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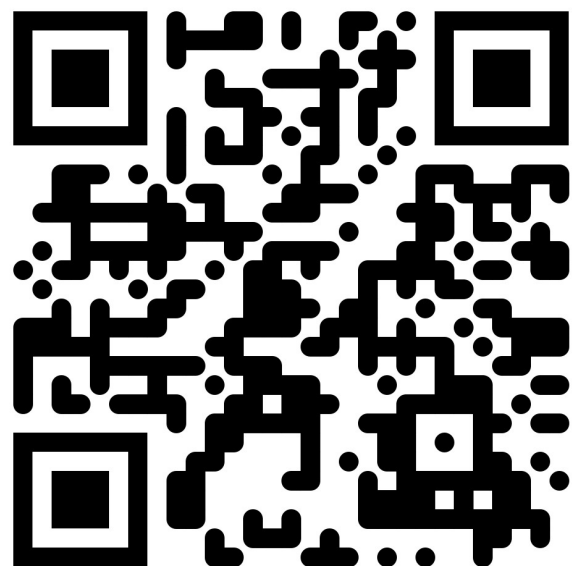
Community Based Assessment

Job Placement Services

Job Retention/ Job Coaching Services

Accommodation Consultations

SCAN HERE to PURCHASE NVS SPRING GALA TICKETS



**Tickets are LIVE!**

Early Bird Tickets on sale till May 1st

**ONLY** \$100 or \$750 for a table for 8

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Employment Bridge Newsletter

HELPING TO BRIDGE THE EMPLOYMENT GAP FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

Spring 2023

**OUR MISSION:**

HELPING PEOPLE WITH NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS GAIN INDEPENDENCE, ONE PERSON, ONE JOB, AT A TIME.

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NEUROLOGICAL VOCATIONAL SERVICE PRESENTS

# NVS Spring Gala

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**SATURDAY 20** 12PM TO 3PM

SALTY'S ON ALKI BEACH  
1936 HARBOR AVE SW,  
SEATTLE, WA 98126

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## Ways to Support!

- ▲ Attend the NVS Spring Gala on 5.20.23 at Salty's
- ▲ Volunteer to Speak at Job Club
- ▲ Gifts of Stock and Bonds
- ▲ Annual Donations
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- ▲ Shop on  You shop. Amazon gives.
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## Rehabilitation Accreditation Results

We were extremely pleased to receive our accreditation review from CARF international with the letter from Dr. Boon, President, CEO, underscoring our NVS rating and stating:

*"Your organization should take pride in achieving this high level of accreditation. CARF will recognize this accomplishment in its listing of organizations with accreditation and encourages your organization to make its accreditation known throughout the community!"*



Yes, we're encouraged! However, we are decidedly proud of our board of employers and community professionals, the receptive employers in Western Washington, our referring state vocational rehabilitation counselors, the supportive community non-profits and university colleagues, you our supporters and above all our clients! It is our clients who navigate an arduous vocational journey with disabilities to access/return to competitive work and vocational adjustment. Successful vocational rehabilitation programs don't just happen. As the CARF reviewers interviewed people from all of the above sectors, the vocational rehabilitation elements of success became very clear. Thank you all so much and this could not have been achieved without you!

Bob Fraser, Barbara Beach, Eleanor Pawley, the NVS team

### Why Community Based Assessments are an Important Tool for Work Access for Clients with Brain Injury

These are non-paid job tryouts with which be set up within the private sector for up to 215 hours for people with a disability (US Department of Labor Waiver, 1993) The tryouts can be based upon the individual's goal and we can learn if any accommodations that may be needed for job success.

Also, importantly, many of these job tryouts transition to paid work with the employer receiving a tax credit and assured the job be performed proficiently.

**Dr. Robert T Fraser**



## MARCH BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

A brain injury can leave an individual with minor to significant impairments that interfere with finding and keeping a job. These impairments can range from cognitive, physical, emotional, or behavioral.

There are more than 5.3 million individuals in the United States who are living with a permanent brain injury-related disability. That's one in every 60 people. At least 2.8 million Americans sustain traumatic brain injuries in the United States every year. (Source: National statistics from the Brain Injury Association of America)

**About Brain Injury** (from the Brain Injury Association of America)

**An acquired brain injury (ABI)** is an injury to the brain that is not hereditary, congenital, degenerative, or induced by birth trauma. Essentially, this type of brain injury is one that has occurred after birth. There are two types of acquired brain injury: traumatic and non-traumatic.

**A traumatic brain injury (TBI)** is defined as an alteration in brain function, or other evidence of brain pathology, caused by an external force or trauma. Traumatic impact injuries can be defined as closed (or non-penetrating) or open (penetrating).

Last year, 22% of NVSU clients served were people with a brain injury, doubling from 11.5 % in 2021. We worked with our brain injury clients on Community Based Assessments-( which can occur in the private or public sector, designed to allow the client to begin working part-time with gradual increases in participation as their stamina, endurance and tolerance for work increases) at **Walgreens** in Auburn and Northgate, **Habitat for Humanity in Lynnwood**, **Cady Cremation Services** and Funeral Home in Kent, and **Glassybaby**.

Thanks to the employers mentioned above and to DVR for funding services to support NVSU clients affected by brain injury.



Your Gift will make an Impact!

**\$500**—Provide client with assistive technology product, such as ergonomic chair or 1:1 software training

**\$250**—Emergency transportation or living expense

**\$100**—One half day of 1:1 on-site job coaching

**\$50**—One-Year Flex Job

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