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**From:** Fred Powers <fred@powerspe.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2021 2:46 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** Clerk's Department  
**Subject:** Rippy Philipps Field Crossway

CAUTION: External sender.

Dear Mayor ,

I am writing to strongly endorse the naming of the field at Crossway the Richard "Rippy" Philipps Field.

Growing up in Scarsdale at 32 Marjory Lane, in the early 1970's I was introduced to the game of football through the Rec department in Scarsdale . Being a Heathcote student I had the privilege to fall in love with football because of coaches like Chuck Mercein and Mr Blitz who ran the league .

The lessons of teamwork , dedication , listening , being part of something bigger then yourselves were values instilled in you at a young age through youth football in Scarsdale .

Fast forward 3 decades, I am living at 21 Carriage House on the Mamaroneck strip . My son attended Quaker Ridge School and in 4 th grade he shared the same experience to play youth football in Scarsdale .

It was one person who was the glue and inspiration for the program, Rippy Philipps. While other towns were dismantling football , we had record numbers with 2 plus team per division . Real uniforms, practices 2-3 x per week . Schedule in a league vs other town on beautiful fields w refs .

It was the spirit , vision snd dedication of Rippy to get volunteer coaches to help guide and support the program . But make no mistake , it was Rippy who kept football alive for the youth of Scarsdale .

Rippy is an educator at heart . His love of football is second to his passion to mentor youth on and off the field. Be it difficulty in school , social issues , parental matters, college choices, helping get your first job . It was Rippy who cared snd carried the program on his back . Not paid, not for glory or press clippings , but for the heartfelt compassion to help others .

I had the fortunate pleasure to assist as a coach for several year fir the Scarsdale youth program . While it was nice to coach my son , I enjoyed being w Rippy and being part of something great . The impact on and off the field the youth football program gives the kids of Scarsdale in not measured w wins and losses . It is the building of character . Rippy Philipps is the backbone for over 4 decades in building character and mentoring the youth of Scarsdale .

Please , I highly recommend you to name the Crossway field after a man who dedicated himself to others to educate snd teach the youth in Scarsdale skill sets that last a lifetime .

Thank you , if I can be if any more help I am available for any questions or help.

Respectfully ,

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