

# A lifetime commitment: honoring volunteers



**The Society honors three individuals who have devoted their lives to a world free of multiple sclerosis.**

by Andrew Conner



Photo courtesy of Dr. Victor Rivera

## **A career of caring**

Neurologist Dr. Victor Rivera has dedicated his entire medical career, and much of his life, to caring for people with MS. He founded and directed the Maxine Mesinger MS Comprehensive Care Center in Houston, and he helped create and is the current chair of the Society's Hispanic/Latino Advisory Council. "I got to witness everything that has happened in MS for the past 40 years and the fantastic progress in diagnoses and management that have been

made,” he says. “I am fortunate to be able to advise the Society on outreach to the Hispanic/Latino community and I’m very grateful for this recognition.”

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the Hausman Family  
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### **Inspiring family**

Richard Hausman’s involvement with the Society began when he was diagnosed with MS more than 40 years ago. In Orange County, Calif., he helped lead Society support for the founding of an MS clinic at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), and he has inspired family members, including his son Rick, currently a board member for the Society in the Pacific South Coast area, to join the movement. He and his family continue to support research programs at UCI and the Society.

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Photo courtesy of  
Yolanda Treiguts

### **Helping others**

Shortly after she was diagnosed with MS in 1978, Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., resident Yolanda Treiguts began helping others living with the disease through advocacy, programs support,

promoting volunteerism, fundraising and education. She currently facilitates one of the Society's largest support groups, the South Cook MS Self-Help group in Orland Park, Ill., and leads the state's top Walk MS team, named after the support group, which raised more than \$57,000 so far in 2013.

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