

BRIAN WALLACH

Brian Wallach, a 1947 graduate and lifelong resident of the city, has been a tireless community leader for nearly half a century.

A retina disease left Brian sightless in his left eye at birth but he participated on the varsity football team until the coach discovered his condition. He then became team manager.

In 1949, he founded the Brian Wallach agency in White Plains and has been an independent insurance broker in the city ever since. His clients include individuals as well as municipalities, school district and businesses.

Mr. Wallach has held many leadership posts in the local and state insurance community and received a number of industry awards, including the 1970 National Association of Life Underwriters Man of the Year Award. He was granted an Honorary Doctorate in Commercial Science from Pace University in 1988.

He has demonstrated exceptional leadership and entrepreneurial success in local civic affairs. In 1952, Mr. Wallach established and chaired the White Plains Civic Design Committee which initiated a downtown tree-planting program. This effort evolved, in 1965, into the White Plains Beautification Foundation. As the organization's first president, he expanded its scope and made the foundation one of the city's most active and visible groups.

He was also a founder and first president of the Blind Service Agency of Westchester, which became the Westchester Lighthouse. Mr. Wallach, who lost all his sight at the age of 25, has been on the Board of Directors for 40 years.

In addition, Mr. Wallach was a charter member and president of the White Plains Jaycees, has served on the White Plains Commission on Human Rights for 30 years and has been active in the North Broadway Citizens Association, including a two-term presidency.