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EPIC Long Island Walkers Put Their Best Foot Forward

EAST MEADOW, NEW YORK, October 23, 2015 – EPIC Long Island supporters donned their walking shoes amid crisp autumn temperatures in Eisenhower Park at the agency’s fifth annual fundraiser, EPIC Long Island WALKS 2015. More than \$50,000 was raised at the October 17th event, helping to enhance EPIC Long Island’s programs and services for individuals with epilepsy, developmental disabilities and behavioral health challenges.

The two-mile Walk was led by Grand Marshals James and Meryl Bohl and family. As parents of a child with epilepsy, James and Meryl have generously supported EPIC Long Island for a decade, grateful for the positive impact the agency has made on their lives. “We were in great distress when our son was diagnosed with epilepsy in 2005 at the young age of four months,” explains Meryl Bohl. “Through the wonderful efforts of EPIC Long Island, families like ours have gained a better understanding of the condition, and have had the opportunity to establish long-lasting bonds with other families living with epilepsy.”

The annual Walk continues to connect members of the community who are living with epilepsy, developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. Food, music, raffles and face painting added to the spirited atmosphere. Sponsors of this year’s event included James Bohl, CPA PC & MD Parking, Winthrop University Hospital, Cohen Children’s Medical Center, Lundbeck, Sunovion, Supernus, Panera Bread, Stony Brook Medicine and Ridgewood Savings Bank.

“Seeing the community come together to rally around our mission gets more special every year,” says Tom Hopkins, President and CEO of EPIC Long Island. “A big thank you to our sponsors, organizers and participants for helping to make our Walk possible and ensuring the continuation of vital services and quality care for families across Long Island.”

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.