



EPIC Long Island Sparkles at Agency's 30th Anniversary Gala

EAST MEADOW, NEW YORK, February 25, 2015 – It was a night of mingling, dancing and celebrating, as more than 150 attendees raised a glass to EPIC Long Island at the agency's 30th Anniversary Diamonds & Pearls Dinner Gala.

The glamorous event, held on January 23 at Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, shined a spotlight on important work in epilepsy care and the outstanding individuals who continue to make an impact in the field. Corporate honoree North Shore LIJ Cohen Children's Medical Center Division of Pediatric Neurology was recognized for successfully improving patient outcomes while delivering specialized care to infants, children and adolescents with neurological disorders.

Professional Honorees included [Dr. Josiane LaJoie](#), Chief of Pediatric Epilepsy and Director of the Pediatric Neurology Residency Program at the Center, and [Dr. Shefali Karkare](#), Co-Director of the Pediatric Epilepsy Center at NSLIJ Cohen Children's Medical Center. The [Lang Family, Randy, Victoria and Brian Lang](#), was named the *Naomi & Barney Silverman Family of the Year* for their ongoing commitment to help EPIC Long Island meet its mission of providing vital services to people with epilepsy, developmental disabilities and mental health challenges.

"EPIC Long Island is a special organization, especially to the Lang family because there are so many dedicated people who have helped not only our family and our nephew, Casey Lang, but so many other families on Long Island," commented honoree Victoria Lang.

EPIC Long Island's longtime commitment to quality care was demonstrated in a moving video shown during the event, highlighting the many lives the agency has touched over the years. Anthony, an individual from the Straight Lane Residence, discussed the feelings of hope the agency has instilled in him and his desire to become a motivational speaker to let other young people with disabilities "know they have someone in their corner." Spoken like a true member of the EPIC Long Island family!

Another highlight of the evening was a lively raffle which featured the grand prize of an all-expenses paid trip to Aruba. All raffle proceeds will go toward enhancing EPIC Long Island's programs and services.

Commenting on the evening's festivities, Tom Hopkins, President and CEO of EPIC Long Island, says, "We're thrilled to support the remarkable achievements of our honorees who share our mission to impact the lives of those affected by epilepsy." Hopkins adds, "A big thank you to everyone who attended our gala, especially our donors, sponsors and staff who make it possible for EPIC Long Island to continue to deliver the best care available to everyone we serve. Here's to 30 more wonderful years – and beyond."

[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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