

Nominations for BIANYS Awards

The Brain Injury Association of New York State is seeking nominations for its annual awards, to be presented at the 35th Annual Conference, **One Voice for Brain Injury**, in Saratoga Springs, New York June 15 - 16, 2017. The award categories are:

- **Ted Weiss Consumer Advocacy Award** recognizes a fellow citizen whose actions have demonstrated unfailing commitment to the highest standards of truth, justice and accountability while striving to ensure the rights, safety and an improved quality of life for all persons affected by brain injury.
- **Volunteer Award** recognizes the volunteer of the year for endless hours of devotion, time, effort, and creativity for the Brain Injury Association of New York State.
- **Frank Pierce Chapter Champion Award** recognizes an outstanding professional or volunteer for exemplary service to the Association's local chapters and support groups.
- **Founder's Award** recognizes outstanding efforts to help establish new services or opportunities for persons with brain injuries and their families.
- **Marie Ivancich Memorial Award** recognizes outstanding professionals whose support for the Association is evidenced by great personal commitment and professional involvement, resulting in strengthening the Association's mission and goals.
- **Media Award** recognizes excellence in media coverage relating to brain injury research, services, programs, and prevention.
- **Public Policy Award** recognizes "champions" of legislation, regulations, and other policies that promote equal access to services, community re-entry, inclusion, and acceptance of persons with brain injury and their families.
- **Mark Ylvisaker Educational Advocacy Award** recognizes an outstanding education professional in promoting equal access to services, inclusion, and acceptance of students with brain injury.
- **Silent Angel Award** recognizes those who make it possible for others to be in the forefront of the Association's activities.

