IMPACT OF YOUR DOLLAR



Our mission at Tedy's Team is to raise awareness of stroke and heart disease while supporting survivors on their journey, giving them the means for a comeback. Thanks to the support of donors and fundraisers, like you, we are able to make a larger impact on our mission. Here is how:



AWARENESS & EDUCATION

Awareness and education is an important part of the work we do at Tedy's Team. Educating others on the warning signs of stroke, and promoting healthy eating and physical activity, is a crucial part of our mission. We have worked with organizations like The Dimock Center, HoodFit, the Boston Athletic Association, and more, to spread awareness in our local communities and across the country.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

At Tedy's Team we know how important it is to give back to our local communities, especially in times of extreme need. We teamed up with Stop & Shop and The Dimock Center in 2020 and 2021 to provide monthly meals, to people in need, in Roxbury and surrounding Boston communities, with a focus on fresh produce and healthy recipes. Throughout the year, we are always looking for ways in which we can connect with our communities, and help in the most impactful way.





RESEARCH

Through our support of the American Heart Association (AHA), we help fund various research projects to make an impact in the fight against stroke and heart disease, on a larger scale. See below for the past and current projects we have assisted in funding. If you would like information on other funded research projects, please email info@tedysteam.org.

COVID-19 Response

In March of 2020, as a part of its global response to the growing COVID-19 pandemic, the AHA established a \$2.5 million rapid-research fund to fast-track scientific research to better understand COVID-19 and its interactions with the bodies cardiovascular and cerebrovascular systems. A portion of that year's donation was allocated to this rapid-research fund to help make an impact in the fight against COVID-19. To learn more about this rapid-research fund, please visit: heart.org/COVID19response.

Neonatal Stroke Research Grant

In 2021, a portion of our donation was allocated as a research grant, through the AHA, for a research project at the University of Colorado Denver. Stroke in newborn babies occurs almost as often as a stroke in older people, but they are usually not diagnosed right when the stroke happens. This project aims to find new treatments to improve outcome and quality of life in children who have strokes as newborns.

Moyamoya Research Grant

In 2022, we chose to research Moyamoya disease. This project at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX, will help us understand the molecular and cellular basis of Moyamoya Disease has the potential to improve the prevention and treatment of strokes in patients of all ages.

To learn more about these projects, please reach out to info@tedysteam.org.





COMEBACK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

CAP is our financial assistance program that gives us the opportunity to assist and support stroke and heart disease survivors and caregivers on their personal comeback journeys. Some of our previous and current CAP recipients are:

Eliana T., 38 Rhode Island

When Eliana was 36 years old she suffered an ischemic stroke that causes brain hemorrhage. This type of stroke has less than a 5% chance of survival. To help make an impact in Eliana's comeback, Tedy's Team funded her BrainPort, to help with improvement of balance, gait, posture and related symptoms. This system has helped her balance, speech, neurological pain, and walking. All things that will get her back to work quicker. Eliana was funded in 2019.

Nolan P., 27 Canada

On February 11, 2018, Nolan suffered an ischemic stroke, at age 25, that caused loss of function on his left side. Nolan's comeback is to walk again without assistance and get back to work full-time. To help make an impact in his recovery, CAP funded Physical Therapy that Nolan was unable to continue due to out of pocket costs. His PT was seeing a lot of progress from him and knew that he could regain prestroke status if he kept at it.

Nolan was funded in 2020 and again in 2021





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Stephen F., 55 Massachusetts

On January 14, 2017, when Stephen was 51 years old, he suffered a massive hypertensive brain bleed and his wife, Tara, was told he would not survive. Now, over 4 years later, Stephen continues to fight for his comeback and has made amazing strides. To help him with that comeback, CAP funded Stephen's therapy to help him get back to work and his normal daily routine.

Stephen was funded in 2020 and again in 2021

Stephanie M., 57 Florida

Stephanie suffered an ischemic stroke in 2013, which left her with left side paralysis. She does not have use of her left hand and arm because of this. To help Stephanie with her comeback, CAP funded her Bioness H200 Wireless System Kit for her left hand and 26 Bioness H200 Wireless Cloth Electrodes. This therapist recommended device will help Stephanie regain hand function and get back to performing essential daily life activities.

Stephanie was funded in 2021.





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Alan T., 58 Missouri

On March 23, 2020, Alan suffered a hemorrhagic stroke leaving him unable to work as a police officer. One of Alan's deficits from his stroke was his right leg and walking and running were very hard. CAP funded his Bioness L300 system which helps with foot drop. Foot drop is a condition where the muscles in the foot are too weak to properly lift the foot and toes while walking. The Bioness L300 Foot Drop System helps to alleviate walking challenges that may result. Alan was funded in 2022

Kamal M., 61 Michigan

Kamal had open heart surgery in 2018 and had two strokes in 2020 and 2021 leaving him unable to walk. CAP is funding his physical therapy that Kamal is unable to keep up with due to the high out-of-pocket cost. His PT is seeing amazing progress and stopping would be detrimental to his recovery. Kamal is already walking with a walker with a goal of unassisted walking.

Kamal is being funded in 2022.

For more information on these CAP recipients, or to learn about other past or present recipients, please reach out to us directly at info@tedysteam.org.

