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Pictured above from left to right: John Valente, Harborfields High School Athletic Director; Rebecca Strickland, Special Olympics New York - Long Island Region; Deb Stolba Chairperson of the Harborfields Booster Club; and Rachel Spencer, Chairperson of the Harborfields PTA Council Health & Welfare Committee.

Harborfields Community Raises Money for Special Olympics!

Greenlawn, NY - Harborfields High School students recently joined forces with the Booster Club and the PTA Council's Health & Welfare Committee, to raise funds to benefit the Long Island Chapter of the Special Olympics. Working together, they were able to raise more than \$1,700 for the cause by selling customized Special Olympics bracelets and collecting donations from community sponsors and local businesses!

"The Special Olympics goes far beyond just sports, helping to brighten the lives of the competing athletes by fostering important life skills, self-confidence, and friendship," said Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. "I commend and thank all the students and parent leaders who helped to coordinate this effort."

Currently over 6,200 Long Island athletes are training and competing in the Special Olympics. Harborfields' donation will go toward helping to prepare and send 4 local athletes to competitions this year!

"Harborfields School District should be extremely proud of the dedication and time they put into raising funds for our Long Island Special Olympics Athletes. With some struggles along the way, with conflicting fundraiser dates and last minute forced cancellations, they didn't let it stop them." said Rebecca Strickland, Associate Director of Development at the Long Island Chapter of the Special Olympics. "We are so thankful and proud of their determination to make a difference in the lives of our athletes!"

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