

Deborah M. Spitalnik, PhD

Verice M. Mason  
Community Service  
Leader Award



## Favorite Quote:

*“We are too ready to retaliate,  
rather than forgive, or gain by  
Love and Information.”*

~ William Penn, 1693

*Some Fruits of Solitude In Reflections And Maxims*

**Andrew and Hope**



**Katie and  
Albus**





**Rachel with her older sister lives at home with her family - a reminder of the love & strong bonds in families & the growing need for support for families**



**Dr. Spitalnik with  
Rachel and  
Virginia Bryant**

**Dr. Spitalnik  
and Ellie Byra**



# Best Advice:

*Dr. John Bartram and Dr. Larry Taft modeled compassion & kindness: to the people we care for, their families & our colleagues. Their advice was unspoken but lived & practiced, a continuous reminder that healing comes in many forms, including the ways that we embrace each other & those in need.*

Dr. Bartram, mentor at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, pediatrician who started first clinical services to children with disabilities in Philadelphia, and Dr. Larry Taft, first Chair of Pediatrics at RWJMS

# Clinical Pastoral Education Students



*“A **tireless advocate** for people with developmental disabilities & their families, ensuring that they have the resources necessary to lead successful, healthy lives. Not only has she been at the forefront in policy reform & legislation, she exemplifies **the strongest of leadership skills** as an educator, mastering a team approach to healthcare & **instilling her passion – & her compassion** – on medical students & resident physicians, as well as many other professional care providers.”*

**~Peter S. Amenta, MD PhD, Dean  
UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School**

# Trainees



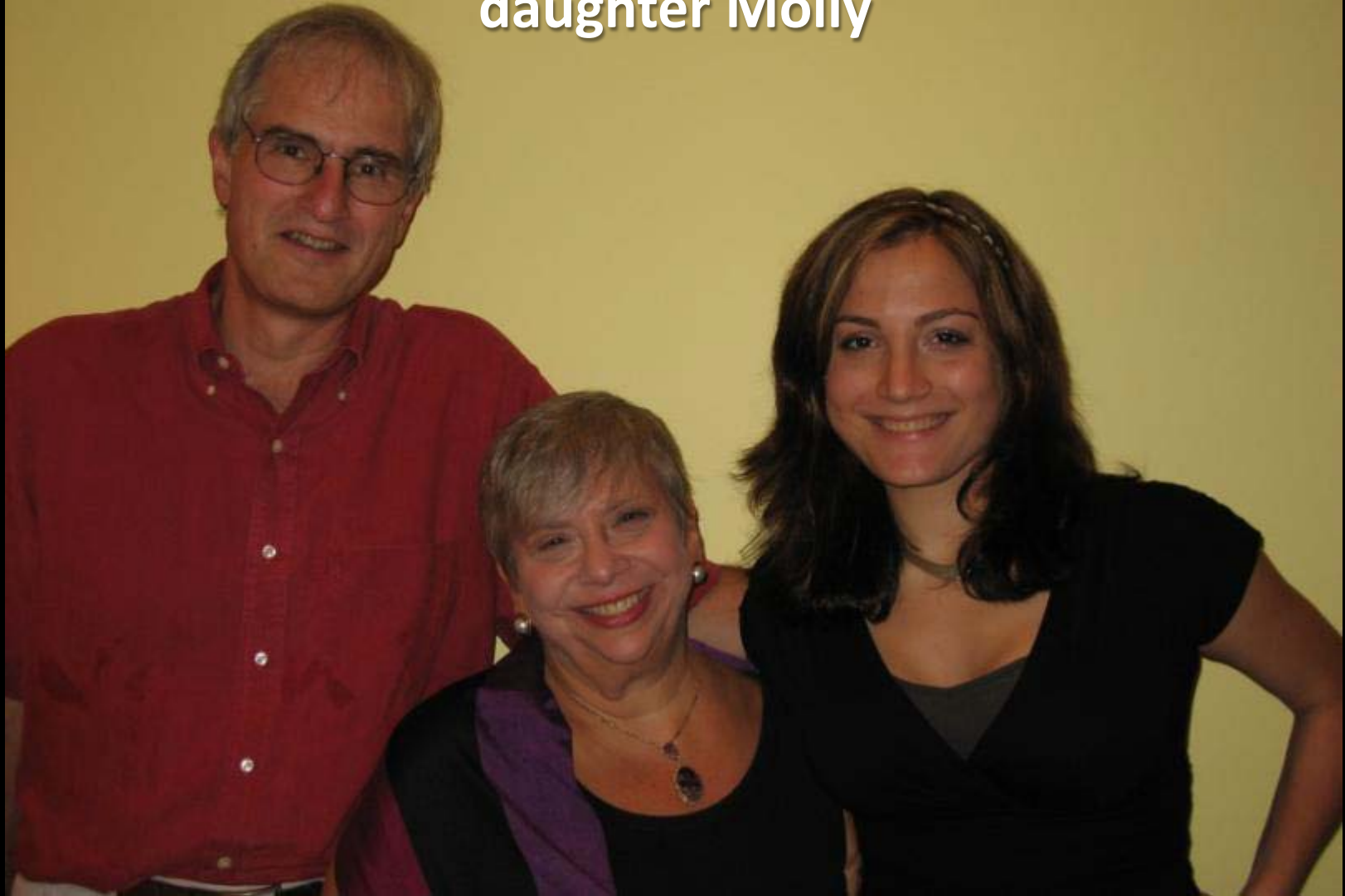
## Greatest Challenge:

*“Maintain optimism, to persevere,  
to think creatively &  
to bring resources & people together to find ways  
to help individuals with disabilities & families have  
what they need to live full, healthy lives.  
Seeing how families love & care for their family  
members helps me grow in perseverance - families  
can’t abandon their quests, so we as their allies  
have to continue to walk along beside them.”*

# Community Oriented Primary Care Students



**Dr. Spitalnik with her husband John Weingart and daughter Molly**



# Dr. Spitalnik with her husband John Weingart and daughter Molly



## **Most Rewarding Experience:**

*“To be in a relationship with  
people with disabilities &  
their families &  
to be included in their lives.”*



**Dr. Spitalnik  
with Matthew  
and Ellie Byra**