

Nominations Sought For Christiano Award

Award Recognizes Distinguished Service

The New York District Past Governors Council wants to recognize and honor that "unsung hero," grass roots Kiwanian in your club with the New York District's highest Distinguished Service Award.

If you know of a Kiwanian who works tirelessly and continuously helping your club improve the lifestyle of disadvantaged citizens in your community and is seldom or never recognized for his or her efforts, you can reward them by submitting their nomination for this prestigious Distinguished Service Award. You may submit your nomination to any past governor.

Criteria:

The award is presented to one Kiwanian each year at the New York District Convention.

The honoree should be a living New York District Kiwanis member in good standing

who has exhibited outstanding meritorious service to individuals in the community and has contributed in an extraordinary manner over a significant period of years to the advancement of Kiwanis.

Governor-elects, sitting governors and past governors are not be eligible to be nominated for or receive this award.

Award presentation and expenditures will be furnished by the council only, and cannot be purchased by any club or individual.

Recommendations and proposals for award nominees must be submitted by a past governor and shall be presented in writing to the council chairman not later than Jan. 1 of each year.

Nominations can also be submitted to the current chair of the Past Governor's Council, Past Governor Joseph Corace, 2550 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11235.



Ed Sexton, the 2010 Christiano Award Winner, with the permanent trophy.

KPTC
Albany

Rick Sturm



In the early 1990s, New York State Kiwanians and members of its associated youth groups initiated its Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Program to establish statewide trauma units at hospitals located at Albany Medical center, Buffalo Children's Hospital and at North Shore Hospital on Long Island.

These hospitals were chosen as they embody their region's lifeline for access to advanced and specialized health care for children.

Our Capital District Kiwanis effort

for this project includes fund raising for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and most recently for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, both located at the Albany Medical Center.

Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

The Kiwanis effort for this project began in 1996 and has successfully raised \$500,000 for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Albany Medical Center.

This unit's main function was to improve the medical outcomes of children suffering from life-threatening accidents. In addition, funding allowed space for families to be with their injured children during their recovery.

Since we began, thousands of critically injured children were care for in a new 16-bed, state-of-the-art unit that provided necessary care while allowing family access to the recovering children.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

During 2011, 800 premature and critical ill babies received care in the NICU. This unit needed more space and needed upgraded advanced technologies in life saving neonatal care while ensuring ample space for families to be with their babies at a very critical time.

The Kiwanis effort in this area began during 2011 as the result of a request from The Albany Medical Center for financial help to improve facilities and care for critically ill babies.

The Kiwanis goal is to improve technology through the purchase of multi-purpose beds affectionately known as the "giraffe." The giraffe envelopes tiny patients in warmth and comfort while continuously monitoring precious babies with life-saving technology.

Each giraffe has a cost of \$50,000. We hope to purchase as many of these units as possible!

Incident Leads to CPR Training Effort

On the last morning of the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, Hudson River West Past Lt. Gov. Ed Flynn suffered a cardiac arrest and dropped to the ground.

Minisink Valley Past President Rich Malarski and Past Lt. Gov. Jim Lawler saved Ed's life as they performed CPR until the ambulance arrived.

On August 28, Lt. Gov. Sue Sheehan presented Rich

Malarski and Jim Lawler with an Everyday Hero Award for their actions.

Elaine Flynn, Ed's wife of 61 years, who was at the presentation to add her encouragement, has set a goal to convince all the Kiwanians in the Hudson River West Division to be instructed in today's CPR methods as a tribute to Rich and Jim.

Elaine also is working with the Wawayanda Fire Company to make CPR lessons available to all of the Wawayanda senior citizens.



Pictured, from left, are Sue Sheehan, Richard Malarski, Ed Flynn and James Lawler.