

# Penny Marshall Award



## **DANA JACKS**

### **Actress & Playwright**

**Fall Risk, Dana Jacks' one-woman show chronicling her recovery from a TBI sustained in a cycling accident in Prospect Park in 2011, was workshopped in Project Y Theatre's Women in Theater Festival and had its Off-Broadway debut at The Tank in 2018. Dana was thrilled to perform Fall Risk for residents of Rusk Rehabilitation at NYU Langone Health where she received her rehabilitative care after her accident. She is deeply honored to receive the first-ever Penny Marshall Award from the BIANYS community and grateful to be a part of this special event that celebrates the courage, creativity, and resilience of brain injury survivors and their loved ones.**

**A native of Sacramento, California, Dana Jacks holds an MFA from Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts and has worked extensively in New York Theater, film & television.**

**To learn more about Dana and her work, visit [www.danajacks.com](http://www.danajacks.com).**



# Victory Award



## BRIDGES FOR BRAIN INJURY'S **WILDLIFE ROCKSTARS**

**Bridges for Brain Injury provides in-home and community-based services to adults 18 years and up who have been diagnosed with a brain injury, neurological disorder, physical disability, or other health related disability. Our organization's mission is to provide the supports necessary for rebuilding skills to maximize their independence and reduce the risk of nursing home placement. Within our Day Services, the Wildlife Rockstars Program is a wildlife education outreach group run by our staff and day program members. As part of their rehabilitation, members are trained in the handling and care of live native and exotic animals, birds, reptiles and more. They inspire audiences with their knowledge of our animal ambassadors and their personal stories of rebuilding their lives following a tragic accident or injury. The Wildlife Rockstars visit schools, day care centers, youth groups, libraries, nursing homes and community events to share interesting information about their animal ambassadors and encourage environmental and wildlife conservation awareness.**

**Bridges and the Wildlife Rockstars provide a permanent home for over 60 animals. Many of our animals were placed with us through wildlife rehabilitators or the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) after they were assessed as "non-releasable." Phyllis Quiller, the native porcupine, for example, was rescued as a baby when her mother was illegally shot from a tree leaving her without the ability to care for herself. The DEC placed her with our program to raise her as an education animal. During their presentations, The Wildlife Rockstars share fascinating facts on animals like the North American Porcupine, Virginia Opossum, Eastern Coyote, the Eagle Owl, Silver Fox and North American Beaver. Other exotic wildlife from around the world that are shared include multiple Macropods or Kangaroo species, a Eurasian Lynx, Ringtail Lemur and the smallest wild cat species in the world, the Geoffrey's Cat. Reptiles, amphibians and insects are also exhibited.**



# Corporate Citizen Award



## **BURKE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL**

Opened in 1915, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital is a 150-bed acute rehabilitation hospital located on a picturesque 61-acre campus in White Plains, and is Westchester County's only hospital entirely dedicated to rehabilitation medicine. Burke is a member of the Montefiore Health System and is accredited by The Joint Commission and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Burke provides a continuum of care for a broad range of medical conditions, including traumatic brain injury. Services are provided to help these individuals return to their highest level of functional independence possible and live a fulfilling life post-injury.

At Burke, this begins with intensive inpatient rehabilitation, most often following an acute care hospital stay. Burke provides physical, occupational and speech therapy, as well as recreation therapy, education, nutrition, neuropsychology and other specialty services as needed.

Following inpatient rehabilitation, Burke's expert outpatient therapy services are offered at several locations throughout Westchester and the Bronx. Burke's outpatient physician practice on its main campus allows former inpatients or members of the community seeking outpatient medical services to be evaluated and treated by Burke/Montefiore's board-certified physicians specializing in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Burke also offers ongoing educational programming, support groups and a robust adaptive sports program to members of the community, as well as annual events like the Heels & Wheels 5K and Wheelchair Games, which are open to all who want to participate.