



December 2025

Dear Friend,

The **Confections in Chocolate Gala for Hope** is the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York's signature annual fundraising gala. On March 21, 2026, we will be at the beautiful Franklin Plaza in Troy, and we hope you can join us! As a sponsor of our gala, you will support our vision that **no one faces epilepsy alone**. At the gala, you will enjoy:

- a sophisticated cocktail reception with open bar and hors d'oeuvres
- gourmet dinner
- decadent showcase of chocolate desserts
- live music and dancing
- spectacular auction items
- the exciting \$5,000 Raffle for Hope
- and the opportunity to send children with epilepsy to summer camp

Epilepsy is more common than many think. At least 1 in 26 Americans will develop epilepsy in their lifetime. Our special events directly support our mission to improve the lives of people affected by epilepsy through education, advocacy, research, and connection.

A list of support opportunities is attached. **Sponsors receive recognition in promotional ads, press releases, and on social media, as well as verbal recognition during the event and much more!**

Your investment as a sponsor confirms your commitment to helping the 45,000 individuals with epilepsy in our community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Biddiscombe, Special Events Manager at (518) 456-7501 or dbiddiscombe@epilepsyneny.org.

We would be honored to have your support at this signature event, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jeannine Garab in black ink.

Jeannine Garab
Executive Director

Handwritten signature of Betty DiMaria in black ink.

Betty DiMaria, Co-Chair
Confections in Chocolate
Board Member & Past President

Handwritten signature of Karen Wachs in black ink.

Karen Wachs, Co-Chair
Confections in Chocolate
Board Member

Confections in Chocolate Gala for Hope 2026

Franklin Plaza, Troy, NY Saturday, March 21st

Please consider joining us in support of this extraordinary event by participating at one of the sponsorship levels below:

Benefits	Presenting Sponsor \$15,000	Chocolate Champion \$7,000	Cocktail Reception \$5,000	Entertainment \$3,500	Hope Sponsor \$2,500
EFNENY Website & Social Media	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Event Site, Eblasts & Newsletters	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Event Ads & Press Releases	✓	✓	✓		
Honorary Committee	3 Reps	2 Reps	1 Rep		
Program Book Ad	2 Full Pages	Full Page	1/2 Page	1/2 Page	1/2 Page
Additional Recognition:					
Program Book	"Presented By" Cover	"Chocolate Hour" Inside Cover	"Cocktail Hour" Inside Cover		
Invitation	"Presented by"	✓	✓	✓	
Seats	16 VIP	12 VIP	10	10	6
Table Signage	All	✓	✓	✓	
Verbal Recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
General Signage	All	Chocolate Hour	Cocktail Hour	Stage	
Signature Recognition	Favors	Dessert Signs	Cocktail Hour Item	Photo Booth	
Opportunity to Speak	Opening Remarks	Mention Chocolate Hour	Mention Cocktail Reception		
Chocolate Hour	Priority Line-Up	Priority Line-Up			
Greet Attendees	Welcome Reception				

**For more information, please contact: Dan Biddiscombe, Special Events Manager
 dbiddiscombe@epilepsyneny.org | 518-456-7501**

38th Annual CONFECTIONS IN CHOCOLATE COMMITMENT FORM

Complete and return to the address listed below or email to: dbiddiscombe@epilepsyneny.org

Thank you for your support!

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

BUSINESS NAME (for Event Materials): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

- Presenting Sponsor: \$15,000* (3 reps on Honorary Committee)
- Chocolate Champion Sponsor: \$7,000* (2 reps on Honorary Committee)
- Cocktail Reception Sponsor: \$5,000* (1 rep on Honorary Committee)
- Entertainment Sponsor: \$3,500
- Hope Sponsor: \$2,500
- Friends of EFNENY: \$1500 - *Full Page Program Ad*
- Friends of EFNENY: \$750 - *Half Page Program Ad*

**Please list the individual(s) to be listed on the Honorary Committee below:*

*Name 1: _____ *Name 2: _____

*Name 3: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Title: _____

- I have enclosed a **check** for \$_____ made payable to Epilepsy Foundation NENY
- Please **send me an invoice** to receive payment
- Please **contact me to pay** by credit card
 - Best Number for Contact:* _____

Questions on **Sponsorships**: Contact Dan Biddiscombe (518) 456-7501 or dbiddiscombe@epilepsyneny.org.
 Questions on **Program Book Ads**: Contact Gabby Kernozek (518) 456-7501 or gakernozek@epilepsyneny.org

Deadlines:

- Invitation Recognition - January 16th
- Program Book Ads - March 2nd

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