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

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HICKOK CENTER'S CEO RECEIVES "FOUNDERS AWARD" FROM THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF NY STATE.

(ROCHESTER, NY) May 16, 2011– The Hickok Center for Brain Injury is happy to announce that their Chief Executive Officer, Elaine Comarella was nominated and selected to receive the 2011 "Founders Award" from the Brain Injury Association of New York State.

The Founders Award is given in recognition of outstanding efforts to help establish new services or opportunities for persons with brain injuries and their families. Comarella became CEO of the Hickok Center for Brain Injury in 2005 after 25 years in the Human Services field. Since then, the Hickok Center for Brain Injury has made significant accomplishments including increasing revenue by 75% from about \$250,000 to nearly \$1 Million dollars, purchasing a 30,000 square foot building in Rochester, establishing a satellite in Newark, NY and increasing service offerings to include day and residential habilitation, independent living skills training, pre-vocational training and community integration counseling.

The Founders Award, among other awards will be presented at the BIANYS's 29th Annual Conference to take place June 2-3rd in Albany, NY. For more information about the Brain Injury Association of New York State, please visit their website at www.bianys.org

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The Hickok Center for Brain Injury, with centers in Rochester and Newark, is a not for profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to brain injury survivors. The Hickok Center 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 our organization's staff in ways that are consistent with their own priorities toward independence and self-sufficiency. We invite you to visit www.hickokcenter.org for more information about both our locations.