

# AAIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## Rita Kreslin - Secretary

I became involved with AAIM in 2003, shortly after my oldest son, John, was killed in a car crash. John was 19 years old and a pre-pharmacy student at Butler University, Indianapolis, IN. On August 30, 2002, just four days after starting his sophomore year of college, he was killed in underage drinking, impaired driving crash.

In the years immediately following the crash, I was involved with AAIM as a volunteer, connecting with high school and college students and parents about the dangers of underage drinking and impaired driving. I have spoken to thousands of court-ordered DUI offenders during victim impact panels, illustrating the consequences of impaired driving. In addition, I worked to raise funds to financially assist devastated, injured crash victims, unfortunately often helping with funeral expenses. I received the AAIM Volunteer of the Year award in 2007.

In 2010, I became AAIM's Executive Director. I have spent the past nineteen years absorbing everything I could to be a voice and make a difference in the lives of others. The journey has far exceeded my expectations and has grown into a passion. My tireless efforts to support crash victims during court proceedings, educate our youth and parents, encourage law enforcement, support appropriate legislation, promote traffic safety, impaired boating prevention, and challenging judges and prosecutors to do a better job, has proven to be the cornerstone for AAIM's success. I increased AAIM grant funding revenue by 43% since 2010, expanding victim advocacy and DUI prevention programs.

In 2009, The John Kreslin Scholarship Fund was founded, "We Walk to Remember and AAIM to Make a Difference," to provide a scholarship to encourage students to make good decisions for a successful college journey. To date, the Fund has provided over \$19,000.00 to graduating high school students and thousands to needy crash victims. [www.johnkreslin.com](http://www.johnkreslin.com)

In 2016, I helped found and structure the Illinois Impaired Driving Task Force, where I serve as co-Chair.