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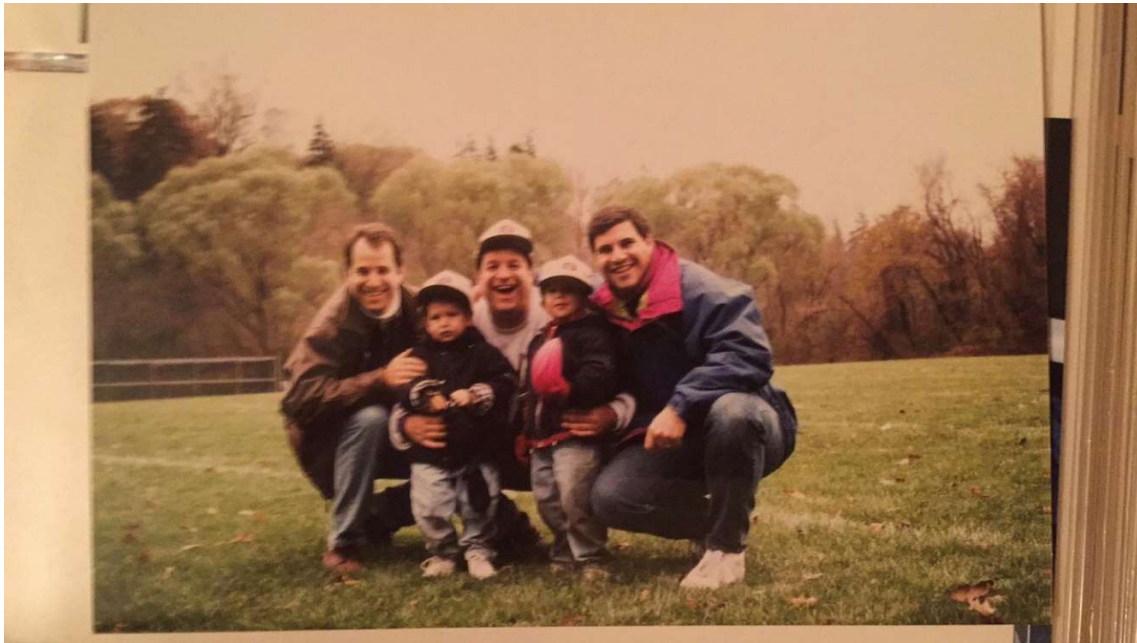
Dear Mayor Samwick and Board of Trustees.

My name is Robert Philipps, I am the proudest older brother of “Rippy”. I am 21 months older than him.

Why is he called “Rippy”?

I would like to give you the backstory on how Richard Philipps became Richard “Rippy” Philipps. We know as parents, that our children can expect to speak short single words at or around one year old. Then we hope for two words and more complex single words as two-year olds. Well I was that 21-month old that hadn’t developed the ability to say words with “ch” or “sh”. I referred to my new brother as “Rippard”. Our parents decided to shorten that to “Rippy”. Who would have thought that back in “1963” that this nickname would be everlasting and identity just one person in the world.

I would like to share one photo (circa 1996) exemplifying Rippy’s love of family and football on one Saturday Morning at Crossway field with Rippy surrounded by two of his nephews (all in Scarsdale Raider hats) and two brothers!



From L to R: Brother Michael, Rippy with nephews Harrison and Mark, Brother Robert

I will leave it to others to discuss Rippy’s coaching legacy, mentorship of girls/boys and selfless member of Scarsdale for nearly 30 years.

It would be so fitting to name the Athletic complex in honor of Rippy across the street from 60 The Crossway, the home our childhood. I appreciate your time and seeing to it that this field naming in honor of Rippy is brought across the goal line. Thank you.

Robert Philipps
SHS class of ‘79