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Dear Scarsdale Village Board of Trustees:

It is an honor to write to you today on behalf of Richard "Rippy" Philipps. My name is John Troxell and I am currently the Head Football Coach at Franklin and Marshall College, Rippy's Alma Mater. The game of football teaches life lessons such as accountability, commitment, how to be a part of something bigger than yourself and it builds character. For decades, Rippy has been developing young men and preparing them for life and teaching these lessons. I have seen first-hand how he has helped shape the lives and promote the football players of Scarsdale. F&M has had great players and people from Scarsdale who made their way to Lancaster thanks to the efforts of Rippy Philipps. You may be familiar with some of their names: Matt Capone, Paul Fix, Danny Mueller, Tim Leone, Jeff Leone, Nick Leone, Harrison Wirth, Tommy Ross, and Brenden Knopp. Not only did Rippy help them get off to college, I watched him first hand mentor many of these young men. He has helped all of these players network and eventually helped them find their first job. He has never turned his back on his kids, the youth program, or the town of Scarsdale. He has made the community stronger and better while never asking for anything in return. He has dedicated his life trying to help others and he has such a big heart. Simply put, Rippy has had such a positive impact on so many that I can't think of a better way or a better person for Scarsdale to honor by naming the football field at the Crossways Athletic Complex after Richard "Rippy" Philipps.

Respectfully Submitted,

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