

THE THERESA NEWS



THE THERESA ALESSANDRA RUSSO FOUNDATION

Fall 2009



What A Strike!

By: Elizabeth Einhart

What a strike! The return of Theresa's Fun Day on October 4th was a blast and a great success, raising over \$2,800 for the Foundation in an afternoon of fantastic family fun.

From the moment you stepped foot into Farmingdale Lanes you could feel the excitement pulsating in the air. Eighty-two bowlers came together for an afternoon of pizza, raffles, bowling, and some friendly competition! This time we even hosted a bake sale, where between bowling, supporters purchased tasty treats such as homemade cookies and brownies, and other delights like creamy cannoli and chocolate covered pretzels. Laughter arose from all of the lanes as adults and children alike did victory dances after strikes and spares!



The 50/50 raffle was won by Peter Marshall, an employee of the Farmingdale Lanes who very graciously and generously turned around and donated all the money right back to The Theresa Foundation! This year we had over 25 raffles, including a DVD player, Hannah Montana toys, an autographed baseball, and awesome tickets to a Ranger game, just to name a few highlights! Additionally, Farmingdale Lanes gave each child a book to take home.



Theresa's Fun Day was an extraordinary success! We would like to give a huge thank you to **John LaSpina and his family** (photo, bottom left) and **Jim Santora at Farmingdale Lanes** who went out of his way to make sure our afternoon was a hit. We would like to give an extra special thank you to **Judy Murdaugh Jackson**, Theresa Foundation Board Member, for co-chairing this awesome event. Also, to all of our supporters who baked goods, donated raffles, sponsored lanes, and came out to bowl. We are eagerly looking forward to next year's Theresa's Fun Day and hope you'll be there to join in the fun once more!



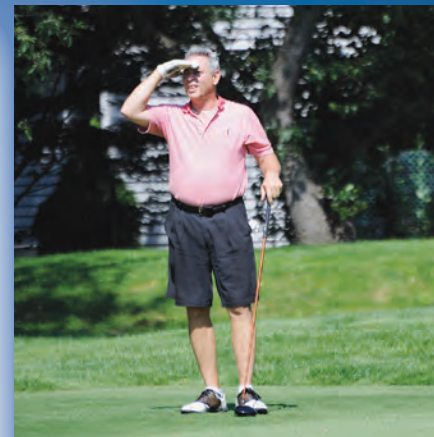


Swingin' Fore Theresa

By: Robert Russo

This year's golf outing was a smashing success! Neither the rain-date-delay nor the sweltering heat could keep our dedicated golfers from raising precious funds and having a great time in the process. This year's golf outing, held on August 10, 2009 at the Woodcrest Country club, raised \$20,500 which will allow the Theresa Foundation to continue supporting music, dance, art and recreation programs all across the country.

As always, special thanks goes to Steve Silverberg, our golf outing co-chair, the golf committee and to our event sponsor, Vincent J. Russo & Associates, P.C. Thanks to Linda Mullen and Judy Murdaugh Jackson (photo, left center) for their help during registration. Stay tuned for news on the 2010 "Swingin' Fore Theresa" Golf Outing!





for Children with Special Needs

Have a Recipe for the Next Theresa Cookbook?

It's not too late! The Theresa Foundation is still accepting recipes for our third cookbook: **Divine Deserts**. To submit your favorite savory, sweet, delicious, delectable, and divine desert recipe, simply logon to www.theresafoundation.org/divine-desserts.html



Successful 1st Semester

THE THERESA FOUNDATION would like to thank the following people for their generous donations to TAPA:

Tim and Francine Nay \$500 donation

The Gilfix Family \$500 donation

Dave Hungerford
\$500 donation for art supplies

Vincent J. Russo & Associates, P.C.
donation of electronic keyboard

Judy Murdaugh Jackson and Ayza Jackson
donation of props for dance/drama classes

Randi Bernstein
Nassau County Girl Scouts
Elise Arnone-Short
donations of art supplies

The Village Framer/John Lucey
donation of framing for artwork

We thank these angels for their quick response to our needs. TAPA is up and running, but a few items are still on our wish list. This holiday season, please consider making a donation toward one of the following items and bringing joy to the heart of a special child:

- \$175.00 to pay for one semester of Dance or Drama class for one student
- \$195.00 to pay for one semester of Art classes for one student
- Dance Floors • Wall Mirrors
- Ballet Barres • Musical Instruments
- (2) I-Pod docking stations for dance instruction



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A Special Thanks . . .

On Behalf of Pal-O-Mine Equestrian, I would like to graciously thank you for selecting our organization as one of the recipients of a 2009 summer camp grant. The charitable giving program established by your foundation is a testament to the individuals in this country who still believe in human spirit and compassion . . . in a world often filled with greed and acts of unkindness, a family foundation like yours is vital and, for individuals with disabilities, that much more important.

-Lisa A. Gatti
Executive Director
Pal-O-Mine Equestrian

Save the Date!

Mark Those Calendars

The **16th Annual Theresa Awards Dinner** will be held on **April 30, 2010** and will feature a fabulous '50s theme! Get out that poodle skirt, dust off your greaser jacket and get ready to Bop, Jive and Stroll!

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