

Brooks Rehabilitation donates to Mothers Against Brain Injury, Inc.

Brooks Rehabilitation has donated 2,700 top quality rolled fleece blankets for inclusion in the Mothers Against Brain Injury "Tote Bags of Comfort & Hope." Mothers Against Brain Injury, (MABI) a local 501c3 non profit organization, provides families experiencing a Traumatic Brain Injury with a large reusable tote bag filled with such things as a pillow, blanket, basic toiletries, useful tools like a business card holder, prepaid calling card and journal as well as valuable non clinical information about the injury within 48 hours of admittance to any one of 21 Trauma Centers in Florida.

Tracy Porter with MABI knows first hand how important the "Tote Bags of Comfort and Hope" can be during a family crisis. Her son suffered a severe Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in a car accident in 2004. In the tote bags are items she could have used at that time. "I just wanted others to know they were not alone by providing them with information, basic toiletries and most of all hope. Most families refuse to leave their loved ones side for days and weeks until they begin to emerge from coma. After my son suffered a severe TBI, Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital and Outpatient services were beside us every step of the way providing the best level of care in the most compassionate way." Her son, was in Brooks for a month, and one of the items they still have from that time is the blanket every patient receives with the Brooks Logo embroidered on it. Porter adds, "Brooks surrounded me with Comfort and Hope and now they will be generously providing that same comfort and hope to other families experiencing this injury through their donation."

Each Blanket donated to MABI comes with a specially designed with a wrapper that states: "This blanket was provided by the caring professionals at Brooks Rehabilitation and given to you though Mothers Against Brain Injury so that you may be surrounded in comfort and hope." For more information contact Tracy Porter at 866-604-MABI (6224), or e-mail her at contact@mabii.org.

About Brooks

Serving the community for more than 35 years, Brooks has a long-standing tradition of providing quality inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation care to Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. The 143-bed acute physical rehab hospital is unique in the region with a highly trained staff and an unmatched range of services. Brooks has an extensive network of more than 24 outpatient centers as well as a cutting-edge research facility which provide the best continuum of post-acute care possible to the communities served. As a non-profit health system, Brooks is deeply dedicated to meeting the needs and improving the health of the community. An example is the Brooks Adaptive Sports program, which offers training and competitive sports opportunities locally and nationally to athletes with physical disabilities. It's about being you again. More information on Brooks can be found at www.brooksrehab.org.

About Mothers Against Brain Injury

Mothers Against Brain Injury has formed unique and special relationships with each of the 21 State Designated Trauma Centers and the staff who work there. Our contacts within each trauma center keep 10 tote bags on hand and will contact us when they get down to 2 bags. We will then ship them 10 more so that they are always available for families in need. We depend on financial sponsorships, donations and contributions from the general public to fill each tote bag and for the costs associated with their distribution. More information can be found at www.mabii.org.