

# SURVIVOR

## *Happenings*

trauma survivors  
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### UT Medical Center's Trauma Survivors Network 4th Annual Survivor Celebration

**When:** May 21st, 2020

**Where:** UT Medical Center's Garden View Eatery

**Time:** 4:00pm– 6:30 pm EST.

The Trauma Survivors Network (TSN) is celebrating recovery with other trauma survivors, medical and hospital staff. Please contact TSN at 865-305-9970 to RSVP or for more information. We hope to see you there!

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#### Special Points of Interest

Annual Survivor's Celebration

## IMPAIRED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

December is Impaired Driving Awareness Month and this year Trauma Services hosted an event in the hospital lobby on December 10th, 2019. TSN supported the event that had activities such as:

- Walk the line with impaired goggles
- Sum it Up Bartender, can you accurately pour a standard drink?
- Spin the Wheel trivia
- Handouts and information



## Thank You Peer Visitors!!

On October 22, 2019, TSN was able to show their appreciation for all that our peers do. Peers were recognized with certificates of appreciation at the breakfast.



### Who are TSN peer visitors?

Peer visitors have experienced a traumatic injury, such as a car crash, fall, gunshot wound or work related injury and have made a successful adaptation to their life after injury.

UT Medical Center's peer visitor program includes former patients and caregivers. Peer visitors are not professional counselors, therapists or advisors. They volunteer their time because they want to help others like themselves.

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### How do I request a visit?

If you are interested in getting together with a TSN peer visitor, you should contact your TSN Coordinator directly at 865-305-9970.

### How do I become a peer visitor?

If you have experienced a traumatic injury and would like to become a peer visitor, please contact the TSN Coordinator at 865-305-9970. There is an interview and a training process that must be scheduled. The training program educates peer visitors on how to actively listen, communicate and better understand the recovery from a serious injury in order to share experiences.



## What's Coming Up 2020

Open support group for former trauma patients is held the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Please call for more information or to RSVP (865) 305-9970.

Month	Date
February	4th
March	3rd
April	7th
May	5th
June	2nd
July	7th



## Stay Connected

Find out more information about TSN at

<http://www.utmedicalcenter.org/emergency-and-trauma-services/patient-guide/trauma-survivors-network/>

Stay connected to others within the trauma community by signing up for our national TSN website at <http://www.traumasurvivorsnetwork.org/>

**Donate**

If you would like to donate to the TSN program you can call 865-305-6611 or go to our donate now page <https://utmedicalcenter41273.thankyou4caring.org/page.aspx?pid=298>. Make sure to type in Trauma Survivor Network under "other".

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The Emergency and Trauma Center is the Region's Level I Trauma Center for adults and serves as the tertiary referral center for medical care in East Tennessee, serving Knox County and 21 surrounding counties.