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**In Honor of “Epilepsy Awareness Month” EPIC LI
Extended its Fundraising Campaign Throughout November
*2013 Walk for Epilepsy Raises Funds for Programs & Services***

Garden City, NY, December 2013 – In honor of Epilepsy Awareness Month, this past November, EPIC Long Island extended the fundraising campaign for the 2013 Walk for Epilepsy recently held in Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. The Walk attracted over 350 participants and raised thousands of dollars. All proceeds from the Walk are going toward EPIC LI’s programs and services that serve individuals with epilepsy.

EPIC LI’s Executive Director Tom Hopkins commented, “This year’s Walk for Epilepsy had an incredible turnout. Funds raised surpassed last year’s event and this year’s goal. We’d like to thank everyone who came out to raise awareness and show their support.” At the end of the month, EPIC LI will announce the fundraising total from this campaign with a formal statement and letter to all those who supported this effort.

The event attracted many supporters, including lead sponsors Winthrop-University Hospital, James Bohl CPA and Lundbeck. This year’s Grand Marshals were Farmingdale State University student Zoey Wade and her sister, Dana, who attends Northport High School. Zoey has spearheaded a couple of very successful fundraisers for EPIC LI with the help and support of her family. Zoey was even on board when EPIC LI took a trip to Washington, D.C to generate national awareness. Her positive motto: “I have epilepsy, but it doesn’t have me,” is an inspiration to all who know her.

EPIC LI would also like to recognize Panera Bread for serving as the organization’s community partner. Mr. Mike Ruiz, Manager of the Island Park location, generously supported the Walk by providing a luncheon for the event sponsors. In recognition of their continuous support toward EPIC LI’s mission, Panera Bread of Island Park was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The day was also celebrated with friends, raffles and music which was provided by The Vinyl Plane, whose talent, support and commitment to this event has been appreciated for three consecutive years.

For more information about the Walk contact Dolores Frederick, EPIC LI's Event Coordinator, at (516) 739-7733, ext. 155; For information on Epilepsy Awareness Month, call Janet Romeo at (516) 739-7733, ext. 145.

ABOUT EPIC Long Island

EPIC began in 1953 with a small group of parents whose mission was to help children with epilepsy lead productive lives. Sixty years later, the organization has fulfilled that promise, with 15 residences throughout Long Island; two clinics; dozens of programs; and more than 11,000 individuals served. Today, EPIC looks toward a bright future as it broadens its mission to offer more social and health services across Long Island. EPIC 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 that also serves individuals and families with different needs. EPIC'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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