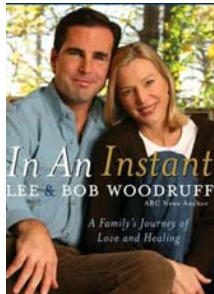


6th Annual Black Hills Brain Injury Conference – May 5-6, 2011 (605) 343-7297
Ramkota Hotel, 1-90 at Exit 59, Rapid City, SD 57701 (605) 343-8550

KEY PRESENTERS



Lee Woodruff – As co-author of the best-selling *In an Instant*, Lee Woodruff garnered critical acclaim for the compelling and humorous chronicle of her family's journey to recovery following her husband Bob's roadside bomb injury in Iraq. Appearing together on

national television and radio since the February 2007 publication of their book, the couple has helped put a face on the serious issue of traumatic brain injury among returning Iraq war veterans.



BJ Jackson & Abby – In August of 2003, B.J. Jackson was driving a Humvee with two other soldiers through Baghdad. The vehicle struck a land mine and was then hit by a rocket propelled grenade. The soldiers were besieged by Iraqis firing AK-47s. B.J. was

critically injured. Jackson lost both legs and suffered severe burns on his arms, legs and back. Over the first five days, he received 25 units of blood. Jackson spent nearly 50 days in the post burn unit. Remarkably, by early December, he was skiing on his new legs. B.J. has made hundreds of television appearances and has been keynote speaker at numerous events. B.J. discusses his personal road to recovery, overcoming odds, leadership, adapting to life's changes, and perseverance. He is a true

American hero for his patriotic and civilian sacrifice. B.J., his wife Abby, and their five children, live in Iowa.



Patricia Haldeman – Just shy of his third birthday, my son John ran behind a playground swing and was struck hard on the right side

of his head. Because there were no obvious signs of concussion or external injury, the pediatrician, reached by phone, advised against an emergency room visit. Twenty-four hour observation at home did not reveal any obvious signs of trauma, and I breathed a sigh of relief. That relief, however, was very short-lived . . . The heavy blow to John's head, although seemingly innocuous at the time, had caused a closed-head traumatic brain injury (TBI). Despite the almost immediate physical and behavioral signs that continued to worsen throughout his life, John's injury remained undiagnosed for the next sixteen years because the medical professionals and school systems we encountered were unaware of the symptoms and presentations of a traumatic brain injury. That delay in diagnosis led to educational, psychological and social difficulties for John which, unaddressed and untreated, ultimately resulted in his death.



Community Transitions, Rapid City, SD

May 5, 2011	
10:45	Registration
12:00	Abby & BJ Jackson – <i>Standing Tall</i>
1:00	Annette Pearson & Scott Franzen – <i>Wellness</i>
1:00	Abby & BJ Jackson Q & A
2:00	Kari Ann Scovel — <i>Executive Dysfunction</i>
2:00	Ellie Bernier – <i>Oh, My Aching Back</i>
3:00	Merri Vitse – <i>Putting the "We in Therapy"</i>
3:45	Patricia Haldeman – <i>John's Story</i>
5:00	Dinner
6:00	Keynote speaker Lee Woodruff – <i>Life Changes In An Instant</i>
May 6, 2011	
8:45	Brain Injury Panel
9:45	Laura Barbera – <i>Swallowing</i>
9:45	Betty Bowers – <i>Reality of Life with TBI</i>
10:45	Christina Cote – <i>Spasticity</i>
10:45	Susan Kains – <i>Spiritual Gifts & Burdens of Caregiving</i>
11:40	Dorothy Rosby – <i>Humor Helps: Caregiver Lite</i>
2:00	Tour of Community Transitions
2:30	Tour of the Hospice House



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