



## A Letter to the Community

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate Origami's twenty-one years of growth, impact, and innovation we, in parallel, reflect upon our mission to create opportunities and transform lives. We remain committed to maximizing access to innovative services with exceptional results. Through outreach, education, and pure will - it is our goal to serve anyone that needs our help, regardless of circumstances.

It is the influence of our mission that has led us through another remarkable, record-setting year at Origami! Our team is grateful to have served a record number of clients, welcomed a record number of employees to the growing team, and granted donor funds to a record number of individuals who would otherwise go without necessary services.

Phase two of Origami's Master Site Development Plan left us with an even more beautiful, naturally enriching campus for clients, employees, and families to enjoy. We feel truly honored to be a part of an organization that values and invests in our surroundings that help foster a healing environment for our clients.

Here at Origami, we see how a life can change in a moment. We are grateful to our team members, donors, partners, and friends who continue to make Origami such a wonderful, successful, and thriving organization.

Thank you for your support in helping us create opportunities and transform lives!

With Continued Gratitude,

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President & CEO



Origami Brain Injury
Rehabilitation Center
creates opportunities and
transforms lives

#### Vision:

Origami Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center strives to be the leader in maximizing access to innovative services with exceptional results

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# 2018 Highlights

**Completed** \$1.5 million phase II expansion, which included a therapeutic green space in the center of campus (image shown on front cover)

**Updated** Origami's Mission & Vision Statements

**Introduced** Driver Rehabilitation Service with assistance from a grant awarded by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund in the amount of \$58.595

**Implemented** an organizational restructure resulting in positive improvements in service delivery and increased supports for employees across the company

**Hosted** the first Unfolding Potential Breakfast, which raised over \$175,000 and celebrated 28 founding members of the Unfolding Potential Society

**Facilitated** 30 clinical internships, 21 job shadow experiences, and welcomed 26 individual volunteers and 6 volunteer groups

**Installed** new client emergency alert system for the Residential Program with assistance from a grant awarded by Coverys Community Healthcare Foundation in the amount of \$25,000

**Launched** new Telehealth services

**Celebrated** the completion of the therapeutic greenspace with clients, team members, and the community at Origami's first Annual Outdoor Concert and Celebration

**Co-Hosted** 16th Annual Lids for Kids event fitting over 500 free helmets to community children and families



Coming home from her son's hockey game one cold December evening, the car Ellen Andary was riding in was hit head-on by a drunk driver. Ellen was airlifted to Sparrow Hospital, where she was found to have a severe traumatic brain injury, multiple fractures, and other life-threatening injuries.

Unsure if and when she would wake up, her family rushed to her side ready to help. When Ellen woke up a few weeks later, her family vowed to take care of her the same way she had always taken care of them.

A well-loved and respected individual, Ellen enjoyed spending time with her family, volunteering with hospice, gardening, church, and tennis. Her family knew her life would be different going forward, but they were ready to help Ellen in any way they could. One of their first decisions was to bring Ellen to Origami.

Ellen's husband, Dr. Michael Andary, a specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Physiatrist), had referred patients of his own to Origami prior to his wife's accident so he knew of Origami's services and how they could care for Ellen. "Being a rehab doctor and dealing with brain injuries for 20 years before Ellen's accident probably altered my opinion on things", he said. Being a big fan of interdisciplinary rehabilitation and having the collaborative-style of care at Origami was of the utmost importance to Ellen's family. Dr. Andary knew Ellen had to be at Origami.

Ellen's family worked with Origami's physical and occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, doctors, and care coordinator - keeping all of her care under one roof. "All of the things I hoped Origami could do have happened," said Dr. Andary as he reflected on Ellen's rehab journey thus far.

Ellen continues to receive care at Origami and brightens everyone's day with her beautiful smile and friendly personality each time she visits. For many, recovering from a brain injury can be a long and emotional journey. Both the Origami team and the Andary family are thankful that they were able to come together to make Ellen's rehab as successful as possible. The Andary family is one of strength, selflessness, and resilience, which continues to keep them moving forward and living life to the fullest.

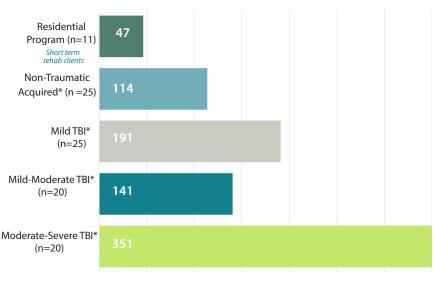
## 2018 Outcomes

Origami serves clients from a diverse referral base with various avenues for access to services. Community provider referral sources include primary care physicians, neurologists, and several other providers.

Origami serves individuals that have sustained a brain injury through various mechanisms, varying severity levels, and at different stages in their recovery.

In 2018, Origami served one individual with a spinal cord injury. Individuals with autism, attention deficit disorder, developmental and learning disabilities were served through Origami's Driver Rehabilitation Service. Origami served a total of nine adolescents ranging in ages 15-17 years old.

#### Average Length of Service (In Days)



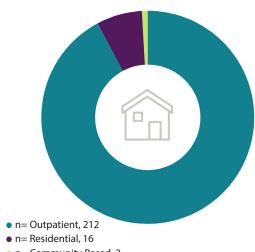
\*Outpatient Program

n= Number of clients discharged in 2018 after completing their recommended course of treatment.

"Thank you all for your most professional and compassionate care related to my evaluations and testing. Your facility is exceptionally clean, comfortable, and inviting. Thank you for all you all do for your many patients. I can only imagine all the amazing stories and successes your team sees as you lovingly and compassionately serve your ill and injured patients. You all are in my thoughts and prayers today as I give thanks for inspirational and loving souls like yours that love and serve others daily."

-David, Survivor

#### Admissions By Program

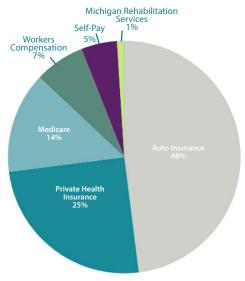


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"As a college student, I don't have a lot of free time, but with the free time I have, I volunteer at Origami because I see the positive impact volunteers have on the lives of clients. That is something I want to be a part of. Since starting, I've had the opportunity get to know many of the clients and have grown close with one in particular. For me, Origami is my home away from home."

-Noah, Volunteer

#### **Funding Source By Admission**



"Origami's mission and vision brings compassion to the ones we serve. Working for such an establishment and the diversity of our team members truly embraces the passion and care towards each of our clients. Working at Origami provides the platform to enhance and change people's lives for a brighter future."

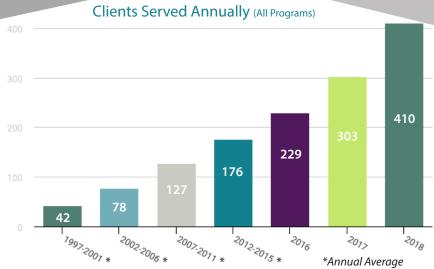
-Andrea, Employee



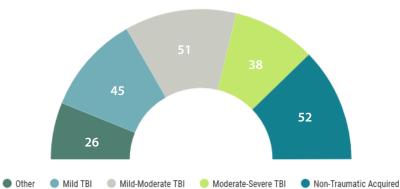
After a morning filled with tremendous headaches and eye pains, TJ's daughter drove him to the hospital to be evaluated. Having been diagnosed as hypertensive 18 years prior to this day, he was no stranger to these types of headaches.

However, TJ recalls, "that this time felt very different than the others". As he sat in the crowded ER waiting area with his daughter, he did his best to think positive thoughts, but there was a feeling of uneasiness that resided with him.

TJ had suffered a stroke. After spending a week in the hospital, TJ was diagnosed with Left-sided Homonymous Hemianopia, a medical condition consisting of a visual field cut in one half of your eye.







Further testing would reveal that the stroke had completely taken the peripheral vision in not only the left eye, but also the right eye - leaving TJ unable to drive due to the visual impairment.

The inability to drive coupled with and extreme short-term memory deficit he incurred meant that he would no longer be able to perform the jobs he loved as a sports event planner and coach. Although he attempted to return to coaching his team, he learned very quickly that his body was not where he left off physically.

TJ found himself 21 pounds lighter, weaker on one side of his body than the other, and experiencing a level of fatigue he'd never felt before. He felt strongly about his kind of coaching style that allowed him to interact with

his players as much as possible in practice, but he soon realized that he was not able to continue to do that. As he sat there running practice from a chair on the sideline, it broke TJ's heart and his spirit. He began having a low patience tolerance for things, was short in conversation with others, crying more, and didn't want to go anywhere or do anything.

After returning from more extensive testing at the Mayo Clinic, TJ was referred to Origami for treatment. His treatment included occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology. TJ hopes he has shown his daughters that "even though in life you may face some adversity, you can still get back up and accomplish your dreams."

Origami's Unfolding Potential Fund issued nearly \$25,000 in grants to clients in need of care, rehabilitation services, and support. Origami's generous donors and sponsors made this possible.

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