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EPIC Long Island CEO Honored for Three Decades in the Human Services Field

EAST MEADOW, NEW YORK, October 4, 2016 – EPIC Long Island President and CEO Tom Hopkins was among a distinguished group of honorees at the Friends of Asha Niketan Annual Luncheon, held September 15th at Gargiulo’s Restaurant in Brooklyn.

The Connecticut-based Friends of Asha Niketan Inc. is a not-for-profit 501 (C) (3) organization providing residential services to developmentally disabled individuals in India. Approximately 150 guests attended the annual fundraiser, which showcases the agency’s quality service and the deep impact made by human services professionals in the field.

Hopkins was honored for his 30+ years of service in the field, including high-level positions with the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (now known as OPWDD), as well as the Center for Family Support, where he served as Chief Operating Officer before becoming President and CEO of EPIC Long Island. Since taking the helm in 2008, Hopkins has overseen major initiatives such as the opening of EPIC Long Island’s Article 31 Mental Health Clinic, the first of its kind in Nassau County to provide treatment for epilepsy and mental health conditions in one location. The nonprofit currently operates 17 residences across Long Island, providing supports and services to 11,000 individuals and families living with epilepsy, developmental disabilities and mental health challenges.

Commenting on his award, Hopkins said, “A heartfelt thanks to the Friends of Asha Niketan for this tremendous honor. I have also been honored in knowing so many delightful people in my career – both the people who give and those who receive services. For that I am indeed fortunate.”

ABOUT EPIC LONG ISLAND

EPIC Long Island began in 1953 with a small group of parents whose mission was to help children with epilepsy lead productive lives. Over sixty years later, the organization has fulfilled that promise with 17 residences, two clinics, a wide range of programs that serve over 10,000 individuals annually. EPIC Long Island has broadened its mission to offer more social and health services across Long Island and has grown to serve not only individuals with epilepsy, but also those with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. While epilepsy is at its core, the organization offers a spectrum of superior services for individuals and families with different needs. EPIC Long Island’s mission is to enrich the lives of those they serve through quality care, a broad range of services and an unwavering commitment to excellence.



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