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2009 Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame

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The tragic death of Jill Palmeri's youngest son in 2003 was a catalyst for the formation of The Andy Foundation to honor his life and pay tribute to his memory. Their motto is "By Kids...For Kids" and they are dedicated to achieving lasting improvements in the lives of children less fortunate than others.

With a board comprised of children on a Junior Committee and adults, they plan fundraising events that are 100% child friendly and have raised more than \$500,000 to date. Grants have been given to organizations such as Back In The Game, Pal-O-Mine and A Mother's Kiss. They have purchased equipment for Cancer Care for Children at Winthrop Hospital and have supplied volunteers for projects at the Martin Burrel School, Bronx Safe Horizons and Pal-O-Mine.

The Junior Committee of the foundation has given hundreds of young people the opportunity to embrace community service as a way of life and continues to honor the memory and spirit of Andy Palmeri.