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“Play for Peace” Donation to Patchogue Head Start

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. – Together with the “Play for Peace” sponsors and volunteers, Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to Patchogue Head Start for community programming. The donation, which is the largest ever from the annual soccer tournament, will be used to support early education, computer literacy, ESL and nutrition programs at the Patchogue Village center.

The annual soccer tournament, now in its eighth year, was organized as a response to the Marcelo Lucero tragedy. The tournament has grown and brings the sports-loving community together to celebrate diversity, raise awareness, promote tolerance and raise money for local programs and organizations that actively promote ethnic peace, unity and cultural tolerance.

“I am delighted to present the proceeds of the tournament to Head Start,” stated Deputy Presiding Officer Calarco. “They are a vital asset in our community and we are proud of the good work they do with our youngest residents and their families.”



Photo from left to right: Dawn Turnbull VP Bridgehampton National Bank, Eliana Fernandez volunteer, Gail Shafer volunteer, John Baum Pax Christi volunteer, Pastor Jerry Bonfiglio Church of the Nazarene volunteer, Richard Margulis CEO Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, Kevin St. Jean Suffolk County Federal Credit Union volunteer, Kevin Gershowitz CEO Gershow Recycling, S.C. Legislator Rob Calarco Deputy Presiding Officer, Lina Ortiz Head Start Center Manager, Rina Marroquin Healthfirst, Ana Fiqueroa Head Start Manager, Vagira Seedeem Senior Branch Manager Suffolk County Federal Credit Union, Toni Dean Head Start Board of Directors.

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