

# THE THERESA NEWS



THE THERESA ALESSANDRA RUSSO FOUNDATION

Spring 2010

## A Triple Crown Success!

By: Robert Russo

**J**UST IN TIME for the Kentucky Derby, The Theresa Foundation celebrated its 17th Annual Awards Dinner with "A Night at the Races!" The evening was a great success, raising over \$38,000 for children with special needs and marking another year of progress for the Foundation.

The ballroom at the Bridgeview Yacht Club brimmed with excitement as attendees got into the spirit by sporting their own Kentucky Derby hats and taking in the decorations, including tables replete with stunning centerpieces featuring red roses and the names and silhouettes of Kentucky Derby winners from years past. Throughout the evening, attendees were serenaded by Belmont Park's official bugler, Sam Grossman, and everyone cheered along with our very own horse race, indeed the fastest two minutes in sports! Dinner and, of course, dancing followed.

Over the course of the past nineteen years, The Theresa Foundation has brought music, dance, art and recreation programs to life in countless schools and camps, not only on Long Island and in New York State, but in many small villages, towns and counties throughout the United States. The Theresa Awards Dinner is always the highlight and culminating annual event for the Foundation. It provides us with a moment to reflect on the great work of the many programs we support, and to recognize outstanding individuals whose commitment to the special needs community is truly remarkable. This year, the Foundation honored **Bob Policastro of Angela's House on Long Island**, and **Texas attorney Renée Colwill Lovelace** as our thoroughbred Derby winners! The



frail children at home. Since that time, Angela's House has given hope and support to countless families on Long Island. The Theresa Foundation is proud to recognize their extraordinary achievement on behalf of our special children.



Theresa Awards Honorees Bob Policastro and Renée Colwill Lovelace

Theresa Foundation grants, in the amount of \$5,000, have been given to charities designated by Bob and Renée.

In memory of his daughter, Bob Policastro started Angela's House in 1992 to provide families and professionals with an agency to help medically frail children and their families simplify home care options by coordinating the extensive array of services needed to support medically

Renée Lovelace received the National Academy of Elder Law Attorney's (NAELA) Theresa Award for community service in recognition of her professional commitment to the special needs community. Throughout her career, Renée has been on the national forefront of planning and advocacy for persons with special needs, dedicating her practice to making a difference for the special needs community.

The 17th Annual Theresa Awards Dinner was a smashing, Triple Crown success, bringing together family, friends and supporters to celebrate the spirit of Theresa. Thank you to our supporters for every gift, past, present and future that you have made or will commit to make to the Theresa Foundation. Even as we honor such wonderful individuals as Bob Policastro and Renée Lovelace, we remain honored by your support.

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**Thursday, June 30, 2011**  
North Hills Country Club  
Manhasset, New York

Honoree  
**Stephen J. Silverberg**  
*For His Community Service*

### Golf Outing

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Check In & Brunch

10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Driving Range and Putting Green

12:00 p.m.

Shot Gun Tee-Off

Green Fees • Golf Cart

Valet Parking included

### Gala Reception

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception  
and

Buffet Dinner

6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Raffles • Golf Awards

Silent Auction • 50/50 Drawing

Register online at [www.theresafoundation.org](http://www.theresafoundation.org) A portion of your contribution is tax deductible.

## REGISTRATION FORM

All checks should be payable to: THE THERESA FOUNDATION  
250 Lido Boulevard, Lido Beach, NY 11561 or Register online at [www.theresafoundation.org](http://www.theresafoundation.org)  
Please RSVP by June 8, 2011

#### (PLEASE PRINT!)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### GOLF PACKAGES:

\_\_\_\_ Individual \$400

\_\_\_\_ Tee or Green Sponsor \$150    \_\_\_\_ Pin Flag \$150

\_\_\_\_ Foursome \$1,600 (with FREE Tee Sponsor  
if paid by 6/10/11)

\_\_\_\_ Event Sponsor \$5,000 (includes  
Two Foursomes & Tee Sponsorship)

#### GALA RECEPTION:

\_\_\_\_ Individual – Open Bar & Buffet Dinner \$100

\_\_\_\_ Table of Ten – Open Bar & Buffet Dinner \$950  
Includes Tee Sponsor

#### PRIZES:

\_\_\_\_ 50/50 Raffles – \$15 each, 4 for \$50, 9 for \$100

*Winner does not need to be present to win*

#### Golfer/Foursome

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **I will attend the Gala Reception only.**

My guests are:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### AWARDS

Hole in One

Longest Drive — Men

Longest Drive — Women

Team — Low Gross

Team — Low Net

Individual — Low Gross

Individual — Low Net

Closest to the Pin — Men

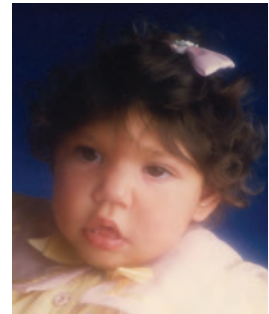
Closest to the Pin — Women

# Theresa Alessandra Russo Foundation



## THERESA

Once upon a time there was a little girl who had a pink wheelchair. She had big brown eyes, fabulous pig tails, and the greatest smile on earth. Every day she would go to school in a small yellow bus. Theresa and her friends would work very hard at school as it did not come easy. Their favorite part of the day was recess because they got to play on the playground. Theresa loved motion, music and being outside.



## THE THERESA FOUNDATION



When Theresa died, her family and friends established the Theresa Foundation to help children like Theresa. In her short lifetime, she was an inspiration to anyone who met her. In her memory, the Foundation supports music, dance, art and recreation programs locally and all over the country. In 2011, the Foundation gave over \$54,000 in grants to organizations, locally and around the country, which provided programs for children with special needs.

## THERESA'S FUN PLACE: A PLAYGROUND AND PARK

In a collaborative effort with United Cerebral Palsy of Nassau County, the Foundation renovated and rejuvenated the playground with the latest adaptive equipment so that hundreds of children can enjoy the playground each day. The Foundation continues to maintain the grounds on an annual basis.



## THERESA ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS



In 2009, the Theresa Foundation opened Theresa Academy of Performing Arts (TAPA) in Lido Beach. TAPA's mission is to provide children with differing abilities and their siblings with quality extracurricular classes in the performing arts. TAPA now has over 40 children participating in the Academy. TAPA also offers a Saturday Respite program and Summer Camp.

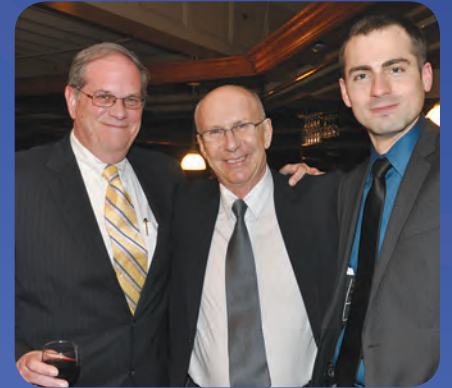
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# A Night AT THE Races

Seventeenth  
Annual  
Theresa  
Awards



# 2011 TAPA ART SHOW

By Jamie Cohen



Denise Ford with the TAPA students & faculty

On Saturday, April 30, 2011, The Theresa Academy of Performing Arts held its first and hopefully annual Art Show at the **Long Beach Library**. The opening was a success! We sold 17 out of the 58 pieces on display raising over \$700.00. The monies raised will go directly to support the TAPA art program by purchasing canvas, paints and other supplies for our artists.

This will ensure that our art students do not have to pay a "materials fee" in order to attend classes.

Nassau County Legislator Denise Ford attended, and purchased a painting by Charles Brennan for her office in Mineola. The artists, and their families, were beaming with pride.

The Theresa Foundation would like to thank the Leona Post Art League, as well as the Long Beach Library for their help, along with Ms. Stephanie DeMarco (Island Park), Bare Naked Bakery (Merrick), and the Fruit Bowl (Long Beach) for their donation of the delicious food for our reception.

A special thank you goes out to The Village Framer (Rockville Center), for framing all of the art so beautifully! Last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank our wonderful volunteers.

The TAPA exhibit was displayed at the Long Beach Library until May 28th. It then moved to the Theresa Building in Lido and will be available for purchase on June 23rd during our "End of the Year Workshop and Concert."

## Theresa Award Recipients and The Theresa Foundation Keep Giving...

### Bob Policastro

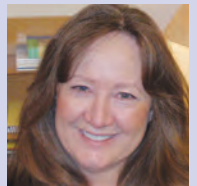
The Theresa Foundation has made a grant of \$2,500 in Bob's honor to **Angela's House**. In 1992, the not for profit was



created to offer families and professionals an agency to help medically frail children and their families. Angela's House I, named after his daughter, is located in East Moriches and opened in the fall of 2000. This beautiful home offers a loving environment with 24-hour nursing care. In the Spring of 2005, they opened Angela's House II in Smithtown.

### Renée Colwill Lovelace, Esq.

For her grant, Renée has chosen the following organizations which help children with special needs:



**Morgan's Wonderland** - to support the dance and music programs of the Sensory Village;

**Camp C.A.M.P.** - to support their CAMP Dance and Pawnee Prom;

**Camp John Marc** - to sponsor the Camp Dance and pay for one camper's week; and

**Door In the Wall** - to sponsor children's dance activities at the Bubba Reding Country Western Dance in September 2011.

We are pleased to announce that Susan Russo was honored by Nassau County Legislator Denise Ford with the 13th Annual "Women Trailblazers in the New Millennium". For the past 13 years, during Women's History Month, Nassau County has honored women who have made a difference in their community.



## Comedy Night!

The Theresa Foundation will be holding a *Comedy Club fundraiser* this summer, generously hosted by **Governor's Comedy Club** in Levittown, New York! To make a donation to the Foundation, and have some fun in the process, reserve your ticket today! Just e-mail [Info@TheresaFoundation.org](mailto:Info@TheresaFoundation.org) The event will be held on **Sunday, July 31 at 7:30pm** and tickets are \$20 per person.



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Save the Dates!



  
*Swingin' Fore*  
**Theresa**  
Golf Outing  
**Theresa Golf Outing**  
North Hills Country Club  
Manhasset, NY • June 30, 2011



**Comedy Night**  
**Fundraiser**  
Sunday, July 31, 2011  
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**Comedy Club**  
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