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Press Release

Local REALTORS® Sponsor the Brain Injury Association of Connecticut's First Annual *Walk For Thought*.

Brain Injury Survivors encouraged to Walk and Roll in East Hartford along the Connecticut River to increase awareness for the state's "Silent Epidemic."

STORRS, CT – Tom and Elaine Burns are sponsoring The Brain Injury Association of Connecticut's first annual BIAC-United Steel *Walk For Thought* Saturday October 15, 2005. Registration for the rain or shine event will open at 11am at Great River Park in East Hartford.

The Walk will begin at 12:30 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. There is a registration fee of \$20.00 per person. Brain Injury Survivors and children under 12 years of age are invited to walk **FREE!** Walk for Thought t-shirts will be given to all pre-registrants by October 1, 2005.

Tom and Elaine Burns, RE/Max East of the River, are sponsors of the event. The Burns family has participated in numerous events over the last several years - from this new fundraising event to the annual golf tournament to other awareness/advocacy events throughout the year.

The couple's son, Ryan Cornell, lives with traumatic brain injury after a devastating accident shortly after his high school graduation in 1997. Ryan is an outgoing spokesperson for the organization and actively participates in numerous fundraisers.

Elaine Burns serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Brain Injury Association of Connecticut, and she is also a member of the Board of Connecticut Health Charities.

The **Brain Injury Association of Connecticut** is still accepting sponsorships and encourages team registrations on behalf of companies and faith based organizations. The event is co-sponsored by the company and employees of the United Steel Corporation of East Hartford, the Corneau family and construction industry vendors and subcontractors of United Steel.

For more information on this event, you can contact Nancy Wuennemann at the **Brain Injury Association of Connecticut** office at 860-721-8111 or register on line at www.biact.org.

*The mission of the **Brain Injury Association of Connecticut, Inc. (BIAC)**, is to support persons with brain injury and their families by promoting services to facilitate full inclusion within their local community, and to increase awareness and understanding of brain injury and its prevention through community education.*