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## ***Youth on the go***

Sara-Elizabeth Clark of Gardiner received the Youth in Philanthropy Award presented by the Hudson Valley chapter of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals at the National Philanthropy Day event held on Nov. 10.

Clark, 15, received the award during a celebratory luncheon at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. The award recognizes an outstanding youngster or youth group that demonstrates the true spirit of philanthropy through time, treasure and talent.

Clark's nomination for the award was based on her efforts to raise awareness and funds for epilepsy programs, as well as to break the social stigmas that surround epilepsy. Over the past six years, her outreach has helped fund throughout the region classroom programs that educate children and adults on what epilepsy is and how it affects those who have this disorder.



**Clark**

To date, she has raised nearly \$60,000.00 for these programs and has made donations to several related organizations, including The National Epilepsy Foundation, The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York, The Epilepsy Society of Southern New York and Epilepsy Life Links—Northeast Regional Epilepsy Group.

In the future, Clark said she plans to continue her outreach indefinitely through her annual events "Sara's Walk For Epilepsy" and "Sara's 5K Sprint for Epilepsy" both of which take place in the spring in New Paltz. She added that she is planning a new event that will take place within the area next fall.

More information is available on Clark's website, [www.itsnotwhoiam.com](http://www.itsnotwhoiam.com).