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Walking To Support Those With Epilepsy, Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Challenges

EAST MEADOW, NEW YORK, October 12, 2015 – EPIC Long Island will hold its annual fundraiser, EPIC Long Island WALKS 2015, at Eisenhower Park on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Proceeds raised at the event will benefit EPIC Long Island's programs and services for individuals with epilepsy, developmental disabilities and mental health challenges.

The two-mile Walk will place at the Dogwood Picnic Area/Parking Field 1 rain or shine and is generously funded by sponsors that include 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.

This year's Grand Marshals are the Bohl family, longtime supporters of the agency whose commitment has been vital to the delivery of essential services to families experiencing the challenges of living with epilepsy, developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. James and Meryl Bohl have been proponents of the Walk since its launch five years ago.

"As parents of a child with epilepsy, we were in great distress when our son was diagnosed in 2005 at the young age of four months," explains Meryl Bohl. "We are beyond grateful to EPIC Long Island for helping families like ours gain a better understanding of the condition, and for creating long-lasting bonds (especially through the annual Walk) connecting us with others who are living with epilepsy."

Pre-registration for this year's Walk is \$30; same-day registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and costs \$35. The fee for students is \$15 with proper ID. Children under ten are free. All participants receive a complimentary T-shirt. Raffles, music and face painting will add to the fun, and a variety of refreshments will be served.

"The outpouring of support that we receive for this event is truly exceptional," says Tom Hopkins, President and CEO of EPIC Long Island. "Last year's Walk raised \$72,000, helping to fund additional programs to educate the community about epilepsy, as well as training programs for medical personnel and first responders. Through the continued support and amazing generosity of our walkers, sponsors and donors, we'll be able to make an even greater impact on families across Long Island."

For more information on registration, donations and sponsorships or to form a team, contact Dolores Frederick at 516-739-7733 x1155 or visit the Walk website at <https://epiclongisland.myetap.org/fundraiser/EPICLongIslandWalk2015/>.



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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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