

## Sara's Third Annual Walk for Epilepsy

(New Paltz, NY) – The rain and cool weather did not stop hundreds of people from coming out to support Sara's Third Walk for Epilepsy on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. The Walk was conceived by New Paltz Middle School Student Sara-Elizabeth Clark (13). "This walk was the most successful of the three walks", Clark says, "Although the weather was not in our favor my community, friends and family came out to support my cause to raise awareness to break the ongoing stigma that surrounds Epilepsy".

Jeannine Garab, Executive Director of the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York led off the opening remarks by thanking everyone who helped in making today possible and for supporting Clark with her outreach. Garab read three letters from three special individuals that could not attend the walk. These individuals were Senator Hilary Rodham Clinton (D), Senator Steven Bonacic (D) and Assemblymen Kevin Cahill (D). Each congratulated Clark for her dedication and perseverance in supporting those with epilepsy.

Clark said, although donations are still coming in, donations for this year's walk exceed \$15,000.00. Clark added that all funds that were raised will go to the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York and will be used to support those whose lives have been affected by this disorder right here in the Hudson Valley.

Clark encourages others to support causes close to their hearts and to make a difference in their communities in any way possible. To learn more about Clarks outreach visit her web site [www.itsnotwhoiam.com](http://www.itsnotwhoiam.com).



Sara center with friends and family

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