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Dr. Mark Ashley Receives Special Recognition from Community Leaders for California Brain Injury Association's Inaugural "Walk for Thought" Fundraiser



Bakersfield, CA (March 30, 2008) – This past Saturday, Dr. Mark Ashley, Founder and Chair of the California Brain Injury Association (CABLIA), received special recognition from community and state leaders at CALBIA's Inaugural "Walk for Thought" fundraiser.

Among the honors received at the event were a certificate of Congressional Recognition from Congressman Kevin McCarthy, a Resolution proclaiming March as Brain Injury Awareness month from Assemblywoman Jean Fuller, a proclamation from Mayor Harvey Hall stating March 29, 2008, as "Walk for Thought" day, and a recognition for outstanding and invaluable service to the community from Ray Watson of the Kern County Superintendent's office.

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The statewide walk included three participating sites including Bakersfield, Sacramento, and San Deigo, California. Approximately \$30,000 was raised and over 500 attended state-wide.

The walk included several individuals and families living with a traumatic brain injury. At Yokuts Park in Bakersfield, participants came from as far as Fresno and Los Angeles to support CALBIA. A team from Centre for Neuro Skills⁷ was also in attendance.

“It was especially emotional when a CNS client got out of his wheelchair at the starting line, bound and determined to walk himself,” said CALBIA *Walk for Thought* Chair Paula Daoutis. “It reminded us all of why we are here.”

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Team CNS celebrates after finishing CALBIA's Inaugural *Walk for Thought* at Yokuts Park in Bakersfield, CA

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