

Bryon Riesch

Bryon Riesch is the President and CO-founder of the Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation (BRPF). Bryon started BRPF in January of 2001. BRPF is a non-profit organization. The mission of BRPF is to find a cure for paralysis through funding the latest in medical research and to aid those that suffer from neurological disorders. Under Bryon's leadership, BRPF has raised more than one point six million dollars for paralysis research.

Bryon dropped out of Milwaukee Area Technical School in 1987 because he was frustrated with the system. He went on to graduate from Marquette University with a bachelor's degree in Information Technology and Marketing. Marquette University is in Milwaukee, WI. Bryon was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Medical college of Wisconsin for his contributions to research and fundraising to find a cure for paralysis.

Bryon suffered a tragic accident after finishing his first year of college. It left him paralyzed, changing his life forever. Bryon earned the Faith, Hope and Spirit award from Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee and the 2005 Grad of the Year award from Southeast Wisconsin Goodwill for his ability to help people with disabilities find jobs in the community. Riesch was named Catholic Memorial High school's alumni of the Year for his volunteer work and advocacy for people who are paralyzed. Bryon is a motivational speaker, making frequent appearances at colleges, universities and high schools.

Bryon developed a strategic partnership with Carroll University for physical therapy students to do hands-on training working with people who have disabilities. The learning model has served as a benchmark for healthcare students across the nation. Some of the special events

Bryon runs are BRPF's Annual Golf Outing for Spinal Cord Injury Research, Bryon's Run for Paralysis, Bowling for Byron and the BRPF Team Challenge.

Bryon's motivational message is simple: "Don't Give Up and Always Strive to Do Your Best".