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## **EPIC Long Island Recognizes Three Professionals and Moser Family for Role in Advancing its Mission**

**EAST MEADOW, NEW YORK, February 20, 2017** – At its Annual Dinner Gala celebration on January 26, EPIC Long Island honored the contributions of three local leaders and a Long Island family who have taken an active role in helping the nonprofit provide social and health services to more than 10,000 individuals each year across Long Island.

While the event, held at Carlyle on the Green in Farmingdale, NY, included casino game tables, dancing, raffles and auctions, it also raised awareness for the individuals whose dedication and commitment are helping EPIC Long Island advance as a center of excellence.

Sean T. Hwang, M.D., and Deborah N. Risbrook, FNP-BC, of Northwell Health were presented with Professional Leadership Awards. A Corporate Leadership Award was given to Peter A. Egan of Nixon Peabody. The Moser family – Monica, Bruce and Jesse – was honored with the Naomi and Barney Silverman Family of the Year Award.

“These extraordinary people are our partners in helping families and individuals to reach their highest potential,” said Tom Hopkins, President & CEO, EPIC Long Island. “The event brought together a community that is devoted to improving the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities, mental health challenges and epilepsy and to assuring that we provide our clients with the best services possible.

The evening’s festivities began with welcoming remarks from Gala Co-Chairs, Jeff Nagel of Gibbons PC and Susan Malise of the LTC Planning Group of NY, followed by the presentation of awards by Tom Hopkins. Following are highlights of the award recipients.

**Sean T. Hwang, M.D.**, a Neurologist with the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, Neuroscience Institute at Northwell Health and Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology at the Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine, is a member of EPIC Long Island’s Professional Advisory Board, where he actively supports the agency’s efforts to further education, training and awareness. Dr. Hwang specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of seizures, the interpretation of neurophysiologic studies, operative planning for epilepsy surgery, and in performing functional cortical mapping. Dr. Hwang



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understands the impact of epilepsy on all aspects of a patient's life, and has been lauded for treating "the whole patient" with a combination of clinical expertise and compassion.

**Deborah N. Risbrook, FNP-BC**, is a Nurse Practitioner at Northwell Health, Cushing Neuroscience Institute the Comprehensive Epilepsy Care Center, Neuroscience Institute at Northwell Health. She provides high-quality nursing care for patients of all ages: monitoring and addressing each patient's medical needs, as well as caring for their emotional well-being with compassion and empathy. Risbrook's career has taken her from Rusk Institute at New York University Medical Center (in the adult and pediatric Rehabilitation Units) to Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, where she worked in the Pediatric Neurosurgery ICU/Medical Floor, Epilepsy Unit, to her current work. The highly credentialed Risbrook uses her knowledge and experience to advance patient care in the field of epilepsy.

**Peter A. Egan**, a partner with Nixon Peabody LLP, has extensive experience representing health care industry clients in complex business transactions and regulatory and tax analysis. Egan has worked with EPIC Long Island for almost two decades, providing legal counsel on a wide range of issues. Most recently, he assisted with the merger of EPIC Long Island and South Shore Child Guidance Center. Egan's integrity and commitment to serving the community's most vulnerable populations enrich his professional interactions and extend beyond his role as counsel. Peter has been selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© 2017 for Health Care Law in New York, NY. He has been listed in Best Lawyers since 2013.

**The Moser family** has been a part of the EPIC Long Island family since March 2014 when Monica and Bruce's son, Jesse, moved to an EPIC Long Island residence. The Moser family has a passion for volunteer work. Most recently, Monica participated in EPIC Long Island's #Bfair2Directcare campaign in an effort to create awareness for legislative funding to support wage increases for Direct Support Professionals. Monica was instrumental in introducing a day of service at EPIC Long Island for her colleagues at Neuberger Berman as part of the company's Celebration With Service program. The Mosers enjoy working with individuals of all ages who have special needs, and they have devoted much of their volunteer and advocacy efforts to benefit EPIC Long Island.

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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 and 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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