

Meet The Bain Family

During our 40th Anniversary year, we will be profiling individuals who helped define the past 40 years. Today our spotlight is on Debbie and Bob Bain, and their son, Christopher.

The Bains first contacted our organization back in 1990. Their son, Christopher, had been diagnosed with epilepsy, and they turned to us for answers, education and support. Soon after that first phone call, Debbie began volunteering for our organization, serving as a puppeteer for our children's education program. Chris served as our Winning Kid in 1991-92, representing all children in our area who had epilepsy.

In 1994, Debbie joined the staff, where she would remain for 25 years, until her retirement in 2019, with her final position being Director of Educational Programs and Special Projects. Throughout her time with us, Debbie connected with thousands of families affected by epilepsy providing information, education and advocacy to ensure that individuals with epilepsy achieve the best quality of life possible.

Later, Bob joined the Board of Directors, serving as President from 1996-2000. During his tenure, the organization experienced significant growth with new grant opportunities and fundraising. Then, in 2012, Bob joined the staff as Special Events Coordinator and Advocacy Manager, where he would remain until his retirement in 2018. In this role, he advocated for legislation that would improve the lives of people with epilepsy, oversaw the Hudson Valley Walk, and assisted with growing the golf tournament.

In 2018, Debbie and Bob received the Julie Eisele Advocacy Award recognizing Lifetime Achievement for the more than 25 years they dedicated to advocating and improving the lives of individuals with epilepsy. Today, they both continue to volunteer, giving generously of their time, talents and treasures to make the world a better place for the 45,000 people in northeastern New York who are living with epilepsy. Christopher, now 41 years old, is happily married, and the father of two beautiful girls. He is employed in the Greater Philadelphia area in the field of sports management, serving as Vice President – North at REVELxp.

Thank you, Debbie and Bob, for all of your efforts on behalf of thousands of individuals with epilepsy over the years, and for serving our cause consistently for more than three decades.

