

MARCH ON for Brain Injury

2023 Honorees

March On for Brain Injury helps raise awareness and vital funds for the Brain Injury Association of New York State. No matter where you are in New York or across the country, join us as we celebrate our honorees and New York's brain injury community.

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2023 STATEWIDE MEDICAL HONOREE:



Dr. Jason Edwards, D.O.
New York-Presbyterian
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The 2023 March On for Brain Injury Medical Honoree, **Dr. Jason Edwards** serves as the Medical Director of Inpatient Rehabilitation and the Director of Brain Injury Rehabilitation at New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. Also, an Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Edwards takes an individualized approach to rehabilitation, assessing each person's unique injury to guide treatment choices to maximize function and quality of life.

Incredibly supportive of the work of the Brain Injury Association of New York State, Dr. Edwards will work to help spread awareness and raise valuable funds to support the programs and services that BIANYS provides to the brain injury community, a community that he proudly supports.

2023 HUDSON VALLEY HONOREE:



Manny and Pat Pelligra

The 2023 March On for Brain Injury Hudson Valley Honorees, **Manny and Pat Pelligra**, are an incredible team. In 2015, Manny had been getting ready for work, knowing retirement awaited him at the end of the week, when Pat told him she wasn't feeling well. As they left together, Pat needed help to the car and Manny immediately knew he needed to get her to the emergency room.

Over seven years later, Manny and Pat have been partners throughout Pat's journey with brain injury. What started as a brain bleed, followed by surgeries and rehabilitation, retirement plans changed. Manny credits the help of medical professionals, family and friends, as well as the support he found with the Brain Injury Association of New York State, to help him and Pat on their journey.

Manny and Pat, are partners in life and partners in advocacy. Excited to serve as March On Honorees, they intend to continue their advocacy efforts to bring a greater awareness of brain injury through public information efforts.

2023 LONG ISLAND HONOREE:



Colin Clive

Massapequa native **Colin Clive** was just making his mark on the world. A graduate of Siena College and working as a Senior Contract Underwriter at Arch Capital Group in New York City, Colin visited home in October 2018 when he fell ill. Rushed to the emergency room after a seizure, Colin was diagnosed with Glioblastoma, a fast-growing and aggressive brain tumor.

With the support and care of his parents, Barbara and Dave, Colin received chemotherapy and entered an experimental trial for treatment, which seemed to be working. Sadly, in January 2021 within a span of six days, Colin lost both his parents. Colin's cancer returned in December, but all those who have met Colin are in awe of his grit and determination and state it is always with a smile on his face.

A fighter with a strong community around him, Colin connected with the Brain Injury Association of New York State and regularly attended the Long Island Support Group. A sweet young man with a heart of gold, Colin lost his fight on July 3. It has been said that people became better for knowing Colin. It is for his drive, compassion and courage that Colin is the 2023 March On for Brain Injury Long Island Honoree.

2023 ROCHESTER HONOREE:



Kara Moran

Over a span of 40 years, **Kara Moran** has incurred three different types of brain injury – a concussion as a softball player in her teens, years later a chemical attack on her brain from exposure at work and more recently, encephalitis after a bout of COVID-19.

A fighter and a fact-finder, Kara has used her education, work experience and volunteerism to help herself in her recovery. Now on a mission to help others like herself, Kara shares her story and has become a strong advocate for New York's brain injury community, speaking out in support of the Continuum of Care and the work of the Brain Injury Association of New York State.

As the 2023 March On for Brain Injury Rochester Honoree, Kara will continue to use her voice to support programs and services for brain injury and celebrate the community.

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