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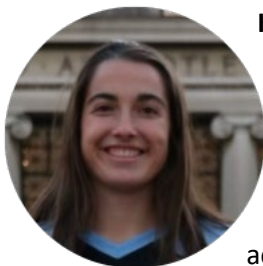
For the eighth year, the Brain Injury Association of New York State has been chosen as an Official Charity Partner of the TCS New York City Marathon. Please meet the incredible runners on the BIANYS team!



Kelly Corley: I am running the New York City Marathon for the first time, and I could not be more excited to run in support of the Brain Injury Association of New York State. I am a lifelong athlete and have had a passion for running since childhood. However, having suffered multiple concussions myself, this has made me no stranger to the importance of supporting those who have sustained brain injuries. My most recent concussion took place in August of 2022 and as a result of this and past head traumas, I began having focal seizures. Though controlled with medicine now, it was a long road to recovery in which I was not able to run for a while. I am grateful that my comeback to running will be for such an important and deeply personal cause. Please visit [here](#) to support Kelly.



Julie Delinsky: I am a lifelong athlete and former Division I field hockey player. To this day, I coach field hockey and love the lessons accompanying sports. As an adult, running has become a passion – it's a place where I can channel my energy toward training and participating in races, experiencing the wonderful highs and lows along the way. Eight years ago, I lost my older brother, Brady, because of complications from being hit by a car and suffering a serious brain injury. I looked up to him. His passion for racing allowed him to compete in an IRON MAN and hundreds of races. Brady is in my mind every race I do and every run I take. I am running in Brady's honor and to raise funds and awareness for the Brain Injury Association of New York State. Please visit [here](#) to support Julie.



Kelsey Farkas: This will be my first time running the New York City Marathon! I am a former collegiate and national team athlete that suffered several concussions while playing field hockey. Last year, I was in what I thought was a minor car accident, but, for over a year, I struggled through the impact of yet another concussion – worse than any before. Thanks to my team at UPMC, I was able to make a full recovery. I am excited to get back to running in a big way and accomplish my goal of running a marathon. I am thankful to everyone that has supported me along the way, and I am proud to run for the Brain Injury Association of New York State and support all those affected by brain injuries. Please visit [here](#) to support Kelsey.



Alexandra Verni: I sustained my TBI on June 19, 2008 from an epidural hematoma. I was left bleeding out for 14 hours before I was taken to a local hospital. I underwent a craniotomy to relieve the bleeding in my brain and remained in a coma for five days. I have never learned the circumstances of my life-changing injury.

Prior to my accident, I was a cross country & track runner, but post-TBI, running, along with my life, seemed impossible. I am proud to say I am back to running; thanks largely to my training partner, Artemisia, my rescue Pitbull. I owe it to myself and all those living with TBI to be an advocate. I am dedicating my race to us and my late parents, who helped me get back to where I am today – I have no doubt they will be cheering me on from Heaven. Help me support the amazing initiatives being executed by the Brain Injury Awareness New York State chapter by donating now. Please visit [here](#) to support Alexandra.



Royce Woodroffe: As a neurosurgeon at a Level 1 Trauma Center, I have seen the devastating effects that brain injuries can have on both patients and families. Unfortunately, brain injuries are all too common and the aftermath persists, often, long after the external wounds have healed. I am honored to be able to run on behalf of the Brain Injury Association of New York State to raise awareness of the needs of survivors and their supporters. Please visit [here](#) to support Royce.



Nicholas Yebra: At 16, my little brother Spencer, was involved in a car wreck where he suffered a traumatic brain injury that left him in a coma for weeks and lifelong rehabilitation. Because of programs like those offered through the Brain Injury Association of New York State, my brother, now 30, is able to live a more fulfilled and happy life. My entire family has also been impacted for the better due to organizations like BIANYS. If it was not for the organizations, I would not have been able to go to college and my parents would not have been able to live a relatively normal life. Beyond this, the community, friendship, and support that this organization provides to people with similar stories is literally life-changing. Thank you for your support and I am humbled by the generosity and kindness of everyone who has ever lent a helping hand. Please visit [here](#) to support Nicholas.

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