

The Second Annual Twilight Gala



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March 19, 2011

Aqua Turf Club
Plantsville, Connecticut

EVENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

The Event is from 6:30pm – Midnight

- 6:30pm** Registration starts, Silent Auction bidding starts, appetizers are brought around to bidders, bar is open
- 7:15pm** Closure of the first Silent Auction table
- 8:00pm** Dinner service begins
- 8:10pm** Jeff Dion, NSCIA CT President's Welcome
- 8:15pm** Greg Hughes, CT Reeve Foundation President's Welcome
- 8:20pm** Dr. Matthew P. Raymond Presentation
- 8:30pm** Dr. David Rosenblum Presentation
- 8:40pm** Awards Ceremony
- 1) Dr. Subramani Seetharama Appreciation Award presented by Jim Quick
 - 2) Bill Mancini Appreciation Award presented by Presidents
- 9:30pm** Dancing begins
- 12:00pm** Stop Music & Close Event

The Mission of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association is to support those with spinal related injuries or diseases and their families by being an advocate for their rights while serving as a resource to its members and the general public. We will provide individual support and furnish information to afford greater awareness of disabilities, spinal cord research, prevention and education. In addition, we will provide activities and events with the goal of empowering our members.

2011 TWILIGHT GALA COMMITTEE:

Jeff Dion
Jim Quick
Diana Pernigotti
Todd A. Johnston
Ray Gorneault
Joe Uccello
Erin Prastine
Tim Fournier
David P. Morgana Jr. - Event Chair

WHO WE ARE:

- We are individuals with spinal cord injuries and/or spinal cord injury related diseases.
- We are family members and friends of persons with spinal cord injuries.
- We are professionals in various related fields striving to improve the quality of life for persons with spinal cord injuries.

Our purpose is to help persons with spinal cord injury and/or disease restructure and rebuild their lives. We offer the experiences and support of persons who successfully live with spinal cord injury. We can provide an individual with information regarding spinal cord injury. We want to help you learn to live with the extensive changes you will experience at home, at work, at school and in various relationships with others.

The Connecticut Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association is part of a nationwide network of people committed to: Providing better services to individuals, families and communities to assist persons with spinal cord injuries. Prevention activities and campaigns to reduce the incidents that cause spinal cord injuries. Supporting research aimed at improving the quality of medical care and eventually, a cure for paralysis.

The Chapter is committed to ensuring anyone with a spinal cord injury has the opportunity for a full, meaningful, independent and active life.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

NSCIA CT Chapter

Call 203-284-1045

Email nsciact@gmail.com

Website www.sciact.org

GOALS:

SUPPORT & SHARING

We share our experiences and ideas with each other through community support groups. Through our Peer Assistance Program, spinal cord injured persons who have successfully coped with the results of their injuries assist newly injured individuals and their families adjust to changes in their lifestyle.

RESOURCES

We provide information about specific programs and services available to spinal cord injured persons. Use our Connecticut Resource Directory as a helpful resource. We also provide a quarterly membership newsletter, The Conn-Cord. We also have a website available to all interested parties, www.sciact.org.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & PREVENTION

We share information on spinal cord injury and its impact on a person's lifestyle. Our Stop Trauma Program explains the causes and consequences of spinal cord and acquired brain injury. This program is available to those interested on request to educators who want to bring the message of trauma prevention into the classroom.

EDUCATION

We sponsor and support informational seminars for persons with spinal cord injury and/or related diseases, health care professionals and the general public addressing issues of spinal cord injury.

ADVOCACY & LEGISLATION

We fight for the rights of present and future spinal cord injured persons and their families. We inform newly injured individuals of these rights.



GUEST SPEAKER MATTHEW P. RAYMOND, D.O.

Dr. Matthew Raymond completed D.O. degree at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine. His residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation was completed at JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute in Edison, New Jersey. He was board certified in PM&R in 2000. He is currently in private practice at PM&R of Hartford in Bloomfield, Connecticut. From July 1999 through January 2008, Dr. Raymond was associated with Gaylord Hospital and served as the Medical Director of Outpatient Medical Services.



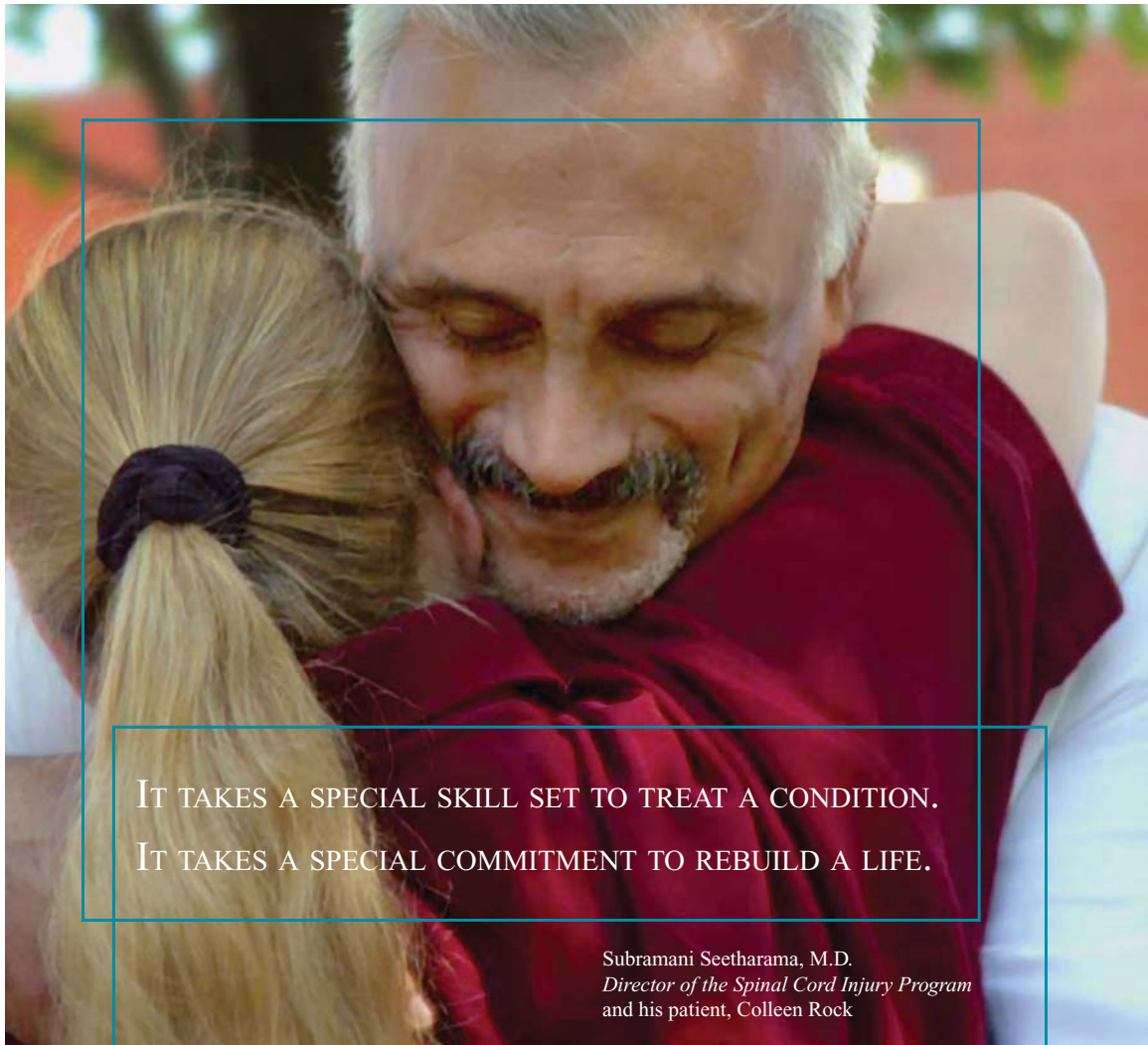
APPRECIATION AWARD RECIPIENT BILL MANCINI

Bill Mancini joined the National Spinal Cord Injury Association CT chapter in 1998. Through the years, he has held many chapter positions, including President and Vice President. Along with Eastern Rehabilitation Network, he helped establish the annual golf tournament, promoted adaptive rowing with Mt. Sinai Hospital, and continued the annual Band Fundraiser. He has also served as a consultant for new events such as the Wheel/Walk for Fitness, and in anticipating collaborative needs, he graciously welcomed the Reeve Foundation into Connecticut.

Last year, before resigning to focus on continuing his education, Mr. Mancini was Chairman of the first Annual Twilight Gala. The success of that event and so many others is due to the enthusiasm Bill and his wonderful family have shown in their dedication to the chapter.

We are sincerely grateful for your commitment. We look forward to continuing our relationship in the future.

APPRECIATION AWARD RECIPIENT - SUBRAMANI SEETHARAMA, M.D.



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Subramani Seetharama, M.D.
Director of the Spinal Cord Injury Program
and his patient, Colleen Rock

Congratulations to Subramani Seetharama, M.D., from your Hospital for Special Care family on this distinguished award. We are proud that our hospital has such an invaluable resource for those affected by spinal cord injury and disorders. Please join us in celebrating this special occasion as Dr. Seetharama is recognized as an esteemed leader in his field, and appreciated for his tireless advocacy for those challenged by spinal cord injury.

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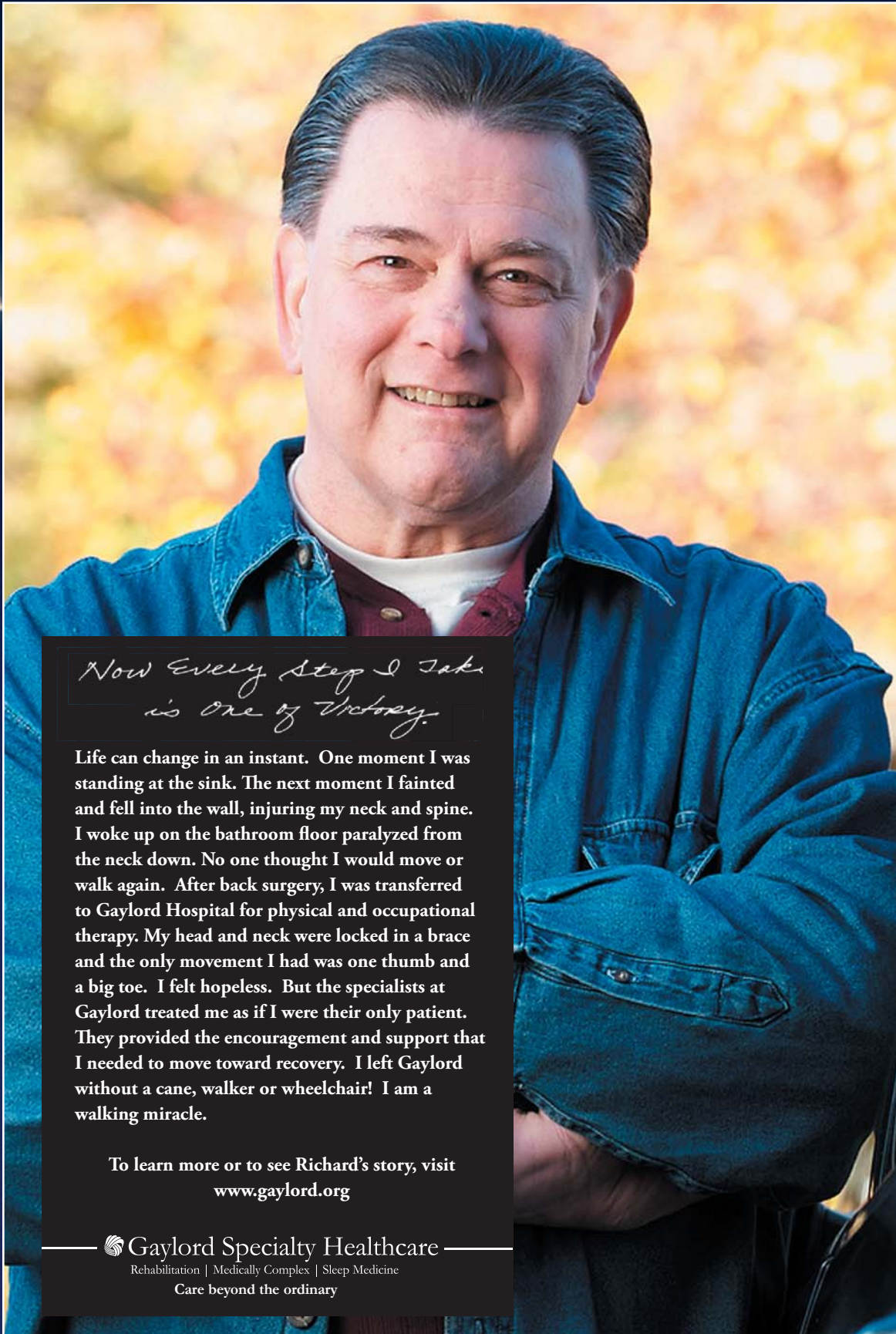
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A Special Thank You to Everyone Attending:

As President of the CT Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association (NSCIA) it is a great pleasure for me to attend the Gala and be able to recognize the past year's supporters. Over the past 31 years we have helped many people in Connecticut who have had spinal cord injuries.

The Gala gives us an opportunity to reflect on the past year's events and to discuss the events for the coming year. It gives us a forum to reach out to the attendees and thank them personally for their support as well as to make them aware of events they may want to have a greater involvement with during the upcoming year.

We are updating the CT Resource Directory that we provide the newly injured who receive rehabilitation at any of the following hospitals: Gaylord Hospital, Hospital for Special Care, Mt Sinai Hospital. The Resource Directory is also available online and can be requested through our website at www.sciact.org.

One of the greatest services we provide is Peer Assistance. We coordinate with the hospitals to meet with patients who have had a spinal cord injury. The discussions held range from transportation, sports and activities, our chapter's events, to sex and everyday living in the community. All of the topics have been found to be of great concern for the newly injured.

We also provide a free in-service to Connecticut schools called Stop Trauma. This is facilitated by a Physical Therapist and an SCI survivor. This program which uses the model of "Think First", a countrywide model, promotes the education needed to sustain a healthy and productive lifestyle pertaining to the prevention of spinal cord injury.

A great partnership we formed this past year was with the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. Through this partnership we are extending our support to individuals with spinal cord injury through Peer Mentoring. Peer mentoring is provided by a person who will be able to relate and discuss daily living activities, support groups, and assist, when possible, with obtaining employment, the range of topics is determined by the participants. In many cases, Peer Mentors end up being life time friends to the individuals they have helped.

This year's gala has some of the most wonderful items up for auction. Good Luck with your bids, enjoy your meal, and then join us on the dance floor!

Sincerely,

Jeff Dion
CT Chapter President, NSCIA

"Every day we make an impact in helping others can only help bring fulfillment into our lives."



Friends,

As chairman of Team Connecticut, which serves as the local chapter of the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, we are excited to join forces with the Connecticut Chapter of the Spinal Cord Injury Association. We believe that the event will raise awareness of people living with paralysis in Connecticut. It is the mission of both of our organizations that we make people aware of the services and support they can receive in the community. We also support the continuing efforts to fund research to find a cure for paralysis.

Fundraising events are necessary to ensure that we can continue our work toward reaching these goals. We also believe in the importance of recognizing the achievements of people living with paralysis. There are many incredible stories about people who persevere despite the most difficult circumstances. This event will certainly be an entertaining evening and a wonderful opportunity to bring people together in support of a common cause. We truly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Hughes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long tail on the final letter.

Greg Hughes

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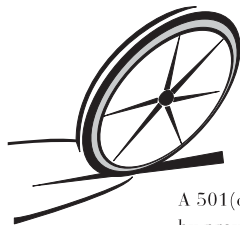


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Subramani Seetharama, M.D., Kevin J. Felice, D.O., David Monti, M.D.

Congratulations on behalf of the Hospital for Special Care family to Subramani Seetharama, M.D., Kevin J. Felice, D.O., and David Monti, M.D., for their distinguished recognition again this year in *Connecticut Magazine's* 'Top Docs' issue.

We are proud that this hospital has such esteemed experts in their field, and are invaluable resources for those affected by neuromuscular disorders, spinal cord injury, and the challenges of complex medical rehabilitation.

Hospital for Special Care (HSC), with locations in New Britain and Hartford, Connecticut, is the only long-term acute-care hospital in the nation serving adults and children. HSC is nationally recognized for advanced care and rehabilitation in the highly specialized areas of pulmonary care, acquired brain injury, medically-complex pediatrics, neuromuscular disorders and spinal cord injury.

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