

**Camp Good Days Presents:  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Courage Award Winner**

# **Ray Ciancaglini**



As part of the COURAGE BOWL, Camp Good Days presents an annual Courage Award during the halftime festivities. The Camp Good Days' Courage Award is presented to someone who displays courage, strength and determination in a time of great struggle.

Ray Ciancaglini, the 2014 recipient, is a former highly regarded boxer (middleweight, 1966-1974) who has been battling Parkinson's Syndrome and Dementia Pugilistica, also known as Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), for many years. These neurological disorders are the direct result of improperly managed concussions during his boxing career. Though he struggles daily with the progressive symptoms of brain disease, including dementia and tremors, Ray has dedicated his life to the mission of educating athletes about sport-related brain injuries, specifically concussions, with the hope that he can save other young athletes from following down the same path.

Through the organization that he founded, The Second Impact, Ray has been a concussion awareness advocate for many years. He provides free speaking engagements to any audience that invites him – over a hundred to date - and he was instrumental in getting the Concussion Management & Awareness Act for secondary schools passed into law in New York (effective July 1, 2012). As a former athlete, Ray advocates for the playing of all sports, but emphasizes that athletes should be well-educated and cooperate readily with medical professionals and safety guidelines. “The game you sit out today could be the career – and quality of life – you save tomorrow.” For more information visit: [www.thesecondimpact.com](http://www.thesecondimpact.com).