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To provide a safe, supportive environment that encourages  
brain injury survivors to design and direct their own life's journey.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **HICKOK CENTER CHOOSES IHS FOR STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

ROCHESTER, NY, June 22, 2009 – **The Hickok Center for Brain Injury** has chosen **Irondequoit High School** to partner with in launching its High School Student Volunteer Program beginning this summer. IHS students are invited to volunteer to assist our members and staff with daily activities for our Center located at 114 South Union Street, Rochester, New York 14607, and fundraising initiatives that benefit both our Rochester and Newark centers. Students receive community service credit for the time they donate to our Center. Students completing a minimum of 75 hours of volunteer work become eligible for elective credit. Students must be at least sixteen years of age, have a minimum of two consecutive quarter GPAs of 90% or above (current quarter and previous quarter), have a minimum of three (3) separate written teacher recommendations, and have a current PPD (TB Test) for consideration by the Center. Eligible students will sign a Confidentiality Agreement to insure member privacy and will work in conjunction with an administrator at the Center on various day-to-day and special projects. For more information about this program contact Gabrielle (Hewson) Cappon at 585-271-8640x207, [gcappon@hickokcenter.org](mailto:gcappon@hickokcenter.org).

About 5.3 million Americans are living with a disability that resulted from a traumatic brain injury related to impacts from motor vehicle accidents, violence or accidents at work or play. Brain injury, however, can occur internally anywhere at anytime due to stroke or aneurism, seizure or illness. People who have suffer brain injuries have to regain lost skills that the rest of us take for granted such as writing or typing, conversing with friends, folding laundry, and shopping for groceries.

The Hickok Center for Brain Injury, with centers in Rochester and Newark, was founded in the mid-80s, and is a place where people with brain injuries can go to redevelop the skills they have lost, within the safety and support of people with similar experiences and professionals who understand their struggle. Members set their own goals, design their own programs and utilize the agency's staff in ways that are consistent with their own priorities toward independence and self-sufficiency. We invite you to visit [www.hickokcenter.org](http://www.hickokcenter.org) for more information about both our locations.

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