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To: Mayor; Clerk's Department
Subject: The Richard "Rippy" Philips Field At Crossways

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing this email to express my deep gratitude and respect for Rippy Philips, and within those sentiments support a dedication in his honor at Crossway Field.

Rippy has been a supportive coach, mentor, and educator to my son, Harry Pontone since his first year of football, many years ago. For me, a mother of a son with special needs, it has always been difficult to find a place Harry feels comfortable, supported and part of a family. Rippy, has always made a place for Harry with Scarsdale Football. Rippy has gone above and beyond what any mother could ask for in a supportive role model for their child.

Through the past year, living with the isolation from COVID 19, I know my son has suffered. He is a current 9th grader, dealing with the transition to High School, and trying his best to stay positive. One major shining light this year has been the football program Rippy Philips has been able to sustain. Rippy reached out to Harry at the beginning of the season and included Harry in coaching flag football. This has kept Harry plugged into a foundational program which has been such a positive part of his life.

I am forever grateful for the love, kindness, and genuine concern Rippy has for all the children, including my own son, who has been blessed by Rippy's continual support. It is our hope the town will recognize Richard Philips for his devotion to the youth of Scarsdale by dedicating and naming Crossway Field in his honor.

With Gratitude,

Jody Pontone