

Brian Capshaw Rock Star Award



The Coalition of Presidents of Resident Councils and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program are pleased to announce that Brian will be honored annually for his incredible advocacy both in Connecticut and at the national level. In 2012, Brian participated in the Consumer Voice Conference in Washington, DC. He represented Connecticut nursing home residents with a strong voice and with the incredible advocacy that only one who has “walked the walk” can bring to the conversation. From that first moment on Brian catapulted into the advocacy world like a meteor lighting up the sky! He became the resident representative on the Long-Term Care Advisory Council, he testified at countless hearings and he went door to door at the capitol talking with legislators about all the issues so important to quality care and services for nursing home residents: improved staffing levels, video monitoring, personal needs allowance, to name just a few. Brian continued his national advocacy: he was appointed to be the Chair of the Leadership Council of the Consumer Voice, he was interviewed numerous times by the national media and participated in a wide variety of state and national workgroups. Brian was invited to the White House to participate in the 2015 White House Conference on Aging, the only nursing home resident invited. And at the 2015 VOICES Forum, we honored Brian for being our very own Rock Star, with a rock of course!

Personally, Brian loved sports, loved his family and friends, loved getting into his van to meet friends for concerts and various activities. And he thoroughly enjoyed his rock music! Brian, in every fashion, was an inspiration and a joy to all who knew and admired him. We miss him dearly. We are so pleased to award the Second Annual Brian Capshaw Rock Star Award to his dear friend and colleague, Robyn Grant. Together, Robyn and Brian worked on issues of importance especially related to nursing home enforcement issues, a passion of Brian’s. Our sincere congratulations to Robyn, our second recipient of Brian’s Rock Star Award. We are honored and Brian would be so pleased.