



APHASIA IS EVERYWHERE



This June, we're creating a global gallery of aphasia awareness. We invite you to share photos from your community so we can celebrate the people, organizations, and advocates helping increase awareness around the world.

The NAA is here to shine the light on YOU! Tell us what you are doing to spread awareness!





@aphasiahope

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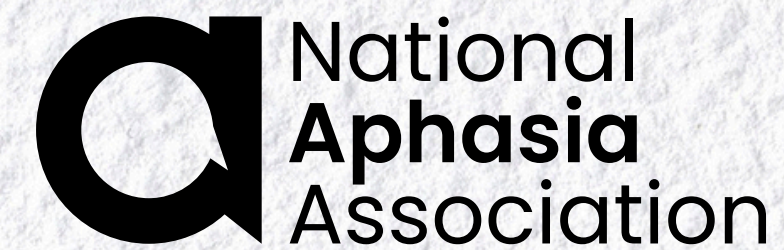
Family, Rehab Team Support Helps Joe Become Stroke Survivor | Rochester Regional Health

After a massive stroke, Joe Crestuk was told he wouldn't use his right arm or leg again. His stroke care and rehabilitation teams helped him prove that wrong.

 rochesterregional.org

We raise awareness about aphasia year-round by sharing Joe's personal story across social media platforms, regardless of Aphasia Awareness Month. Through videos and real-life experiences, we educate audiences about what aphasia is, what it isn't, and how it affects those living with it.

Click this link above to hear more about Joe's story



APHASIA VOICES PROJECT

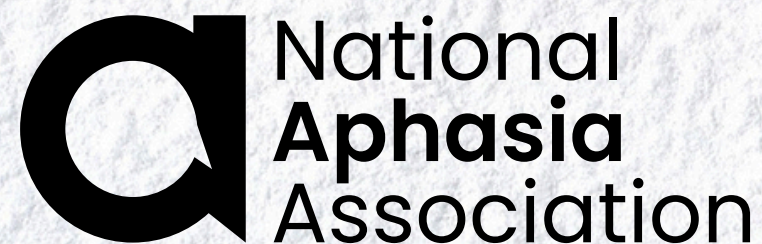
The project was inspired by conversations with stroke survivors, traumatic brain injury survivors, caregivers, and families who shared powerful experiences of communication challenges following neurological injury.

Throughout the next year, I will be collecting stories from individuals affected by aphasia, dysarthria, apraxia, stroke, and traumatic brain injury. These stories will be used to educate healthcare providers, caregivers, families, and communities about the lived experience behind communication disorders.

The project began with a public awareness campaign on social media and a call for participants to share their stories. Within the first days of launch, survivors and family members began volunteering to participate and contribute their experiences.

My goal is to amplify voices that are often unheard and help others better understand what it means to live with communication challenges.

Because every voice matters.



Socials



**Charlie's
Angels
Wellness &
Advocacy,
PLLC**

ALDER APHASIA CENTER

Aphasia awareness month weekly challenge

The goal of this project is to help others better understand the challenges of living with aphasia by simulating difficulties with speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing. Each week, a new language-based challenge will be shared on social media and provided as a printed flyer for members to take home and complete with family and friends. Participants are encouraged to reflect on their experience, share videos of the challenges, and tag us using #Aphasia. Through these activities, we hope to increase awareness of the cognitive effort and frustration often experienced by individuals with aphasia.

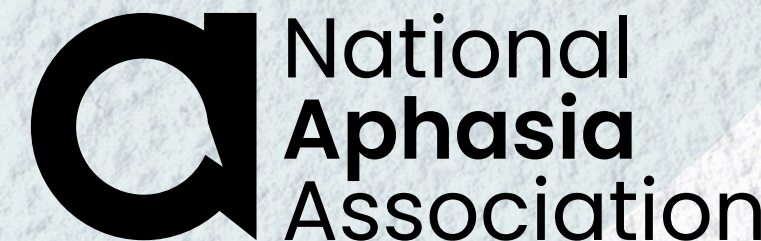
Weekly Challenges!!



Adler Aphasia CENTER



AlderAphasiaCenter



Aphasia Health Fair

June 6th, 2026
10am - 12pm

Over 2.5 million Americans
are living with aphasia.

Join us for a day of education, support,
and community building.

What to Expect:

- Free health and wellness resources from university and community vendors
- Opportunities to connect and learn about aphasia
- Special guest speaker:

Dr. Lisa Keenan-USchold
Counseling
beyond words:
Supporting individuals
with Aphasia



- Basket raffle - proceeds support the UB Communication Recovery Collective

Location:

University at Buffalo
South Campus

Hayes Hall
250 Hayes Road
Buffalo, NY 14214



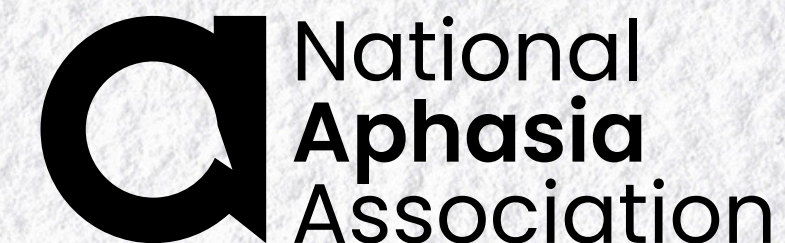
Free Parking
Townsend Parking Lot
225 Hayes Road

Additional accessible parking on the
North side of Hayes Hall

This event is free and open to the
public - whether you are
impacted by aphasia or want to
learn more.

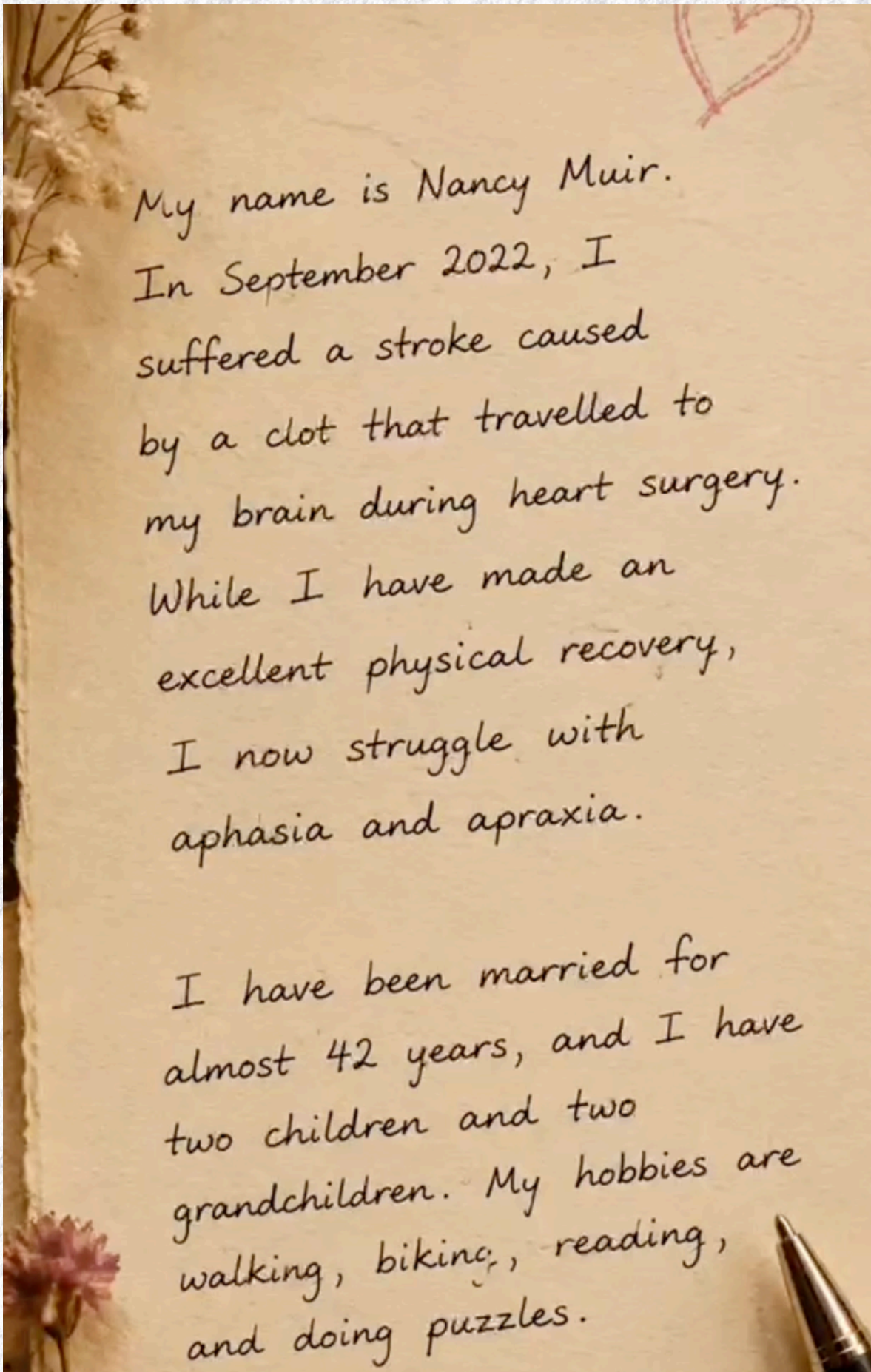
Let us know you're coming.
tinyurl.com/UBAphasia

APHASIA HEALTH FAIR



Join us for our 3rd Annual Aphasia Health Fair featuring a guest presentation on **“Counseling Beyond Words: Supporting Individuals with Aphasia,”** community vendors offering free resources and information, and a basket raffle benefiting the **Communication Recovery Collective, a conversation support group for stroke and brain injury survivors.**

[Calendar Link!](#)



My name is Nancy Muir.
In September 2022, I
suffered a stroke caused
by a clot that travelled to
my brain during heart surgery.
While I have made an
excellent physical recovery,
I now struggle with
aphasia and apraxia.

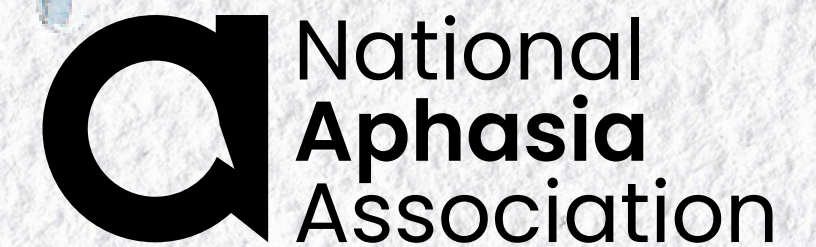
I have been married for
almost 42 years, and I have
two children and two
grandchildren. My hobbies are
walking, biking, reading,
and doing puzzles.

June is Aphasia Awareness Month,
and I want to share how aphasia
affects my everyday life. Aphasia is a
communication disorder that impacts
my ability to speak, read, and write.

**Nancy Muir is a stroke
survivor that is sharing
her stories on her social
medial platforms. Watch
her video and follow her
socials for more.**

Nancy's Story

VOICES OF HOPE FOR APHASIA



PROCLAMATION

The mayor of
Dunedin visited our
Thursday
conversation group
to read a
proclamation
naming June
Aphasia Awareness
month for the city of
Dunedin, FL.



MNCAN- MINNESOTA CONNECT APHASIA NOW

Angie Maier

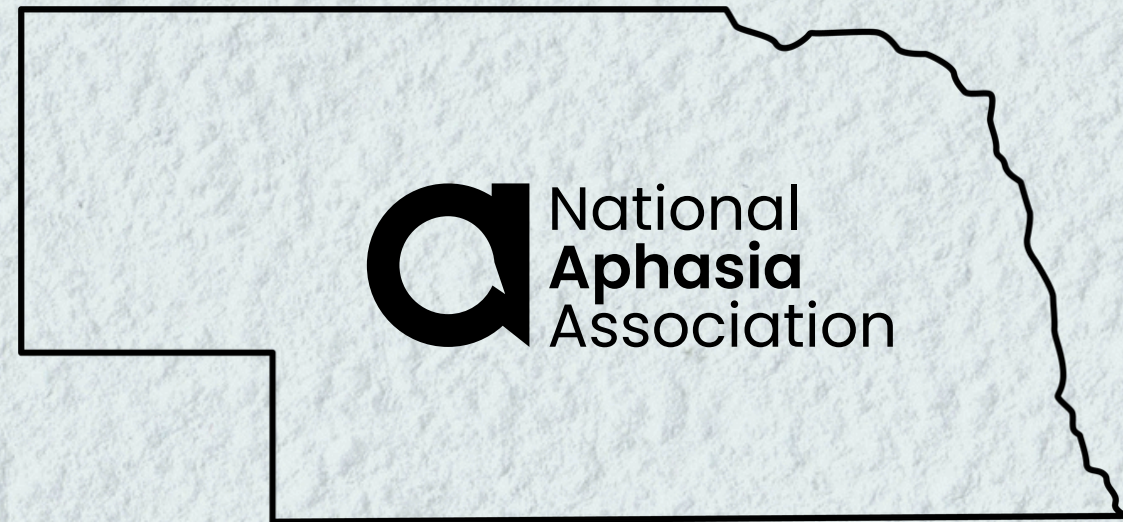


Minnesota connect
aphasia now link

June Aphasia Awareness Edition:

On May 29th, the MnCAN community gathered to kickoff our June Aphasia Awareness month. Over 35 people gathered at a local library to learn more about aphasia and spreading awareness in our local communities. Many of our participants with aphasia shared inspirational quotes and stories about the value of connecting with other people with aphasia.

From Omaha Nebraska



DAN RABBASS



“My wife passed away in April 2026 from PPA, logopenic. I was her caregiver for six years. There doesn't appear to be much awareness or knowledge of aphasia here in Nebraska. I hope I can have a positive influence.”

Last week I had 2 dozen yard signs made up and purchased locally here in Omaha at a sign store. Currently, the College World Series is here in Omaha, an influx of a lot of people into our city. Getting permission to place these signs strategically in great places is my current task. I look forward to conferences, meetings, or get-togethers where I may help in spreading knowledge.

30 DAYS OF LIFE WITH APHASIA

Minnesota Connect Aphasia Now

Throughout June, MnCAN highlighted a different community member each day to promote education, awareness, and understanding of aphasia and Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA). Through social media, newsletters, and blog features, participants, care partners, speech-language pathologists, volunteers, and supporters shared their stories and experiences. These voices helped increase awareness, celebrate resilience, and build a more informed and inclusive community for people living with aphasia. The advocacy continues beyond June through ongoing education, connection, and support.



For more information, please visit:
Minnesota Connect Aphasia Now Website
mncan.org

National Aphasia Association & Superhero Younger Aphasia Group

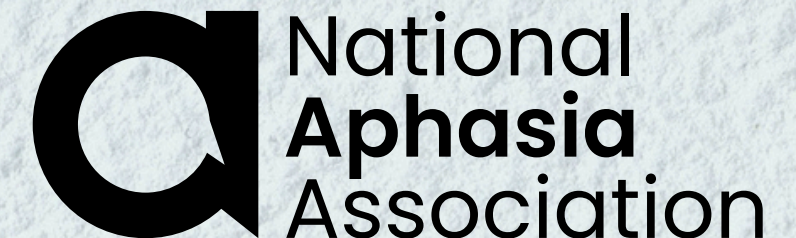
Kitti Tong presented at Choice Hotels International to share their personal journey and educate others about aphasia. The presentation covered their experience recovering from brain injury, the role of neuroplasticity, Aphasia 101, and practical ways the hospitality industry can create more accessible and supportive experiences for guests with aphasia.

The speaker reflected on their progress from losing the ability to speak after their injury to confidently using their voice to educate, advocate, and connect with others.

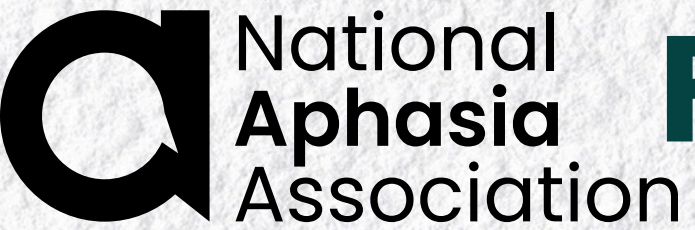
Through continued collaboration with the hospitality industry, advocacy efforts are expanding awareness, promoting inclusion, and creating more welcoming environments for people living with aphasia.



Kitti Tong LinkedIn



Tuscon Arizona



FRIENDS OF APHASIA

Friends of Aphasia Website

friendsofaphasia.org

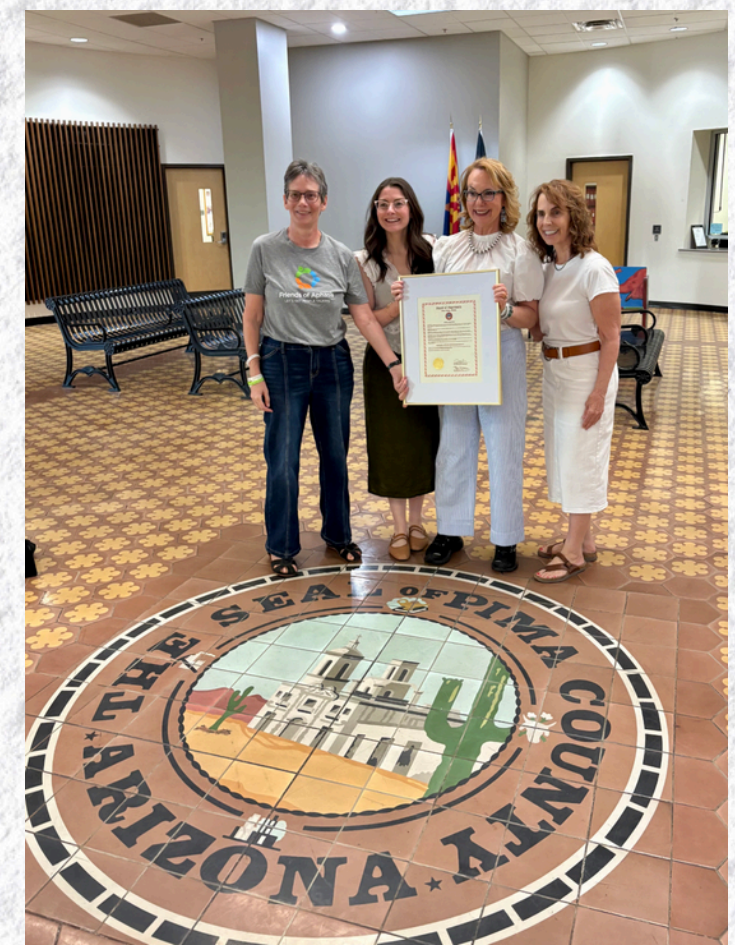
Video Event

On June 17, 2026, members of the aphasia community created a video sharing what they want others to understand about living with aphasia. The project centered the voices and experiences of people with aphasia, helping educate the public and challenge misconceptions about communication disabilities. One of their members, Peter, is the videographer and did all the editing. Here is a link to the video!



Proclamation

On June 23, 2026, Friends of Aphasia leaders were recognized by the Pima County Board of Supervisors with an official Aphasia Proclamation **declaring June as National Aphasia Awareness Month in Tucson, Arizona.** The recognition was presented to Co-Founder Gabby Giffords, Executive Director Kym Olsen, Clinical Director Clare McNamara MS, CCC-SLP, and Board President Joni Jones.





Aphasia at Home: **Aphasia Awareness** **through Stories**

APHASIA AT HOME WITH OR WITHOUT THERAPY

Aphasia Awareness program at Scranton Library in Madison, Connecticut

Three NAA Ambassadors came together to increase awareness of aphasia.

“About 75 people attended, including people living with aphasia, family members, caregivers, speech-language pathologists, and community members.”

Read the full story!

aphasiaathome.com/aphasia-awareness-connection/

**STAY TUNED
FOR MORE**



INSPIRING

APHASIA AWARENESS

INITIATIVES!