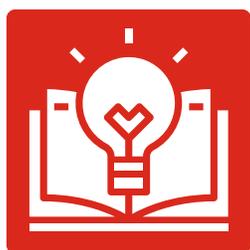


IMPACT OF YOUR DOLLAR



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:



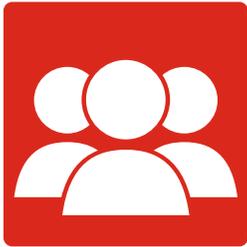
AWARENESS & EDUCATION

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 heart attack, and promoting healthy eating and physical activity, is a crucial part of our mission.

We have worked with organizations like The Dimock Center, HoodFit, Tufts, Burke Neurological Institute, New England Patriots, Boston Celtics, the Boston Athletic Association, and more, to spread awareness in our local communities.

Through our survivor assistance initiatives, we have been able to further our reach to more cities and states across the country:

- Our Comeback Assistance Program provides educational resources to applicants and their families.
- The Tedy's Team Center of Excellence in Stroke Recovery at Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions (MGH IHP) educates the community of Greater Boston about the warning signs of stroke through targeted community outreach and integrating BE FAST education into the clinical visits at their pro bono health center.
- Through the Henry B. Betts, MD, LIFE Center at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, patients, families, and caregivers can access free resources to help them with educational support after they have experienced a stroke.



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.

- In 2020 and 2021, we teamed up with Stop & Shop and The Dimock Center to provide monthly meals, to people in need, in Roxbury and surrounding Boston communities, with a focus on fresh produce and healthy recipes.
- More recently, in 2023 we created a free Community CPR event with the New England Patriots Foundation to train people in Hands-Only CPR.
- Through targeted community outreach, the Tedy's Team Center of Excellence in Stroke Recovery educates the community of Greater Boston about the warning signs of stroke.
- And, since 2018, Tedy's Team has worked with our friends at The Lenox Hotel to support their Wonderfund MA holiday toy drive.

While these examples are just a few of the ways that Tedy's Team has become involved in community outreach over the years, we are always looking for opportunities to do more.



SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

One of the many ways that Tedy's Team is helping to fund life-saving research is through the Tedy's Team Center of Excellence. A main goal of the Center is to support the advancement of research in the science of stroke recovery and work to disseminate that science to the clinicians who provide care to stroke survivors.

Another way is in collaboration with the American Heart Association (AHA), to 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.

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.

Wake-Up MRI Research Grant

The research grant that we chose to support in 2023, was from Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA. This research project will work to help stroke patients who have woken up with stroke symptoms to learn when the stroke occurred and the best way to treat them using a new portable device referred to as a 'low-field' MRI. By advancing low-field MRI, this project seeks to provide fast, available, and affordable imaging for all.

Ischemic Stroke Research Grant

Our 2024 grant selection is out of the University of Illinois, Chicago. The goal of this research project is to assess changes in brain activity and motor function before/after one session of Ischemic Control which, also known as blood flow restriction and release, is a method that uses a blood pressure cuff to restrict blood flow for 5 minutes then release blood flow for 5 minutes. These measures will explain why motor function is enhanced after Ischemic Control.



SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE

Comeback Assistance Program (CAP)

On October 30, 2005, Tedy made his return to Gillette Stadium, but the journey to get there was tough. Tedy was fortunate enough to have a great support system and amazing opportunities throughout his recovery, but not everyone is that lucky. This is where the Comeback Assistance Program (CAP) can help make a difference.

CAP gives Tedy's Team the opportunity to assist and support stroke and heart disease survivors and caregivers on their personal comeback journeys.

For many survivors, the financial burden outside of what their health insurance covers can be overwhelming to themselves and their families. These types of costs can include; extended physical and speech therapies, procedures, medical equipment, and other smaller costs that can add up quickly.

We created CAP in 2019 and have since been able to help survivors across the county with PT costs, medical device coverage, recovery resources, and more. As we continue to build this program, we look forward to helping many more survivors along the way.

Tedy's Team Center of Excellence in Stroke Recovery

In partnership with MGH Institute of Health Professions (IHP), the Tedy's Team Center of Excellence in Stroke Recovery officially opened at the IHP in early 2023 to help improve the quality of life for stroke survivors.

The Center brings together three existing clinical centers: the Aphasia Center, the Ionta Physical Therapy Center, and the Tabor/Connor Occupational Therapy Center. This will address the highly complex issues of stroke rehabilitation that cannot be solved by one discipline alone. Improving the functional ability and speech of stroke survivors and supporting their caregivers is the focus of the center.

Our three main objectives of the Center of Excellence are:

- Support the advancement of research in the science of stroke recovery and work to disseminate that science to the clinicians who provide care to stroke survivors
- Educate the community of Greater Boston about the warning signs of stroke through targeted community outreach and integrating BE FAST education into the clinical visits at our pro bono health center
- Provide rehabilitative care consisting of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy to stroke survivors who are no longer eligible for insurance covered therapy services; we will support their continued progress toward recovery

Shirley Ryan AbilityLab

In 2024, we teamed up with Shirley Ryan AbilityLab in Chicago to help support stroke and heart survivors, and their families, on their comeback journeys. Through our donation, Tedy's Team will be supporting the below Shirley Ryan AbilityLab programs:

PATIENT AND FAMILY EDUCATION

Experiencing a stroke can require a sudden need to understand a broad array of information within a short period of time. Through the Henry B. Betts, MD, LIFE Center, patients, families, and caregivers can access free resources to help them with educational support, including:

- One-on-one and group stroke education sessions, including kid-friendly sessions
- Peer mentoring with former patients and stroke survivors who introduce the possibilities of post-rehabilitation success
- Access to peer-reviewed information on medical care, wellness, employment, transportation, housing and more

PATIENT AND FAMILY HOUSING

Many stroke and heart patients who travel long distances for Shirley Ryan AbilityLab's care often face practical challenges, such as finding temporary housing that is convenient, accessible and affordable. The Patient & Family Housing program offers qualifying patients and families with accommodations near the hospital, so that they can enjoy the comforts of home while they receive treatment. This helps to remove a significant financial barrier and source of stress while keeping families together, focused on recovery.

CHARITY CARE FUND

Shirley Ryan AbilityLab provides direct financial assistance to patients in need through their Charity Care Fund. Charity Care enables patients to receive the most comprehensive rehabilitation care possible, despite individual financial circumstances. Through its support, the Charity Care Fund gives these adult and pediatric patients access to the complete range of Shirley Ryan AbilityLab's services, including inpatient, outpatient and day rehabilitation.

**A portion of our donation to the Charity Care Fund will be directed towards expanding access by underwriting the cost of Shirley Ryan AbilityLab's Intensive Comprehensive Aphasia Program within its Center for Aphasia Research and Treatment. Despite its value, the Center's evidence-based, pioneering programs are not covered by insurance.



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