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Save The Date - 5/23/2022 - Annual Golf Outing

(See Details Inside)



FIREFIGHTERS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Winter 2022

FFCF Welcomes New Board Member Armando D'Accordo



We are pleased to announce that Armando D'Accordo has accepted the invitation of the Board of Directors to join the Board as a Director of the Foundation. Mr. D'Accordo was unanimously elected to the position at the December 2021 Meeting of the Foundation's Board. Mr. D'Accordo is a graduate of Wagner College with Masters' level education in Business Administration and Business Banking. He is an Information Technology (IT) professional with over three decades of experience within the industry. Through previous work at the University of Michigan, Disney, Citibank, Cendant, and the Help Desk Institute, he is well versed in business management, customer service, sales and quality assurance. Currently, D'Accordo serves as the President of CMIT Solutions in South Nassau, based in Merrick, Long Island, NY where he assists small to mid-market businesses with IT, providing professional and cybersecurity and technology services, and disaster recovery services.

He has been recognized for his efforts in the industry including being named Long Island Business News' Who's Who in Technology, Security and Cybersecurity. "I am a proud son of a firefighter and have unfortunately lost friends in the 9/11 tragedy" D'Accordo told the Board recently, and added "I am always in awe of the bravery and courage displayed by those in the firefighting profession." You may recognize him because he has supported and attended our Golf Outing in the past and told those attending the Board meeting that he is "proud to support the Firefighters Charitable Foundation and could not be more grateful to play a role on the board." FFCF President Frank Tepedino remarked "We welcome his expertise, insight and energy, as we look forward to his addition as a key element in our continuing drive to further fulfill our mission."

FFCF Board Member Frank Nocerino Honored

Firefighters Charitable Executive Board Vice President Frank Nocerino was recently honored for over 50 active years of fire service by the North Massapequa Fire Department. Mr. Nocerino has devoted his life to community service. He is a proud member of Massapequa Fire Department Ladder Company No. 1. He currently serves as Fire Commissioner and has served as Company Captain and Chief of the Department. He has been involved in all levels of the fire service having served as President of the Association of Fire Districts of New York State and as Chairman of the Nassau County Fire Commission.



Frank Nocerino (Right) with Massapequa Fire Department Honorees

A Message From The President

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. I would like to thank the generous individuals, organizations and businesses that have supported us over this year. Because of your kindness we have been able to support our mission of helping others. Fire and disasters can strike at any time. The FFCF Board and I are extremely proud and thankful that we can provide support to people in need, organizations that help people in need, and fire departments/first responders. Supporting volunteer fire departments and first responders throughout the year is essential. It helps guarantee their ability to respond and to do so with the proper equipment for each call. Because of your continued support, the FFCF has given out:

Over 3,500 direct grants to individuals and families that suffered from fire and other disasters, and

Over 15,000 grants to various fire departments, burn centers/camps, hospitals, various adult and children's cancer organizations, Veterans and charitable organizations.

These grants have been made to individuals and organizations throughout America. They have been made because of your collective efforts. FFCF doesn't have a large corporate benefactor. The grants we distribute are made possible because of the donations we receive – the checks for \$100, or \$50, or \$10, or even \$1, from cities and towns across the country, from New York to California, from Michigan to Texas, and in between.

We are all in this together, we can't do it without your support and donations. There are many ways you can contribute: by making a donation; by assisting in increasing the awareness of our organization and our mission; or by making us aware of a fire department or family in need. You can also sign up for Amazon Smile. A donation is made to FFCF each time you shop on Amazon. As you can see in the article below, there are some interesting ways you can make a donation to the FFCF (that can benefit you tax-wise). If you like to golf, please join us on May 23rd for a full day of fun. If you can't join us, please consider helping by taking a tee sign or other sponsorship.

Warmest regards,
Frank R. Tepedino, President.

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Planned Giving 104

by Thomas M. Sabellico, Esq., New York Counsel to FFCF

The Benefits of Planned Giving For Nonprofits and Donors

Benefits of planned giving for FFCF:

- 1. Planned gifts helped secure our ability to fulfill our mission in the future.** Some planned gifts are given as bequests in a donor's will, others are made as a trust, providing FFCF with projectable future income, allowing us to better plan how to assist those in need, fulfilling our mission.
- 2. Planned giving is the most cost effective way to donate.** Since there is no cost to FFCF in accepting a bequest or Trust income, the amount available to use as grants for those in need is much greater.
- 3. Planned giving increases annual giving.** Planned giving has a positive impact on other fundraising efforts, such as annual or major giving. Other donors are inspired by knowledge of a testamentary bequest or endowment left to FFCF.
- 4. Bequest gifts are fulfilled from the donor's estate.** They don't affect the donor's everyday cash flow.

Benefits of planned giving for donors

- 1. Donors can create a legacy for themselves or their families.** Whether leaving a bequest as a tribute to a family member or to create a legacy for themselves, donors can make a lasting impact on a cause that's important to them.
- 2. Planned gifts may offer tax savings for donors or their heirs.** Bequests are particularly tax advantageous for donors with large estates. Other planned gift types see significant tax benefits as well. And when a donor makes a gift of real estate, they receive an income tax deduction equal to the value of the property and avoid capital gains tax.
- 3. Donors have more control over where their money goes.** When making a planned gift the donor can include language that allocates how or where they want their charitable contribution to be spent.

SAVE THE DATE Monday, May 23, 2022 Celebrity Golf Outing

The Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course, Woodbury, NY

Athletes Invited to Appear

Maxcine Agee
Tony Balsamo
Dom DeMola
Dave Lemanczyk
Art Shamsky
Frank Tepedino

Marty Appel
Fred Cambria
Joe Donnelly
Paul Mirabella
Judy Sladky
Jose Valdivielso

Erik Burgdoerfer
Frank Catalanotto
Ed Kranepool
Billy Sample
Ron Swoboda
Jon Warden

Sponsorship Opportunities

- ❑ **\$1,500 FOURSOME:** includes Golfing with a Celebrity and a Tee Sign
- ❑ **\$2,500 Athlete Sponsor** -----includes Foursome
- ❑ **\$125 Tee Sign**
- ❑ **\$200 Flag**
- ❑ **\$400 SINGLE GOLFER**
- ❑ **\$500 Closest to Pin Sponsor**
- ❑ **\$500 Longest Drive Sponsor**
- ❑ **\$500 Beverage Cart Sponsor**
- ❑ **\$500 Half-Way House Sponsor**
- ❑ **Donation**
- ❑ **\$750 Driving Range Sponsor**
- ❑ **\$850 Golf Cart Sponsor**
- ❑ **\$1,000 Awards Sponsor**
- ❑ **\$1,500 Towel Sponsor**
- ❑ **\$2,000 Golf Shirt Sponsor**
- ❑ **\$2,500 Lunch Sponsor**
- ❑ **\$5,000 Dinner Sponsor**
- ❑ **Raffle Prize Donation**

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We Get Letters

Thank you for your grant. We have utilized these funds for recruitment and retention to hopefully gain more Fire and EMS personnel. We mailed a flyer to all our residents, that could have not been possible without your grant funding. We, as many agencies, are struggling to find and maintain volunteers. Our agency is very small and in a rural town that depend on volunteers to stay open. We are already seeing interest in programs that we may offer and we hope that we can garner more support and it is all thanks to your generosity.

Doug Buys, Fire Chief
Meadows Valley Rural Fire District
New Meadows, Idaho

On behalf of the Eliis Grove VFD, I would like to thank you very much for your grant sent to our department. The money sent will be used to help outfit our recently purchased pumper. As it is a used truck, we have found a few things worn to the point of needing to be fixed before putting it into service. This money is much appreciated and for our small department will help more than words can explain. We will help make people in our area aware of your foundation and we will advertise it in all our departments' info, letters and correspondence. Thanks again.

Michael Jackson, Chief
Ellis Grove Fire Department
Ellis Grove, Illinois

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Dear Frank,
Thank you so much for your generosity. You have no idea how much this grant means to me. When I opened the letter you and your organization sent, I was almost in tears. I was on the phone with my dad at the time and he reminded me that someone is looking out for me and has blessed me. This academy has drained my bank account with how much equipment and uniforms I have had to buy. This grant has helped me a tremendous amount. What your organization is doing is amazing. Although my passion is to serve others and protect the nation, it has been a rough few months. Thank you so so much for thinking of me and most of all thank you for being my guardian angel. Maybe one day I can give back to your organization like you did for me. Your family will be in my prayers daily. Have a blessed week and stay safe!
-Aianna Tuggle
Katy, Texas 77443

Please pass on our "thank you" to your Board of Directors for the grant to our organization. The grant is greatly appreciated and was of assistance in purchasing tire for our 3,000 gallon water tender (WT). The truck had eight badly worn tires. Replacing the tires on the WT ensures that our vehicle is safe for our volunteers and is available for the community. Once again, we are very thankful and appreciate of the grant.

Patti Leonhardt, Chief
Mountain Valley Fire Department
Squaw Valley, California