Everyday achievers will get their day in the spotlight

The inaugural Staten Island NFP Association (SINFA) Community Service Awards will be held at a 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 6, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bloomfield. Tickets are $50 per person. Contact Vincent Lenza at 718-355-6228 or vinza@sinfa.org.

Every not-for-profit has one— the long-time volunteer who always gets the job done; a board member who truly believes in the organization’s mission and provides professional services pro bono; the staff member who goes above and beyond to make sure the job gets done and the mission is served.

SINFA has created this event to thank those unrec- ognized individuals for all of the outstanding work they do to serve the community. This awards event is designed to show these valued supporters how important they are to the continued success of our local organizations and to the improvement of the quality of life on Staten Island. "In addition to serving as an opportunity to honor the great work of these specific individuals, the Staten Island NFP Association Community Service Awards also serve to remind the Staten Island community that any individual can make a difference at a not-for-profit organization, even in small ways," said Vincent Lenza, executive director of SINFA.

The honorees are: Michael Accornero, a family business owner in Port Richmond and long time sup- porter and board member of the Northfield Community Development Corporation;

Jay Anderson, board treasurer who oversees the Council for the Arts and Humanities of Staten Island’s fi- nances and is critically im- volved in strategic planning;

Jo-An Cullinan, chair of the committee that hosts the Alice Austen House Mus- eum’s annual gala with which her dedication and attention to detail has become a top so- cial event;

Caroline Chavarie, vice president for sustainability and payment with Staten Island Memorial Health Society who agreed to go through a rigor- ous training course on her own time to obtain his LEED certificate to be able to manage the Society’s new green building in St. George;

Ethel Caliri, 85-year-vet- eran of the Jewish Commu- nity Center of Staten Island who never says no to those who need assistance;

Sally Carp, reading spe- cialist who has served the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island for 55 years;

Paul DeMarco, travel- basketball coordinator at the Jewish Community Center for 7 years who has continued to volunteer his time be- yond his children’s participa- tion in the program;

Norvene Hensley, a caseworker who has worked as a teacher, program coordinator, and director of training at Eden II Programs, and is involved in research into autism and behavioral interventions;

Dr. Kathleen Reilly, dog- and cat-associate executive director of Eden II who has helped thousands of Staten Islanders get small businesses for 10 years;

Scott Walsh, facility manager responsible for making sure that the Staten Island Children’s Museum is ready to welcome the thou- sands of visitors and groups who attend each year; and

Miriam Zanetti, executive assistant to CEO of Com- munity Resources, who en- bodes the spirit of the agency through her commit- ment to those it serves.

The museum will celebrate 130 years of growing

Celebrating its 130th anniversary, The Staten Island Museum will host a dinner on Friday, November 10, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bloomfield. Tickets are $100 per person for Museum members/$130 for non-members. For reservations, call 718-453-7120 or email codelph@statenislandmuseum.org.

The theme for this year’s keynote speech, the sev- enth in a series, is “Growing a Collection” which will shed light on how the Museum has grown its extensive fine art collection with its concurrent donations, the Francis Mac Donald Antiquities Collection and the Kress Collec- tion. Also showcased will be additional Medieval and Renaissance works, 19th and 20th century landscapes and other works of art and some recent acquisitions.

The Honorable Charles J. and Mrs. Norma D’Arrigo are serving as honorary co- chairs.

The museum is renovating Building A, a New York City landmark on the Snug Har- bor Campus, for the expan- sion to its future home in late 2023.