaningful, independent and active life.

## GOALS:

### **SUPPORT & SHARING**

We share our experiences and ideas with each other through community support groups. Through our Peer Assistance Program, spinal cord injured persons who have successfully coped with the results of their injuries assist newly injured individuals and their families adjust to changes in their lifestyle.

### **RESOURCES**

We provide information about specific programs and services available to spinal cord injured persons. Use our Connecticut Resource Directory as a helpful resource. We also provide a quarterly membership newsletter, The Conn-Cord. We also have a website available to all interested parties, [www.sciact.org](http://www.sciact.org).

### **COMMUNITY AWARENESS & PREVENTION**

We share information on spinal cord injury and its impact on a person's lifestyle. Our Stop Trauma Program explains the causes and consequences of spinal cord and acquired brain injury. This program is available to those interested on request to educators who want to bring the message of trauma prevention into the classroom.

### **EDUCATION**

We sponsor and support informational seminars for persons with spinal cord injury and/or related diseases, health care professionals and the general public addressing issues of spinal cord injury.

### **ADVOCACY & LEGISLATION**

We fight for the rights of present and future spinal cord injured persons and their families. We inform newly injured individuals of these rights.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**NSCIA CT Chapter**

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## EVENING EVENTS:

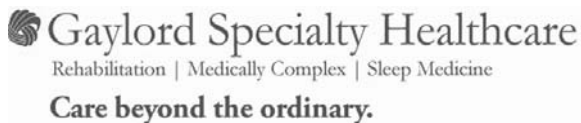
- 6:30 PM** Registration
- 6:30-8:00 PM** Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction
- 8:00-9:30 PM** Welcome, Dinner, Live Auction & Awards  
Live Auction will be hosted by  
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- Appreciation Awards
- Corporation Award***  
– Gaylord Rehabilitation Hospital
- Individual Award***  
– Kenneth 'Obie' Harrington-Howes
- 10:00 PM-Midnight** Music, Cocktails and More.

Corporation Award Gaylord Rehabilitation Hospital, Wallingford, CT  
Gaylord Hospital in Wallingford, Connecticut has supported the  
NSCIA CT Chapter since the inception of the chapter in 1978. The  
hospital has supported the organization by providing office and meet-  
ing space to conduct its daily operations. Gaylord provides acute  
rehab for individuals who have suffered with a spinal cord injury. The  
staff is very knowledgeable on all aspects of recovery, both emotional  
and physical, from a spinal cord injury.

Individual Award Kenneth 'Obie' Harrington-Howes  
Obie has had a spinal cord injury for over 10 years. When he was  
injured his community came together and honored him by forming a  
foundation that has dedicated itself to improving the lives of individu-  
als with spinal cord injuries. The Obie Harrington-Howes Foundation  
has given thousands of dollars in grant money to individuals with a  
spinal cord injury to purchase ramps, wheelchairs, home modifica-  
tions, computers, vans and other assistive technology to lead an inde-  
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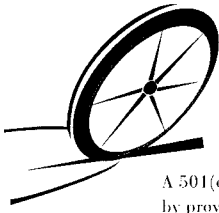
Life can change in an instant. One moment I was standing at the sink. The next moment I fainted and fell into the wall, injuring my neck and spine. I woke up on the bathroom floor paralyzed from the neck down. No one thought I would move or walk again. After back surgery, I was transferred to Gaylord Hospital for physical and occupational therapy. My head and neck were locked in a brace and the only movement I had was in one thumb and a big toe. I felt hopeless. But the specialists at Gaylord treated me as if I were their only patient. They provided the encouragement and support that I needed to move toward recovery. I left Gaylord without a cane, walker or wheelchair! I am a walking miracle.

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The Obie Harrington-Howes Foundation is "dedicated to maintaining and improving quality of life by providing financial aid to individuals with spinal cord injuries." A 501(c)(3) organization, it was originally established by members of the Darien community in response to Obie's spinal-cord injury in a swimming accident on July 4, 1997, which left him paralyzed.

The Foundation helps regional residents with spinal cord injuries and disease cover non-reimbursable medical expenses. Many people living with spinal-cord injuries reach a point where insurance is exhausted and state or federal funds are no longer available. We help bridge the gap between that point and the next level of independence.

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***Congratulations NSCIA CT Chapter  
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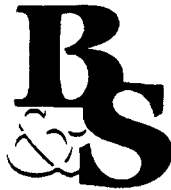
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My best to the families and  
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you a successful year in 2010.



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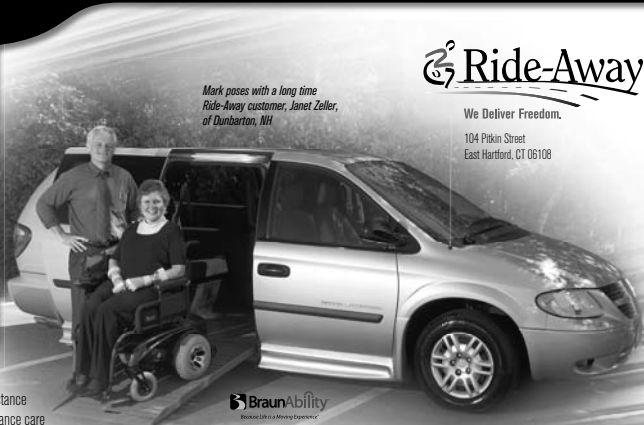
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