

L.I.J.S.L. Hall of Fame Inductee

Terryville Soccer Club

Anthony Maresco

Anthony has been actively involved in the Terryville Soccer Club since 1993. At that time, he volunteered in the intramural program. In 1995, Anthony was elected to the Executive Board as the Travel Treasurer. From 1998 to 2004, he served as the Assistant Coach for the Terryville Fire. Finally, from 2000 to 2009 as President of the Terryville Soccer Club.

Although all these things combined show Anthony's contributions to the youth soccer program, it is what happened behind the scenes that truly shows his voluntary contributions to the development of youth soccer on Long Island. When Anthony became President, the club was floundering. It was unorganized, financially unstable and had no direction thus affecting the soccer program offered to the children. Anthony took charge of the situation. With the help of his board members, rewrote the constitution and then distributed it to the coaches and members of the club so everyone had a written set of directions. He also put the club finances in order. He hired an accountant and established Terryville as a non-for-profit organization. As a result, the club could now focus on our intramural, interleague and travel programs.

Through Anthony's dedication to the players he has built up the Terryville Soccer Club to what it is today. Thanks to his hard work we have increased our programs thus providing an outstanding soccer club for more children. He has worked with the Board at providing professional trainers for our coaches which directly affects our players. Many of our players continue to play travel well into their High School years because of Anthony's dedication to them and the program.

Anthony has always believed that every child who wants to play soccer, no matter what level, should play soccer. He has helped numerous families so that their children can participate in our soccer programs without worrying about the financial burden.

Anthony has also introduced the Soccer Club to the community. He encourages and supports teams that have volunteered to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Each year the club runs a Thanksgiving Food Drive to assist those in our community. The Soccer Club also adopts a local family at Christmas time. Thanks to Anthony's commitment, the Soccer Club is teaching our players that giving back to the community in which they play in, is also very important.

Not stopping at the club level, Anthony served on the East End Referee Project. He has volunteered for the Long Island Junior Soccer League holding various positions, such as Games, Supervisory, Rules and Coaches Arbitration Committees. Starting as a Supervisor, then Coordinator and finally Girls Chairperson for the Waldbaum's Challenge Cup.