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Happy New Year! As we step into the New Year, we extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for your support. May the year ahead bring continued growth and success for all. 2024 was a year of growth and milestones for STANDING FIRM, due in no small part to the support of our members. Together, we have achieved remarkable things, and we look forward to even more in 2025.

If you're not yet working with us, contact us to schedule a Director's Information Session today. You can review STANDING FIRM highlights here.

STANDING FIRM News Congratulations to our Director, Megan Rose, as she assumes the role of Director of Economic Impact, overseeing both the STANDING FIRM and the INC (Immediate Needs Coordination) Teams. In her own words, Megan states, "My role involves improving survivor financial stability through strategic collaborations, employer engagement, and issue-based advocacy. It's been exciting refreshing our program to better meet the needs of survivors and respond to the dynamic workplace environment."

Mary Onufer's title has changed as well from Senior Account Executive to Senior Customer Engagement Manager, which more fully encompasses her role with STANDING FIRM.

STANDING FIRM Articles & Video of Interest

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

2025 Human Trafficking Prevention Month Toolkit

The Intersectionality of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking

Traumatic Brain Injury and Partner Violence Part III ***(Content Warning: This article contains information about domestic violence including ways this may occur, and the injuries associated with it. Please take care of yourself when reading and don't proceed if you are not in a safe place to do so.)***

To recap, TBI symptoms[1] may include problems with thinking, concentration, reaction time, and emotions, as well as feeling more tired than usual. Some symptoms may affect a person's ability to do their normal work activities. Symptoms may last for months or even years, and for some, may involve co-occurring health conditions, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression. It's only within the past ten years, through collaboration with brain injury service providers, that the intersection between such intimate partner violence and brain injury (BI) has been acknowledged.

"It is important to remember that there also exists an inclusive spectrum of people who may have TBI from domestic or other types of relationship-related violence..." People of color, the LGBTQIA+ community, and individuals with disabilities are still underrepresented in existing studies, which hinders their access to appropriate treatment and care. "Any type of person may have a domestic violence head injury and may need treatment and resources regardless of a past or recent experience with abuse." [2]

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