



## BOB AND LAURY GO TO CAMP! CAMP ABOUT FACE

By: Laury Gelardi

When Bob and I got married in 2000, we asked our family and friends not to give us the traditional wedding gifts, but rather to make donations to the Theresa Foundation. With the \$10,000 that was collected, Vincent and Susan asked which project we wanted to support. Without hesitation, we stated that we wanted the funds to go to Camp About Face for the development of their Leadership Academy.

**Camp About Face** is a 1-week summer camp held in Martinsville, Indiana for children from all over the country with craniofacial deformities. It is run by the Craniofacial team from Indiana University. Director Trish Severns approached Bob and I and asked if we would be interested in helping them develop a Leadership Academy that would be aimed at the 15-20 yr. old participants to teach them how to mentor the younger children as well as some life skills to be used as they headed for college. The program got off the ground in 2002 and we were delighted to give their keynote address at the 2004 Leadership Academy.

"We are the Champions" was the theme of our presentation. Bob and I, in our Braves shirts, did a "Pop Quiz" of historical and sports trivia for which the kids earned prizes (and they knew the answers to every one of them!). We talked about reaching for their dreams and daring to go for them. We talked about community service and ways to give back. But....most of all....we were

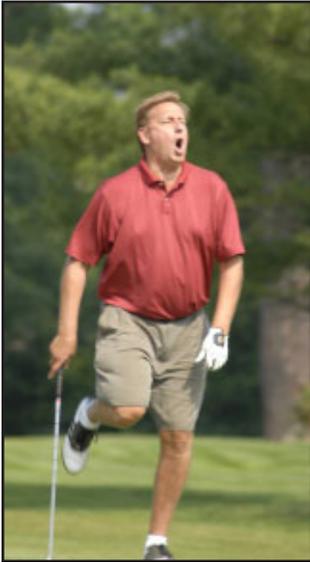
inspired by them as they reached out to touch our hearts.

We watched as one Leadership Academy participant reached out to another when hid behind a tree for the entire first day. He befriended him and mentored him the rest of the camp. This was the first time many of these kids felt "normal," but they were anything but normal to us! They were amazing. They were bright and energetic and compassionate and caring. They were eager to give us an insight into their world. They were giving and open and quite verbal about their anticipated contributions to the waiting world. Putting all obstacles behind them, they were eager to learn from each other, from their counselors and from us and to go forward in their life's work.

Camp About Face was first funded by the Theresa Foundation when it was designated by NAELA Theresa Award Recipient Scott Severns in 1997. We have continued to support the Camp each year and have been a major influence on the development of their Leadership Academy.

For a child to attend this Camp, the cost is \$375 plus airfare from home. You can send a child to camp next year by earmarking your donation to the Theresa Foundation. It is a marvelous program that warms your heart and renews your faith in the human spirit!





# FORE ... OUR FRIEND FRITZ

By: Linda Mullen

*Fritz Kunish honored by the Theresa Foundation as a "Special Angel" for his years of support to "Swingin' Fore Theresa" Golf Outing.*

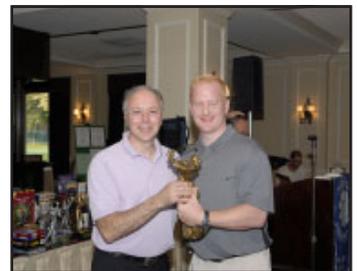
For a golfer, every day is a perfect day for golf, and this year's golf outing was extraordinary. The course at the Woodcrest Club in Syosset was in tip-top condition.

"Swingin for Theresa" was once again organized under the capable hands of our Co-Chairs, Vincent J. Russo and Stephen J. Silverberg. 75 golfers came out to play in this year's event. Our Jet Blue Hole in One Challenge was a new addition to our outing. The fine day was well documented by our good friend and Theresa photographer, Ron Pacchiana, who volunteers his time to our outing. Ron captured everything...the good, the bad and the ugly! After a day of golf, the serious part of the event began - cocktails, dinner and prizes.

We wish to thank everyone - golfers, sponsors, committee members and volunteers who helped make this another successful event. We raised over \$19,000 which will be used for recreation programs for children with special needs.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at

**The Woodcrest Club  
Monday, June 23, 2008.**





**Neither sun, nor rain, nor heat of day stays these courageous volunteers from the swift completion of their duties.**

**On Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, The Theresa Foundation held the Greatest Yard Sale Ever III at The Theresa Center in Lido Beach.**

The yard sale keeps getting better each time it's held! Setting up for sale began very early on a very hot and humid day. Folks were lined up ready to come in at 9:00 a.m. sharp when the gates opened. There was a variety of interesting and unusual items for sale. There was something for everyone!

We were visited by shoppers throughout the day. By day's end, we had some very tired and very sunburned volunteers. We made over \$1,200 to help fund music programs for children with special needs!

The **"Greatest Yard Sale IV"** will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Come and support this wonderful event.

Visit our website at [www.theresafoundation.org](http://www.theresafoundation.org) for more details.



## A Special Thanks ...

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Russo:

There are no words to explain how much this means to us. Lucas is autistic. He is nine years old and very lovable but almost completely non-verbal. I have heard so much about horse therapy and how much it can help a child with autism — especially with communication.

Honestly, I never thought we would be able to get him on a horse but one day during a show at Pal-O-Mine he took a pony ride and he loved it! I knew this was something we had to try. Thank you for giving all of us this opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Mike, Ann Marie, Lucas and Jason Freddi

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October 6 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)  
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All Proceeds to benefit art, music and dance programs for  
Children with Special Needs



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# YARD SALE RAFFLE

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 a Raffle Ticket

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 Raffle Tickets for \$10

## PRIZES

Theresa Foundation Baskets

Theresa Cookbooks

Drawing will be held on October 6th at 3:00 p.m.  
(winner need not be present to win)

We are collecting gently used items from supporters.

If you would like to contribute to the sale,  
please bring items (tagged with a price) to

250 Lido Boulevard, Lido Beach,

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,

from now until Thursday, October 4th.

Please call in advance - 516-897-7100.

We appreciate your help.

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