



EPIC Long Island's 29th Annual Dinner Dance

"A Blue Tie Affair"

Considered Most Successful Event to Date

The organization proudly honored Anthony Restaino, Dr. James Bruno and the Traynor Family

Garden City, NY -To celebrate its future as a center of excellence in providing services for those with epilepsy, developmental disabilities, and mental health challenges, EPIC Long Island Inc. hosted its 29th Annual Dinner Dance, "A Blue Tie Affair," this past month at Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Golf Course. Over 300 supporters joined EPIC in recognition of their continuous support and dedication to those they serve.

Hosted by dinner gala co-chairs, Larry and Anita Slatky, the event honored those who have supported the 60-year-old organization's mission. This year's Corporate Leadership Honoree was Anthony Restaino, Administrator of A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility in Uniondale. The organization's Professional Honoree was Dr. James Bruno, Assistant Clinical Director of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center of Long Island at St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson. EPIC's Naomi & Barney Silverman Family of the Year was the Traynor Family, an energetic group of siblings that has worked diligently to support the organization's capital campaign.

"I was first introduced to EPIC Long Island approximately 20 years ago when I was invited as a guest to one of its annual dinner dances," says Honoree Restaino, whose facility is ranked in the top 2 percent of all nursing homes in the state by US News & World Report. "As time passed, I became more interested in EPIC and the great work they do across Long Island. It is an organization that I am truly proud to support."

Restaino has worked in nursing home administration since 1993. His facility has maintained its 5-Star rating from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Oakland Gardens, N.Y. resident also has been a member of the American College of

Health Care Administrators since 1989 and has served the College both locally and nationally for more than 20 years.

Honoree Dr. James Bruno maintains a subspecialty in sleep medicine. He is Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurology and Director of United Neurodiagnostics at SUNY Stony Brook. Dr. Bruno also maintains a private practice in Stony Brook.

"This year's esteemed honorees exemplified all that we stand for, and they work tirelessly to improve and strengthen the lives of the people we serve," says Tom Hopkins, EPIC's President & CEO. "We couldn't do what we do without their efforts and expertise."

In addition to celebrating the agency's hard work and the contributions and devotion of this years honorees, the evening included a special musical performance by Dr. Alan Ettinger and fellow musician John Mangione. Guests were able to enjoy casino tables throughout the evening and also were given to opportunity win a variety of raffle prizes.

Proceeds from the dinner dance will benefit the vital work and services that EPIC provides annually to over 10,000 Long Island residents with epilepsy, developmental disabilities and mental health challenges.

For more information about EPIC Long Island's 29th Annual Dinner Dance and to view the online Gala Journal please visit www.epicli.org or the 29th Annual Dinner Dance Website by clicking [here](#).

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, two clinics, dozens of programs, serves over 10,000 individuals annually. 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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