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Legislator McCaffrey Honors Two at Babylon Village Youth Project Event



Left to Right: Babylon Supervisor Rich Schaffer, members of the Mike Greene Great Guy Foundation and members of the Babylon Village Youth Project, Legislator Kevin McCaffrey

Babylon, NY: On Wednesday, October 19, 2016 Legislator Kevin McCaffrey presented two proclamations to honor Walter H. Levins and The Mike Greene Great Guy Foundation at the Babylon Village Youth Project 2016 Fundraiser.

Walter H. Levins is a long-time Babylon Village resident who has dedicated much of his life to helping others, particularly when Superstorm Sandy devastated the area. While his own businesses were hurt from the storm, Levins helped form Babylon Helps, and in conjunction with the American Legion on Grove place, the local village government and the Mayor's office and an amazing group of volunteers, helped others in need. The group provided hot meals, supplies, money, labor and help to those that needed it.

"Walter is an example of the type of upstanding, dedicated individuals we have here in the 14th Legislative District," said Legislator McCaffrey, "The fact that he made helping others a top

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priority while his livelihood was in jeopardy during Sandy is a testament to the character he has and is why I was proud to honor him at this important event.”

The Mike Greene Great Guy Foundation was founded in 2007 by friends of Michael J. Greene in his memory. The purpose of the Foundation is to raise funds and donate those funds to help families and individuals in need in Babylon Village and its surrounding communities. Greene was an active community member who gave his life as a volunteer who was committed to serving and protecting his community.

“The Mike Greene Great Guy Foundation is a meaningful effort to carry on the name and legacy of a man who dedicated his life to saving lives and was killed in the line of duty as a fireman,” said Legislator McCaffrey. “I am proud to have presented a proclamation to the people who work to carry out his legacy in the community.”

The event was hosted to benefit of the kids of the Babylon Village Youth Project. A large Chinese Auction was featured with a variety of items from Babylon Village to showcase local talent and products and to help raise money. Donations during this event make possible a wide range of activities, including a tutoring program for grade and high school students, travel to historic sites, visits to museums, computer classes, art classes, movie nights and boat safety courses, among others,

“I would like to thank Director Eric Price and his team at the Babylon Village Youth Project for hosting another great event for the Village and members of the community,” said Legislator McCaffrey. “I am always ready and willing to support initiatives that provide services and opportunities to our youth.”

The Babylon Village Youth Project Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization made up of youth members between the ages of eight and 18 from the Babylon Village area. Their goal is to culturally stimulate youth and provide them with opportunities to do voluntary community service.

Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County’s 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon and Babylon’s barrier beach communities.

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