



Saskatchewan Brain Injury Association

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Making the Invisible, Visible June is Brain Injury Awareness Month

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Emilia Becker is a 19 year old brain injury survivor.
But you wouldn't know that if you met her because YOU CAN'T SEE A BRAIN INJURY.

That is the theme for the 2014 Brain Injury Awareness Month powered by Saskatchewan Blue Cross in June. It is also the theme of the poster recently released and distributed to hundreds of schools, municipalities, politicians and community groups in Saskatchewan.

Emilia was 11 years old when she acquired a brain injury. It was a sunny, fall day and she was riding in the school bus she had been taking daily for years. But that day the bus collided with a truck.

As a result, Emilia had to adjust to a new reality. She had to relearn basic skills. Simple tasks now took great concentration. Although she has been fortunate in regaining most of her skills, she is not the same person she was before her injury.

Emilia says she often wished she was wearing a cast on her head so that people would remember that she was living and working with a permanent injury – an invisible one, but no less challenging for its lack of visibility.

Emilia very eloquently describes her experience and how a brain injury can affect both an individual and her family. She drew a standing ovation from close to 400 people when she spoke at the annual BHP Billiton Brain Blitz Gala presented by WorkSafe Saskatchewan in Saskatoon last May. This summer, she is telling her story to groups around the province between June and August 2014 in order to raise awareness about brain injury.

Brain injury is the leading cause of disability and death among young people. Unfortunately, the only cure for brain injury is prevention.

The Saskatchewan Brain Injury Association strives to prevent brain injuries and improve the quality of life for brain injury survivors and their families.

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