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**The Brain Aneurysm Foundation Hosts Sixth Annual Brooklyn Awareness Walk in honor
of Daris Bagarozza on Saturday, June 9 at Marine Park**

New York State Senator Martin Golden to participate

Hanover, MASS., May x, 2018 – Long-time Brooklyn resident Julie Bagarozza is organizing the sixth annual Brooklyn Brain Aneurysm Awareness 1K Walk on June 9, in memory of her brother-in-law Daris Bagarozza, who died suddenly from a ruptured brain aneurysm at the age of 30. The Walk will be held at the Marine Park Carmine Carro Building and proceeds raised will benefit the Brain Aneurysm Foundation’s work to raise awareness and research funding for the disease.

“My family and I didn’t know what a brain aneurysm was when until we lost Daris. My mother-in-law and I started the walk in memory of him. Over the years, the event has attracted survivors and others who have lost someone to a ruptured brain aneurysm. It is a wonderful way to celebrate life, bring awareness to the disease and a reminder that we are not in this fight alone,” said Bagarozza.

New York State Senator Martin Golden will provide opening remarks and participate in the Walk.

“It’s great to see a community come together to celebrate survivors and honor those such as Daris Bagarozza, who lost their lives to a brain aneurysm rupture,” said Brain Aneurysm Foundation Executive Director Christine Buckley. “When you hear Daris’ story and learn that he was only 30 years old, it is a reminder that a brain aneurysm can happen to anyone. In fact, 1 in 50 people has an unruptured brain aneurysm.”

Registration for the Brooklyn Walk will open at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2018. The Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. and will take place at the Marine Park Carmine Carro Building, 3000 Fillmore Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The registration fee is \$30. Sign up or donate [here](#).

Sponsors of the event include New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, Millennium Development, Senator Martin Golden, Dedos Photography and Zee Bagels.

Brain Aneurysms by the numbers:

- Six million people in the U.S. have a brain aneurysm, 30,000 of whom will suffer a rupture each year;
 - of the 30,000, 60 percent will survive;
 - of those who survive, approximately 66 percent will endure permanent neurological deficits that limit their ability to resume a normal life.
- Women, more than men, suffer from brain aneurysms at a ratio of 3:2.
- African-Americans are twice as likely as Caucasians to experience a brain aneurysm rupture.
- The cost of treating brain aneurysms and caring for those who have suffered a rupture nationally is in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually.
- Currently the federal government only spends .83 cents per year on brain aneurysm research for

each person afflicted.

ABOUT THE BRAIN ANEURYSM FOUNDATION

Founded in Boston and now based in Hanover, Massachusetts, the Brain Aneurysm Foundation is the globally recognized leader in brain aneurysm awareness, education, support, advocacy and research funding.

The foundation's mission is to provide information about and raise awareness of the symptoms and risk factors of brain aneurysms to prevent ruptures and subsequent death and disability; work with medical communities to provide support networks for patients and families; and advance research to improve patients' outcomes and save lives.

Established in 1994, the foundation is led by Executive Director Christine Buckley and has a Medical Advisory Board that comprises more than 30 of the nation's foremost aneurysm experts — neurologists, neurosurgeons, interventional neuroradiologists and other brain aneurysm specialists — from the country's leading hospitals and universities.

For more information about the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, visit bafound.org.

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