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It's Not Who I Am

Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York 2008 Annual Awards Dinner



The Epilepsy Flame



Sara and the Staff of EFNENY

On Wednesday, November 12, 2008 I was one of 14 individuals honored by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York, EFNENY at their annual awards dinner at the Wolferts Roost Country Club in Albany New York. I was presented with the award of Raising Epilepsy Awareness, pictured left.

Other awards were presented for the 2008 Winning Kids, College Scholarships, Excellence in Service, Outstanding Board Member, Five Years of Service, Outstanding Service to Professional Advisory Board, Community Volunteer Award, Players' Choice Award, Best Themed Dessert Award and the National Golden Circle of Fundraising Award.

Congratulations to all of this years winners!

Swarovski Crystal Epilepsy Awareness Bracelet

This bracelet was specially designed for the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York (EFNENY). Red Swarovski crystals, sterling silver beads, white Swarovski crystal pearls and the sterling silver flame all symbolize power, healing, strength, determination, hopes and dreams of people living with epilepsy.

Each bracelet is handmade and available in 7 1/2" size for \$45.00 each. All Proceeds from the bracelet go directly to EFNENY. To place your order please email Darcy Below at dbelow@epilepsyneny.com.



I Signed Did You?

The Epilepsy Foundation is leading the fight to increase funding for research and programs, stop discrimination and improve access to care.

In 2009, a new President, 535 members of Congress and nearly 10,000 state legislators will take office. By signing our petition, you can help us persuade them to support policies that improve the lives of the three million American families affected by epilepsy.

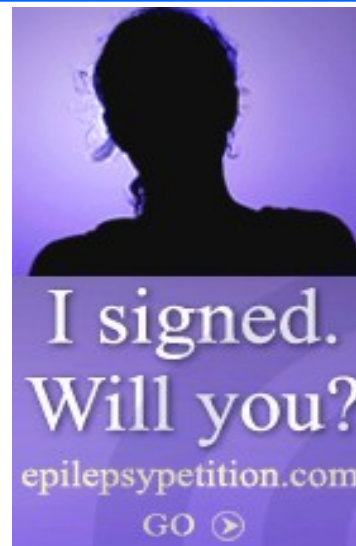
More than 3 million Americans have epilepsy (seizures) and 200,000 new cases are diagnosed

yearly. For most, there is no cure and many with epilepsy face discrimination and difficulty accessing care.

I strongly urge policymakers to support efforts that end discrimination, improve access to care programs, and increase funding for epilepsy research and programs.

Please visit my website, www.itsnowhoiam.com and click on the icon on the home page to complete this worthwhile petition.

Thank you.



Epilepsy Q & A—

Q: What causes epilepsy? In about seven out of ten people with epilepsy, no cause can be found. Among the rest, the cause may be any one of a number of things that can make a difference in the way the brain works. For example, head injuries or lack of oxygen during birth may damage the delicate electrical system in the brain. Other causes include brain tumors, genetic conditions (such as tuberous sclerosis), lead poisoning, problems in development of the brain before birth, and infections like meningitis or encephalitis. Epilepsy is often thought of as a condition of childhood, but it can develop at any time of life. About 30 percent of the 125,000 new cases every year begin in childhood, particularly in early childhood and around the time of adolescence. Another period of relatively high incidence is in people over the age of 65.