SECOND ANNUAL VISION DINNER
A TIME FOR AWARENESS. THE HOPE OF A CURE.

The Hydrocephalus Association’s Second Annual Vision Dinner, “A Time for Awareness. The Hope of a Cure,” was held on October 16, 2014, in New York City, at the Apella Alexandria Center. Generously hosted by Vicki and Craig Brown, major benefactors of the Hydrocephalus Association (HA), the evening united patients, neurosurgeons, scientists, advocates, and business leaders to raise awareness of hydrocephalus and its impact on patients and their families and, with that, to support efforts to discover causes, improve treatments and, ultimately, find a cure.

The evening program featured seven individuals who are working tirelessly to help people living with hydrocephalus survive and thrive. Speakers shared important information about the lives of patients – their struggles at various life stages - and spotlighted a specific form of the condition known as Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH). Guests had the opportunity to experience the journey of misdiagnosis to diagnosis of NPH through this year’s video presentation featuring Dr. Milton Newman, who got his life back after 15 years of misdiagnosis and progressive dementia. The evening also highlighted the 50th anniversary of the definition of NPH as a distinct medical condition by the late Dr. Salomón Hakim.

Paul Gross, co-founder of the Hydrocephalus Clinical Research Network (HCRN) and Secretary of the HA Board of Directors, served as the master of ceremonies. After a warm welcome by HA CEO Dawn Mancuso, the evening’s host, Craig Brown, Senior Vice Chair of the HA board, shared his family’s personal journey with hydrocephalus and his and his wife Vicki’s commitment to raising the profile of hydrocephalus through this annual event. From the keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Williams, guests learned about the current state of hydrocephalus research and advancements in treatment. And, from a friend and supporter, Cliff Goldman, guests experienced a first-hand account of a father’s personal story of hope and perseverance.

The evening also honored two individuals for their tireless dedication to the elimination of the challenges of hydrocephalus through their affiliation with the Hydrocephalus Association. Dr. John Kestle, pediatric neurosurgeon and co-founder of the HCRN, received the Vision Award for Inspiration. Dr. Carlos Hakim accepted the Vision Award for Leadership on behalf of his father, the late Dr. Salomón Hakim, a pioneer in the field of Normal Hydrocephalus.

The Hydrocephalus Association would like to thank Craig and Vicki for their leadership and generosity in hosting this special evening to raise the profile of hydrocephalus and the important work of the Hydrocephalus Association for our entire community. For more information on how you can support HA’s research initiative please e-mail hope@hydroassoc.org.