



Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame Fact Sheet

What: Growing out of the United Nations International Year of the Volunteers 2001, the Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame (now in its 8th year) celebrates the humanitarian spirit by inducting volunteer founders of nonprofit organizations whose vision, dedication and drive addressed a community need and began a legacy of service to improve the quality of life for Long Islanders. Working closely with New York State Parks, the Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame now has a permanent home at Bethpage State Park (host of the U.S. Open 2002 and 2009) in Farmingdale, New York. To commemorate inductees, donated benches with inscribed plaques will be installed at the Carlyle on the Green clubhouse grounds and Blue, Green, and Yellow golf course tees.

Who: Founders are selected from twelve different categories of volunteer activity. A special award for Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism (created in 2004) will also be presented to a unique individual who has made a significant impact on the lives of others through a lifetime commitment of active citizenship, community service, and philanthropy [nominees do not have to be a founder of a nonprofit organization to be eligible]. The Next Generation Award (created through the efforts of the NYIT Carleton Group in 2009) recognizes the exemplary contributions of Long Island's youth. An independent panel of judges, including community leaders in the nonprofit, business, academia, media, and public service sectors selects the youth awards and founder inductees. The Association of Professional Volunteer Administrators selects the lifetime achiever. 108 deserving individuals have been inducted into the Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame since inception.

How: Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the Long Island Volunteer Center at (516) 564-5482 or by accessing the websites www.livolunteerhalloffame.org or www.longislandvolunteercenter.org.

When/Where:

2010 Induction Ceremony and Reception – February 6, 2010 at the Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale; David Weiss, Emcee
2009 Induction Ceremony and Reception - February 7, 2010 at the Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale; David Weiss, Emcee
2008 Induction Ceremony and Reception – February 1, 2009 at the Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale; David Weiss, Emcee
2007 event – February 3, 2008 at the Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale; David Weiss, Emcee
2006 event - February 4, 2007 at the Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale; David Weiss, Emcee
2005 event - February 5, 2006 at Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, David Weiss, Emcee
2004 event - November 15, 2004 at the Suffolk Y Jewish Community Center in Commack; Roger Luce, Emcee
2003 event - November 16, 2003 at The AHRC Mansion in Brookville; David Weiss, Emcee
2002 Inaugural event - November 17, 2002 at Stony Brook University SAC Auditorium and Ballroom; David Weiss, Emcee

2010 Inductees:

Children & Youth Services – **Jill Rooney**, Founder of Harbor Child Care
Cultural Arts – **Valia Seiskaya**, Founder of Ballet Education & Scholarship Fund
Education – **Maida Cherry**, Founder of Association of Professional Volunteer Administrators
Environment – **Richard Schary**, Founder of Friends of Massapequa Preserve

Family Support – **Janet Walerstein**, Founder of Child Care Council of Suffolk
Health – **Colette Coyne**, Founder of Colette Coyne Melanoma Awareness Campaign
Homelessness – **Robert McMillan**, Founder of Long Island Housing Partnership
Philanthropy – **Ralph and MaryAnn Napolitano**, Founders of Jay’s World Childhood Cancer Foundation
Special Needs – **William Heiser**, Founder of the William Heiser Foundation for the Cure of Spinal Cord Injuries (posthumous award)
Lifetime Achievement Award in Volunteerism – **Jack Sullivan**, Abilities, Inc.
The Next Generation Award for Historic Preservation – **Rachel Obergh**
The Next Generation Award for Leadership - **Charles Sharkey**

2010 Judges:

Judges who selected youth awards and founder inductees: Rob Aramanda of IRS, Naomi Johnson of State Farm Insurance, Lillian Julien of COPE (inducted 2009), Steve Labriola of Town of Oyster Bay, Colin O’Neill of Adelphi University Graduate School, Frank Pomata of GEAR UP, Len Rothberg of The EGC Group, Anne Sprotte of Long Island Volunteer Center, Kelly Sprotte of Kellenberg Memorial High School, and Kathy Sullivan of Madonna Heights - SCO Family of Services. Association of Professional Volunteer Administrators Judges who selected lifetime achiever: Donna Buccellato of Dominican Village, Karen DeMairo of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Pegi Orsino of RSVP Suffolk (founder inducted 2005), Susan Helmus of Long Island State Veterans Home (founder posthumously inducted 2007), and Tenaya Parchment of the Long Island Volunteer Center.

2009 Inductees:

Children & Youth Services – **Marcia Spector**, Founder of SNAP Long Island
Environment – **Steve Corbett**, Founder of Floral Park Conservation Society
Family Support – **Vera Rivers**, Founder of Central Nassau Club-National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Club
Health Services – **Michael Nolan**, Founding Board Member of Hospice of the South Shore, now known as Hospice Care Network
Health Advocacy – **Mitch Shapiro**, Founder of Foundation for Sight and Sound
Homelessness – **Teresa Kennedy**, Co-founder of Mercy Center Ministries
Philanthropy – **Jill Palmeri**, Founder of The Andy Foundation
Special Needs – **Frank Krotschinsky**, Founder of Suffolk Independent Living Organization
Lifetime Achievement Award in Volunteerism – **Shirley Katz**, nominated by The Retreat
The Next Generation Award for Education – **Jennifer Zwilling**, Founder of Youth Ambassador Program of the Tourette Syndrome Association
The Next Generation Award for Leadership – **David O’Connor**, nominated by Kellenberg High School
The Next Generation Award for Visionary Philanthropy – **Samantha Malis**, Co-founder of 1>0

2009 Judges

Judges who selected youth awards and founder inductees: Mary Brosnan of Nassau County Department of Social Services, Professor John Hanc of NYIT Carleton Group, Catherine Hoban of Kellenberg High School, Judy Pannullo of Suffolk Community Council, Laurel Parker West of Long Island Fund for Woman and Girls (founders inducted in 2007), Wendy Phaff of Nassau Community College Make A Difference Club, Mary Simmons of Lee Hecht Harrison, and Anne Sprotte of Long Island Volunteer Center. Association of Professional Volunteer Administrators Judges who selected lifetime achiever: Susan Helmus of Long Island State Veterans Home (founder posthumously inducted 2007), Anna Lyons of Long Island Volunteer Center (founder inducted 2002), Pegi Orsino of RSVP Suffolk (founder inducted 2005), Judy Pockriss of Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums, Janet Romeo of Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island, Patricia Shea of MOMMAS House (2006 Inductee), and Suzanne Staub of Nassau University Medical Center.

2008 Inductees:

Children & Youth Services - **John White**, Project Challenge
Cultural Arts - **Joysetta and Julius Pearse**, Nassau County Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration Committee
Environment - **Robert Alvey**, Garden City Bird Sanctuary and **Sybil Meisel**, PAWS (Pioneers for Animal Welfare Society)
Family Support - **Lillian Julien**, COPE (Connecting Our Paths Eternally)

Health - **Lorraine Pace**, Breast Cancer HELP (Healthy Environment for a Living Planet)
Homelessness - **Kenneth Batchelor**, Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk
Hunger - **Ann and Phil Gribbins**, Floral Park Conservation Society Giving Garden
Seniors - **Leonard Sandel**, FOSSI (Friends of Senior Services, Inc.)
Special Needs - **Nina Eaton**, United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk
Lifetime Achievement Award in Volunteerism – **William Tyree**, SCO Family of Services

2008 Judges who selected founder inductees by category: Janet Allen of Suffolk Community Council, Fred Breithut of School-Business Partnerships of Long Island (2007 inductee), Katti Gray of Newsday, Mary Herold of St. Joseph's College, Susan Samaroo of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island, Robert Suarez of Bethpage Federal Credit Union, and Carolyn Willson of New York State Assemblyman Charles Lavine's office. Association of Professional Volunteer Administrators judges who selected lifetime achiever: Karen DeMairo of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Susan Helmus of Long Island State Veterans Home (founder posthumously inducted 2007), Pegi Orsino of RSVP Suffolk (founder inducted 2005), Jeanette Scott of Family and Children's Association (founder of youth program inducted 2005), and Patricia Shea of MOMMAS House (2006 Inductee).

2007 Inductees:

Children and Youth Services—**James Boisi**, Mentoring Partnership of Long Island
Education—**Fred Breithut**, School-Business Partnerships of Long Island
Emergency Services—**Tim Jaccard**, AMT Children of Hope Foundation
Environment—**Anna Hunninghouse**, Little Shelter Animal Rescue & Adoption Center
Family Support—**Rhoda Finer**, InterAgency Council of Glen Cove
Health—**Robert Donno**, Gift of Life
Health/Substance Abuse—**R. Brinkley Smithers**, Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
Homelessness—**Sister Aimée Koonmen**, O.P., Bethany House
Hunger—**Aimée Z. Holtzman**, rock CAN roll
Seniors—**John J. (Jack) Flatley**, Long Island State Veterans Home
Special Needs—**Judith S. Bloch**, Variety Child Learning Center
Lifetime Achievement Award in Volunteerism—**James W. Reed**

2007 judges: Elisa DiStefano of News12, Al Eskanazy of ASCENT: A School for Individuals with Autism and LIVHOF 2005 inductee, Elaine Del Valle-Eskanazy of Mansion Ride for Autism, Nina Leonhardt of Suffolk County Community College, Ann McDermott-Kave of OSI Pharmaceuticals, Patricia Peters of The Parent-Child Home Program, Judy Pannullo of Suffolk Community Council, Fred Sganga of Long Island State Veterans Home, and Louise Skolnik of Nassau County Department of Human Services. The Association of Professional Volunteer Administrators selected the candidate for Lifetime Achievement Award in Volunteerism.

2006 Inductees:

Children and Youth Services—**Cindy Pierce Lee & Marjorie Chaplin**, Child Abuse Prevention Services
Cultural Arts—**Dr. Hiao-Tsiun Ma**, Children's Orchestra Society
Emergency Services—**Mr. & Mrs. Henry P. Davison**, American Red Cross in Nassau County
Environment—**Janine Dion**, Pet Peeves
Family Support—**Luke Smith**, Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Health—**Marion Terry**, African-American Health Education and Development Fund
Historical Preservation—**Thomas Roberts III**, Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society
Homelessness—**Patricia Shea**, Momma's House
Mental Health—**Dr. Davis Pollack**, Clubhouse of Suffolk
Philanthropy—**Betty Schlein, Suzy Sonenberg & Barbara Strongin**, Long Island Fund for Women and Girls
Special Needs—**Lisa Gatti**, Pal-O-Mine Equestrian
Lifetime Achievement Award in Volunteerism—**Sol Goldstein**, Rebuilding Together, Long Island, with honorary award to **Diana O'Neill**, Long Island Volunteer Center

2006 Judges: Richard Bell, Family & Children's Association; Patricia Dillon, Freelance Photographer; Alane Fagin, CAPS; Tricia Folliero, Bernard Hodes Group - Long Island; Mark J. Grossman, Town of Brookhaven; Professor Rob Kammerer, NY College of Aeronautics; The Honorable David McDonough, NYS Assembly; Judy

Pannullo, Suffolk Community Council; Marsha Simpkins, Henry Schein; Jennifer Tytel, LIVC Intern, University of Pennsylvania; and Reinhardt Van Dyke, Family Service League. The Association of Professional Volunteer Administrators selected the candidate for lifetime achiever.

2005 Inductees:

Children and Youth Services—**Dr. Carol Carter, Patti Kelly Barker, & Tamara Pelosi**, Sunshine Center
Cultural Arts—**Boris Chartan**, The Holocaust Memorial & Educational Center of Nassau County
Education—**Mother Anselma Ruth**, Molloy College
Environment—**Sallie Ruppert**, Volunteers for Wildlife
Family Support—**The Honorable Hope Zimmerman**, Mothers' Center Hicksville, National Association of Mothers' Centers
Health—**Heather Buggee**, Splashes of Hope
Mental Health—**Irving Berkowitz**, Federation of Organizations
Hunger—**Syd Mandelbaum**, Rock and Wrap it Up!
Homelessness—**Peter Barnett**, Nassau-Suffolk Coalition for the Homeless
Philanthropy—**Marty Lyons**, The Marty Lyons Foundation
Seniors—**Paul Arfin**, The Community Programs Center of Long Island
Special Needs—**Al Eskanazy**, Ascent: A School for Individuals with Autism
Lifetime Achievement Award in Volunteerism—**Marc Blitstein**, AHRC-Suffolk Chapter and **Thomas Cruso**, United Way of Long Island

2005 Judges: Corinne Disomma of the Town of Babylon, Kristine Donnelly of United Way of Long Island, David Kilmnick of LIGALY (2004 inductee), Patricia Force of CARR Business Systems, Nicholas LaMorte of CSEA Local 1000, Elisabeth Murphy of Cold Spring Harbor High School, Judy Pannullo of Suffolk Community Council, Maria Prieto of Latin Long Island Magazine, Terry Thomasino of Christa House, and Ed Thompson of Molloy College. The Association of Professional Volunteer Administrators was also instrumental in the process of selection of lifetime achievers.

2004 Inductees:

Children and Youth Services—**Jerry & Fern Hill**, Timothy Hill Children's Ranch
Cultural Arts—**Sharon Lippman**, Art Without Walls
Education—**Delores Smalls**, Association of Black Women in Higher Education
Emergency Services—**David Kilmnick**, Long Island Gay & Lesbian Youth
Family Support—**Geraldine Sheridan**, Dress For Success Brookhaven
Health & Mental Health—**John Theissen**, John Theissen Children's Foundation
Homelessness—**Cosco Williams**, Wyandanch Homes & Property Development Corp.
Philanthropy—**Lillian McCormick**, Family & Children's Association/Port Washington Group Home
Seniors—**Anne Mead**, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program in Suffolk County
Special Needs—**Donald Mitzner**, Adults & Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities
Lifetime Achievement Award in Volunteerism—**Sheila Johnson Page**, Newsday Community Affairs

2004 Judges: Patrick Foye of United Way of Long Island, Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby of the Town of Hempstead, Rev. John Paul Hankins (2003 inductee, founder of RESPONSE of Suffolk County), Joan Imhof of Newsday's FutureCorps (2002 inductee, founder of Long Island Volunteer Center), Roland Jimenez of Independence Community Bank, Judy Pannullo of Suffolk Community Council, James Pizzo of CMP Media, and Maureen Rossi of The Long Island Press. The Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame steering committee was instrumental in the selection of the lifetime achiever.

2003 Inductees:

Children and Youth Services—**Jean Forman**, Coalition on Child Abuse & Neglect
Cultural Arts—**Faye Raymon**, Township Theatre Group
Education—**Diana Freed**, Education and Assistance Corporation
Emergency Services—**Rev. John Paul Hankins**, RESPONSE of Suffolk County
Environment—**Nancy Manfredonia**, Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference
Family Support—**Barbara Allan**, Prison Families Anonymous/FEGS
Health & Mental Health—**Beatrice Cohart**, North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center

Homelessness—**Sr. Mairead M. Barrett**, OSU, New Ground
Hunger—**Harry Chapin**, Long Island Cares, Inc.-The Harry Chapin Food Bank
Philanthropy—**Elizabeth Gere Byrnes**, Junior League of Long Island
Seniors—**Angela Koenig**, Doubleday Babcock Senior Center
Special Needs—**Helen Kaplan**, AHRC Nassau Chapter

2003 Judges: Donna Ceravolo of Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Julio Infiesta of Social Security Administration NY Region, Jean Kelly of Interfaith Nutrition Network, Christine Conniff Sheahan of Networking Magazine, Arvind Vora of JAINA and The Shanti Fund, Gloria Wallick (a 2002 inductee for founding Rosa Lee Young Childhood Center), and Patricia Wright, Nassau County Assistant District Attorney.

2002 Inaugural Inductees:

Children and Youth Services-**Gloria Wallick**, Rosa Lee Young Childhood Center
Cultural Arts-**Catherine Davison**, Nassau County Museum of Art
Education-**Joan Imhof**, Long Island Volunteer Center
Emergency Services-**Beverly Merkinger, Dr. Sherry Radowitz, & Arlene Siegelwaks**,
Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Environment-**Paul Stoutenburgh**, North Fork Environmental Council
Health & Mental Health-**Lyn Jurick**, Ronald McDonald House of Long Island
Homelessness-**Michael Moran & Patricia O'Connor**, Interfaith Nutrition Network
Hunger-**Linda Breitstone**, Island Harvest
Seniors-**Janet Walsh**, Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation
Special Needs-**Dr. Caryl Bank & Dr. Barbara Feingold**, The Hagedorn Little Village School

2002 Judges: Angela Anton of Anton Publications, Matthew Crosson of Long Island Association, Mariann Florio of Junior League of Long Island, David Okorn of Keyspan Foundation, Jack O'Connell of Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, Chris Reimann aide to Suffolk County Legislator Paul Tonna, and Paul Salerno of PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The nomination criteria for honorees: nominated organization must have nonprofit 501(c)3 status and must be in operation on Long Island (Nassau/Suffolk for a minimum of 10 years), Hall of Fame induction can be awarded posthumously, an individual can be nominated more than once but can only achieve Hall of Fame status once, volunteerism must still be fundamental to the organization's programs (programs that are driven or supplemented by volunteers), nominee must be acknowledged by the organization as its founder, and the organization must be Nassau/Suffolk-based including local chapters of national or international organizations. The Lifetime Achievement Award in Volunteerism will be awarded to a unique Long Islander who has made a significant impact on the lives of others through a lifetime commitment to active citizenship, community service, and philanthropy (nominee does not have to be a founder of a nonprofit organization). The Next Generation Award for youth was instituted in 2009.

The judging criteria includes: scope of organization's activities, community need addressed by the organization, creativity of the organization's goals and objectives, innovative approach to the problem, length of the organization's history on Long Island, developing and using community resources/collaborations, unusual challenge overcome by the volunteer founder, and awards and recognition by the community for the work of the organization.

Organizations sponsoring this initiative are: Association of Professional Volunteer Administrators, Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Long Island Education Opportunity Center, Long Island State Veterans Home, Long Island Volunteer Center, Madonna Heights Services-SCO Family of Services, Molloy College, National Association of Black Women in Higher Education, National Association of Mothers' Centers, Newsday's FutureCorps, Suffolk Community Council, The EGC Group, and Urban League of Long Island.

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