Supervisor Lesko and Town Officials Honor Youth Bureau's INTERFACE Volunteers at Recognition Dinner

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Pictured from left to right are Tax Receiver Louis Marcoccia, Supervisor Mark Lesko, INTERFACE Coordinator Maria Polak, INTERFACE Chairman Len Rothberg, Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, Youth Bureau Assistant Director Donna Napoli, Commissioner of Housing and Human Services Val Biscardi, and Councilman Timothy P. Mazzei.

Farmingville, NY - On June 16, Supervisor Mark Lesko, Tax Receiver Lou Marcoccia, Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, and Councilman Tim Mazzei presided over the Town of Brookhaven's Youth Bureau INTERFACE Awards ceremony at Town Hall. The event served to recognize the dedication and support of outstanding individuals, companies and organizations in the community who volunteer their time and talent to children and families in need.

"I am grateful to the service of the individuals and organizations that contribute so much of their time, talent and energy to our INTERFACE program," said Supervisor Mark Lesko, "These special volunteers help hundreds of families and children in the community and I thank them for their tireless efforts to improve the quality of life of Brookhaven residents."

"I am proud to meet and personally thank the Interface Award Winners who volunteer their time to help so many children and families in need throughout our Town," said Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh. "It's great to finally be able to put faces to the individuals that work so hard for all the residents of Brookhaven. If not for their dedication and service, many families would go without necessities we so often take for granted."

Councilman Timothy Mazzei said, "The INTERFACE Recognition Award winners are a unique and dedicated group of people who give so much back to the community. I thank them all for helping to make life better for so many of our residents who are in need."

"I salute the sponsors and supporters of the INTERFACE program which has been providing assistance to our children and their families throughout Brookhaven for over 23 years," said Receiver of Taxes Louis Marcoccia. "We owe a debt of gratitude for the partnership these business and individuals have provided to help their neighbors. Actions such as these are what make Brookhaven a caring community rather than just another town."
INTERFACE worked with over 60 businesses and corporations last year. These businesses donated everything from back to school supplies to food and heating oil for families in need. By working with the organizations and their employees who get involved by volunteering, the impact this program has on the community is even greater. This dynamic relationship between the businesses and INTERFACE is a great example of maximizing community resources to provide help for those in need.