

**May 3, 2008 –
Sara's 3rd Annual Walk for Epilepsy –**

The morning was plagued by a driving rain. Worries of nobody showing up for the walk were buzzing around my house. Even with the uncertainties surrounding the day, my family set out to make the best of it.



Sara's Family with Jeannine Garab, Executive Director of the Epilepsy Foundation

We had no reason to worry, the walkers arrived right on time and everyone donned their bright yellow Sara's Walk t-shirts.

The Executive Director from the Epilepsy Foundation, Jeannine Garab, started things off with a warm welcome to everyone, and read three letters that were addressed to me. She started with the first letter; **"Your hard work and dedication has paid off"** ... **"Your inspiring example and determination demonstrates how a single individual can make a remarkable difference"** ... **"Best wishes for a successful event"** ... **"Sincerely yours, Hillary Rodham Clinton"**. She then opened another letter, it was a **New York State Assembly Citation** written and signed by **Assemblyman Kevin Cahill**. His Citation discussed my work over the past three years and his recognition of the same. The final letter was a **State of New York Legislative Resolution** from **Senator John Bonacic**. Senator Bonacic passed

and adopted this resolution in the Senate on April 30, 2008. His resolution also discussed my work over the past three years.



A group of walkers about one mile into the Walk.

We succeeded in raising over \$15,000.00 and we had a promise from many others that donations will continue to come in during the next several weeks. This proves what I have said many times before; I have a wonderful community, awesome friends and the best family ever! They all came out to support me and my personal quest to break the stigma surrounding epilepsy by spreading awareness and raising funds that will directly help those with epilepsy right here in our region!



Sara (Center) with friends and family