

Vermont Bike Night

Guillain-Barré Syndrome Fundraiser/Raffle

Guillain Barré syndrome is a condition where the immune system attacks the nervous system. Experts don't know what causes GBS. This condition can lead to paralysis and eventually death if not detected and treated quickly. GBS can affect anybody. It can strike at any age and both sexes are equally prone to the disorder. The syndrome is rare, however, afflicting only about one person in 100,000. Usually Guillain-Barré occurs a few days or weeks after the patient has had symptoms of a respiratory or gastrointestinal viral infection. Occasionally surgery or vaccinations will trigger the syndrome.

The proceeds of this event will contribute to an individual of our organization who is currently suffering with this debilitating condition, Andrew 'AJ' Bosworth. AJ has been in the hospital since shortly before the holiday season and is only just beginning to recover. There is no cure however and doctors say he will need to remain hospitalized until at least early February. After he is released AJ will still have a very long and difficult recovery ahead of him. AJ had just started a new job and was not yet eligible for health insurance so this has been not only an emotional and physical blow, but a financial one as well. AJ is the type of guy that doesn't hesitate to help those around him and we want to do the same for him.

As a group, we will be doing a fund raiser to help support AJ. We are asking for any raffle donations or monetary donations that people are willing to make. 20% of any proceeds raised above \$3,000 will also go toward the efforts currently in place for discovering the cause and cure for GBS.

Event Location: Donny's NY Style Pizza in Winooski Vt

Event Time: Sat January 30th 7pm

More information on GBS

GBS/CIDP Foundation International

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More information on the Vermont Bike Night

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