

The Brain Injury Association of New York State's Barry Dain Champion of Hope Award is presented in recognition of a noteworthy individual who has shown incredible dedication and leadership in supporting individuals with a brain injury.



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Andrea Kim

Andrea Kim is a passionate advocate for brain injury survivors and caregivers across New York State. Inspired by her experience as the caregiver to her late father following his traumatic brain injury, Andrea has devoted herself to advancing Medicare reform and championing the needs of the brain injury community.

Since leaving her role at Amazon to pursue this mission, Andrea has enrolled at Brooklyn Law School, focusing on Elder Law, Medicare, and Medicaid to address the policies that failed her father. She has also launched educational initiatives teaching caregivers and survivors how to leverage AI as a tool for advocacy, empowering the community to navigate complex systems with greater confidence and impact.

Guided by her love for her father and her commitment to justice, Andrea is determined to create a more humane healthcare system - one where patients are prioritized over profits.

In recognition of her extraordinary dedication, leadership, and advocacy, The Brain Injury Association of New York State proudly honors Andrea Kim with the Barry Dain Champion of Hope Award, celebrating her tireless work to improve the lives of individuals affected by brain injury and their families.