Community Mayors for Children with Special Needs

Annual Mayors' Charity Gala

Thursday, May 11, 2023 ❤️ 6:00 PM

Presenting the Dominick Della Rocca Awards

El Caribe Country Club
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"No One Is So Tall As When They Stoop to Help A Child With Special Needs"

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Dominick Della Rocca Lifetime Achievement Award 2023
Vincent L. Petraro
Deputy Chief Mayor & Vice President
Mayor of Midtown

Humanitarian Award Honorees of 2023

Eileen Gregan
Fire Department of NYC
Trailblazer (ret)
Community Mayor
Sgt-at-Arms

Roman (Buddy) Ducalo
Fire Department of NYC
(ret)
Community Mayor

Teresa Rizzutto
General Manager
Port Authority
of New York &
New Jersey

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Founded 1875 • Serving children with special needs since 1950 • Incorporated since 1956

March 2023

Dear Mayors and Friends,

Once again, I am asking for your loyal support. If Covid taught us anything, it was how vital our mission, serving Children with Special Needs, is; this past Operation Santa Claus for 3,000 children certainly proved it. Need I remind us of the suffering and loss we experienced over the last three years? Of course, but the suffering of the Special Needs Community was far worse and devastating. Remember, the plight of these children and their families far exceeds heartbreak and misfortune on a good day, never mind what their daily lives were like during the epidemic.

The DOE's District 75 Superintendent, Ketler Louissaint, has often said, "Our service to these exceptional children is essential to their wellbeing and happiness." This year more so than any other.

We are proud to celebrate this year's honorees. Each one represents the finer side of the human spirit and are true heroes, humble and generous of spirit.

Vincent Petraro, a brother, friend, and confidant. Someone I could trust during those early years after the passing of our founder, Dominick Della Rocca. I know in my heart Dominick sent him to me. I had just asked the then-current journal chair to step down and had no clue who would replace him; Vin, a brand-new mayor, raised his hand and stated, "I've done a journal."

Eileen Gregan, our own FDNY Trailblazer. One of NYC's first firefighter women when the test was equal to the men. Her 9/11 aches and pains never stop her from serving our kids. A Community Mayor volunteer for 40 years, now a member/mayor and Sgt-at-Arms. My Shero (female superhero).

Roman (Buddy) Ducalo, FDNY. A Community Mayor volunteer since 1972 (yikes!), now a member/mayor. Neuropathy and all his 9/11 aches and pains do not stop him from serving the children that need us most.

Very exciting, Teresa Rizzuto, the first Woman General Manager of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the home of Operation Santa Claus for almost five decades. Once one has had the Op Santa experience, you are hooked for life. Teresa is part of our Port Authority family, and I am proud to call her a friend.

We need, need, need your financial help to preserve this legacy for future generations. Our forever children need Community Mayors more now than ever before, and we need the children to remind us to be grateful and nourish our souls. We are all volunteers, and ninety-one cents of every dollar donated goes to our mission. Community Mayors is not just an organization, it is an experience. Visit our website and have the experience and feel the kindness of giving www.communitymayors.org.

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARBEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE LIFE OF A VOLUNTEER IS A LIFE WELL LIVED.

Very personally yours,

Shelley Della Rocca

Shelley Della Rocca
Chief Mayor

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Community Mayors, Inc. History

"No One Is So Tall As When They Stoop To Help A Handicapped Child"

The Community Mayors is a not-for-profit, non-political 501 (c) (3) organization. Founded by "Wireless" Louis Zeltner in 1875 as the Locality Mayors, the organization included Teddy Roosevelt among its notable members. In 1957 the organization was reincorporated as the Community Mayors under the leadership of Dominick Della Rocca, K.M., and The Community Mayors began providing "Recreational Therapy" for children with special needs. Dominick dedicated his life to the children with special needs for 50 years. Today, under the leadership of his daughter, Shelley, the Community Mayors sponsor a series of events benefiting tens of thousands of special children. This concept provides these children with special needs activities that gets them out of hospitals and classrooms, and allows them to experience many activities that would otherwise not be available to them.

The Community Mayors membership includes business and community leaders aided by thousands of dedicated volunteers from uniformed service organizations, businesses, government and the community at large. This is one of the few organizations where all the money raised for the children goes to the children. The most amazing thing is there is no paid staff. The members, officers and volunteers give of their time freely.

The Community Mayors are very proud of their record, serving the needs of so many special children throughout the years. None of these activities or events would have been possible without the generous contributions of those who have donated their time and financial support. Our continuing success is a testament to their dedication and commitment.

We emphasize the outings listed below to illustrate the wide variety of activities the children enjoy. The Community Mayors warmly extends its appreciation and heartfelt thanks.

- Operation Santa Claus @ JFK Airport, Port Authority hanger #19 (4,500 Children)
- A Day at the Circus/Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey @ Madison Square Garden
- Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum
- Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park
- The New York Aquarium
- The Bronx Zoo
- The Prospect Park Zoo
- The Staten Island Zoo
- The Brooklyn Botanical Gardens
- Adventurer's Family Entertainment Center
- Luna Park Amusement Park
- Athletes & Kids at St. John's University
- Halloween Party Hayride/Floyd Bennett Field
- The Dominick Della Rocca Summer Camp Scholarship Fund
- Earth Day with Students from Poly Prep Country School at the Conference House, S.I.,NY

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