

Council on Brain Injury will grant its 13th Annual Awards to Neuropsychologist Dr. Drew Nagele and The Jazz Sanctuary

The 2019 Council on Brain Injury Awards, sponsored by Astor Weiss Kaplan & Mandel, LLP, will be given to Dr. Drew Nagele and The Jazz Sanctuary. Dr. Nagele will be recognized as the individual winner in recognition of his long history of service to individuals with brain injuries and their families through clinical leadership, advocacy, support, and research. As those who know Dr. Nagele will attest, he has been a tireless advocate and supporter of the brain injury community who has promoted access to services and clinical excellence throughout his career. Trained as a neuropsychologist, Dr. Nagele has served as a member of the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania's Board of Directors, the Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists Board of Governors, co-chairs the National Collaborative on Children's Brain Injury, and co-chairs the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine's Pediatric and Adolescent Task Force. He is also a clinical professor at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and frequently speaks on brain injury prevention and rehabilitation around the world.

The Jazz Sanctuary has been selected as the organization winner. Led by Alan Segal, this non-profit has taken on the mission of bringing joy and the lessons of jazz music to the brain injury community. Mr. Segal had a brain injury in 2006. Not only did he learn to walk and talk again, he was inspired to give back to the community who helped in his recovery. He created The Jazz Sanctuary, a group of accomplished jazz musicians who regularly perform throughout the area. For the past several years, the Jazz Sanctuary has performed at a variety of brain injury events—including Camp Cranium, ReDiscoverU, BIAPA's annual conference and the Council on Brain Injury's annual golf tournament. The hope of the Jazz Sanctuary is to bring the joy of music and the message of jazz to the brain injury community.

The Council on Brain Injury (CoBI), a nonprofit corporation, was formed in memory of Dr. David Strauss (co-founder of ReMed) after he died, in 2004, at the age of 48 from a brain tumor. David was a larger than life force in the brain injury field and the Council on Brain Injury's mission is to support prevention, education, and research to help improve the lives of individuals and their families who have been impacted by this life-altering event. Learn more about CoBI's programs and grant-making at www.councilonbraininjury.org

