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Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey's Summer Events a Success!

32nd Annual North Jersey Golf Outing

The 32nd Annual North Jersey Golf Classic was held on July 28, 2008. This annual event, held at the prestigious Upper Montclair Country Club, included over 150 golfers playing for various tournament prizes as well as the opportunity to win one of three automobiles during hole in one challenges. Other highlights of the day included free massages for the golfers, an extensive silent auction, putter and driver raffle and an awards dinner. Sponsors for the 2008 outing included Accenture, The Dunn Group, Millward Brown, Fuld & Company and Schering-Plough. This year's outing brought in nearly \$110,000 to support EFNJ programs and services.

175 Attend Annual Day at the Beach

About 175 family members served by the Family Resource Network and the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey attended the annual "Day at the Beach" on Wednesday, August 13th. The event was held at the Governor's Beach House at Island Beach State Park. Since 1990, New Jersey families have been able to take part in this special day.



Epilepsy Phenome Genome Project is looking for help

When one is diagnosed with epilepsy, many of questions arise out of concern for their life, their health, and their future. The Epilepsy Phenome Genome Project (EPGP) is the largest study ever dedicated to identifying the genes that influence the development of epilepsy and the genes that affect the response to treatment. The study involves 13 major epilepsy centers around the US. The goal is to create a repository of clinical and genetic information on a select group of patients with epilepsy. It is hoped that this information will reveal new insights and improve diagnosis and treatment. Most importantly, this study will help us find the answers to the questions that continually trouble patients and their families.

of brain malformation (polymicrogyria or periventricular nodular heterotopia). You or your child can participate as healthy controls even if you do not have seizures. All that is needed to participate is a single blood sample and completing some questionnaires. If you or anyone you know can help this study, please contact the regional New Jersey EPGP centers at the Institute of Neurology at Saint Barnabas in Livingston, NJ (Dr. Peter Widdess-Walsh, (973)322-7117) or the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (Dr. Dennis Dlugos). If you would like more information, you can visit the website at www.epgp.org.

You or your child can participate if you have a biological sibling with epilepsy, or have ever had epilepsy associated with infantile spasms, Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, and certain types



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NJ Doctor Writes Book for Children and Teens with Epilepsy

Dr. Roopal Karia, pediatric epileptologist at the Jersey Shore University Medical Center, has written a book about epilepsy for teens and children, entitled *The What and Why of Epilepsy*. This book explains the diagnosis of epilepsy, the causes, and the lifestyle necessary to move on with life. A diagnosis such as epilepsy can be a very confusing time, and Dr. Karia's book is a great way for children and teens to learn and accept Epilepsy.

Reminder!

The deadline for The Expressions of Courage® Art Contest is rapidly approaching! August 29, 2008 is the deadline for the Report Forms, which will contain your promotion plans and techniques. To obtain a form, visit www.expressionsofcourage.com. Good luck!



EFNJ Salutes Walter Baker



Executive director Eric Joice, left, with Walter Baker, right

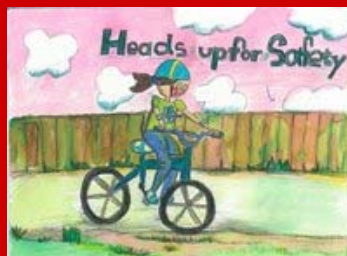
The Epilepsy Foundation of NJ's History of Epilepsy in America Project (HEAP) Advisory Board celebrated Walter Baker's 100th birthday at a dinner last month. Walter, a Montgomery Township historian and former sanitarian at the New Jersey Village for Epileptics' successor institution, received a brass plate inscribed "The Walter C. Baker Room". It is hoped that the plate will be affixed at a museum on epilepsy in Montgomery one day. Walter will also be a special guest at the Annual Awards Ceremony on September 23rd.

Heads Up For Safety Poster Contest Underway!

The Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey is pleased to announce the Heads Up for Safety annual poster contest promoting Helmet Safety throughout the school districts in New Jersey. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade are asked to use their creative talents to illustrate the theme of Helmet Safety on bikes, skate boards, scooters and inline skates. They are encouraged to create their own slogans and drawings to display helmet safety to their peers and the public.

Posters are judged regionally and the final entries are displayed at the NJEA Convention in Atlantic City where the winners are chosen by educators attending the convention. The six winners each will receive a \$100.00 US

Savings Bond and a personalized certificate of achievement. An awards ceremony is held at the State House to honor the stateide winners.



Postcards will be mailed to New Jersey School Districts with instructions on how to access the contest rules and entry forms on our website www.headsupforsafety.com. The yearly contest is one of our largest campaigns

and is facilitated by the Epilepsy Foundation supporting the Heads Up for Safety Program. We look forward to an exciting new year of student participation to bring awareness to the importance of wearing a helmet to reduce the risk of Traumatic Brain Injury. For more information regarding the poster contest or to arrange a presentation at your school or community event, contact Epilepsy Foundation NJ, 35 Beaverson Blvd., Building 11, Brick, NJ 08723. Or by phone at 732-262-8020 or 1.888.376-0376. Via e-mail krossa@familyresourcecenter.org. Heads up for Safety, a signature program of the EFNJ is funded by a grant through the Office for the Prevention of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, NJ Department of Human Services.