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Annual Gala Celebration  
Honoring C.J. Ramone

*Parent-Advocate &  
Member of the seminal punk band The Ramones*

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# CJ RAMONE

## HONOREE AND EEDA PARENT ADVOCACY AWARD WINNER AT THE 2015 GALA CELEBRATION



Christopher Joseph Ward, better known as CJ Ramone, is an American musician best known for working as the bassist (and sometimes the vocalist) of the punk rock group the Ramones, from 1989 to 1996.

A native of Queens and Long Island, he was a fan of the Ramones long before joining the band. Ward replaced original band member Dee Dee Ramone, though Dee Dee continued to write songs for the group. In the documentary *End of the Century: The Story of the Ramones* it is stated that when CJ joined the Ramones he was seen as a breath of fresh air into the band. Johnny Ramone says he knew immediately when CJ auditioned to replace Dee Dee that he was right, commenting that he "had the right look." CJ Ramone was the youngest member of the Ramones when he joined, by nine years. When the Ramones were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame original Ramones drummer, Tommy Ramone, credited CJ with "keeping the band young." His first show with the Ramones was on September 30, 1989, in Leicester, England, and he played with the band until they retired on August 6, 1996.

CJ, together with his wife Denise, parent three children - Liam, Liliana, and Mia Dove. His son Liam is on the autism spectrum and CJ annually attends the Walk Now for Autism Speaks event in Long Island and frequently fund raises as a parent-advocate for organizations that focus on autism. On March 10th, he will be one of the featured celebrities to auction off a signed gold bunny for Lindt Chocolate's Autism Speaks campaign.

CJ released the album *Reconquista* on June 29, 2012, and his album *Last Chance To Dance* was released in November (USA) and December (Europe) 2014. He is currently touring the world promoting his new album and just returned from the Australian leg of his tour to be honored by EEDA.



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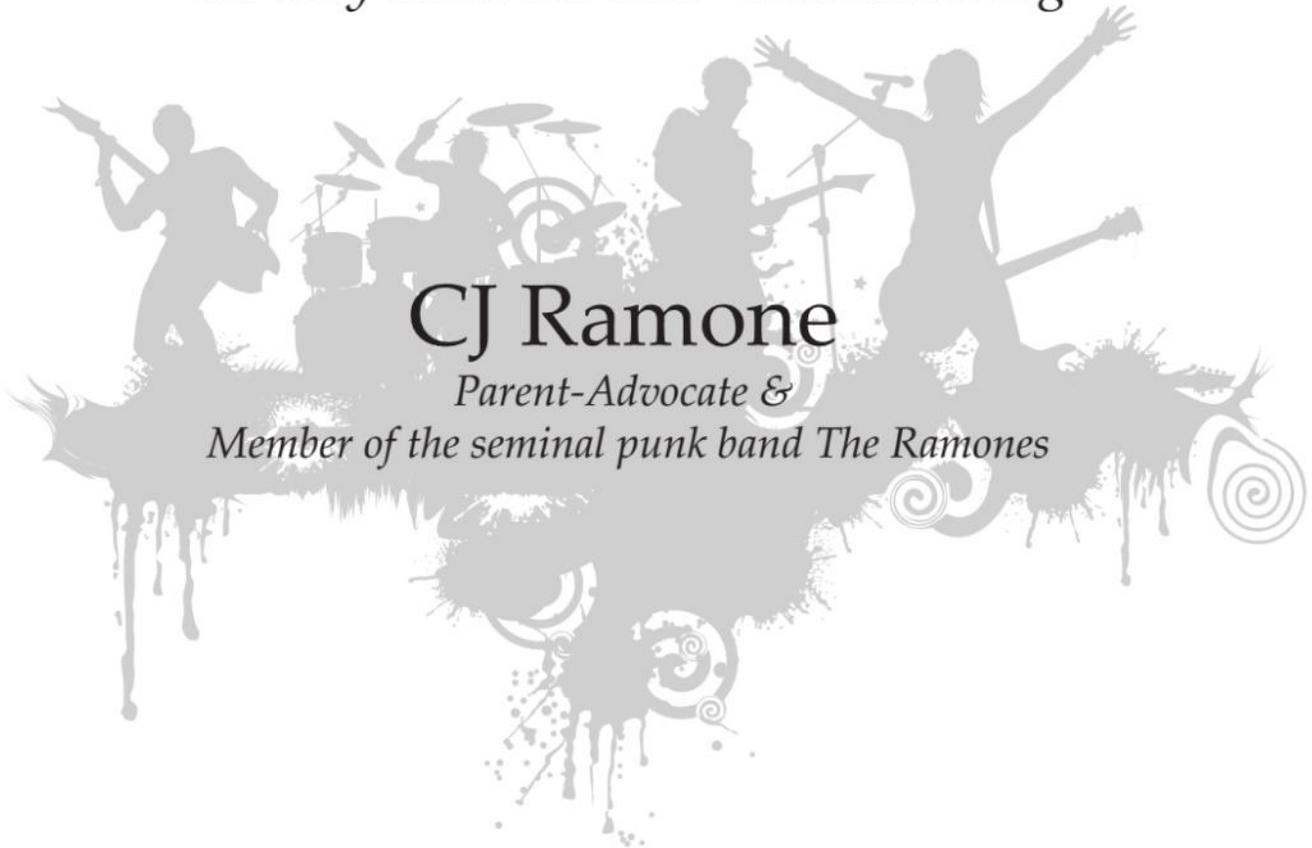
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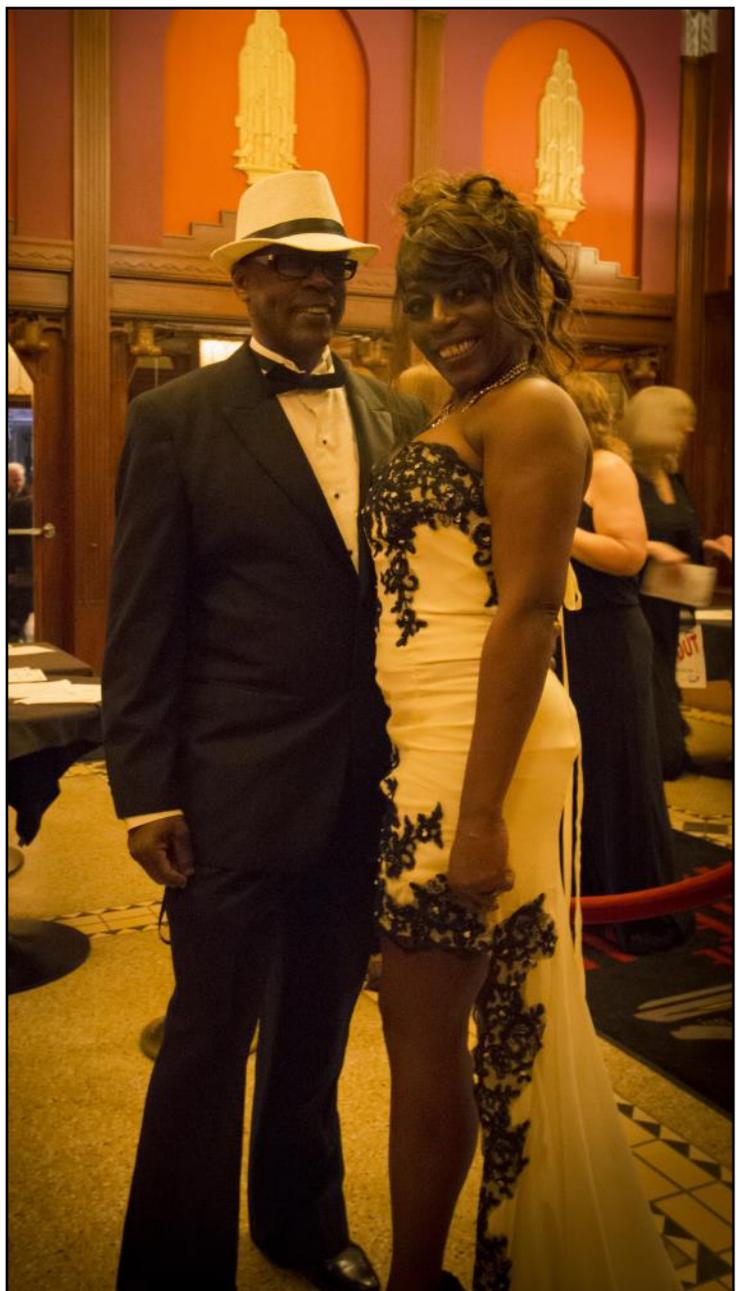
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