

Meet Dr. Jerome Haller, Past President of our Board of Directors

During our 40th Anniversary year, we will be profiling individuals who helped define the past forty years. Today our spotlight is on Dr. Jerome Haller, Past President of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Haller is a retired pediatric neurologist who practiced at Albany Medical Center for many years. He joined our Board of Directors in 1990, and served as President from 1991 to 1996. In 1991, our organization was on the verge of closing. NYS had cut funding for all family support programs across the state, and this was our organization's largest source of revenue. The Board of Directors came together and with a 4-3 vote, the organization remained open. We often credit Dr. Haller with being that one vote that kept our doors open, as he also volunteered to take over the office of President at this time as well.

Dr. Haller attended national epilepsy conferences sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of America, and learned everything he could to help make our affiliate strong again. Over the years, he was always present at all of our special events including Confections in Chocolate, our annual Bowlathon, and the Bridget Barrington Memorial Race for Epilepsy. At Chocolate, he was always dressed in costume to match our theme! At the Bridget Barrington Race, he regularly took home first place for his age category.

On June 9, 2011, we dedicated our Board Room to Dr. Haller, placing a plaque with his name outside the door. We will be forever grateful for the decades of contributions and support that Dr. Haller has provided to our organization.

