

Donna Conkling

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To: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>, Clerk's Department <clerk@scarsdale.com>
Subject: Rippy Phillips

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Hello -

It has come to my attention that the town of Scarsdale is considering renaming the Crossway Field to honor Rippy Phillips.

I can't think of anyone that deserves this more than Rippy. I've known Rippy for almost 25 years. I moved up from Manhattan in 1997 with 2 boys ages 5 and 12 and they were automatically part of the Scarsdale community through their participation in football under the leadership of Rippy.

Rippy made every child feel welcome. He stirred up motivation in the children to care about the game and to give it their all.

They learned about dedication, hard work, dealing with defeat, and celebrating successes - all as a team.

He knew every child and their parents by name and showed a true interest in each player and wanting to make them the best that they could be. There wasn't a practice, game, or football celebration that Rippy missed. Plus he attended all the high school games and was the biggest cheer leader.

On the week-ends when Rippy wasn't with the kids on the football field, I would see him in local restaurants or just walking around town, always saying hello to everyone and engaging with the community outside of football. Everyone knew Rippy and Rippy knew everyone.

My children's fondest memories of Scarsdale are of playing football under the sponsorship, dedication, and hardwork of Rippy.

He created a community within a community. Everyone benefited - both the children and parents. And the boys to this day

have lasting friendships from their Scarsdale football days.

After a hard day's work there is nothing more than I liked to do, but go to Crossway Field and see the boys practicing football.

They were safe, they were engaged, they were learning, and they were having fun.

All thanks to Rippy.

Sincerely,

Sara Cass

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