



# TWELFTH ANNUAL THERESA AWARDS

The 2006 Theresa Awards Dinner Dance marks only the second time in its twelve year history that we are celebrating Theresa's Birthday on the exact date of her birth. It's the perfect occasion to share in the colorful, musical and festive theme of "Cinco de Mayo."



Charles P. Sabatino is the recipient of the 2006 Theresa Award in Community Service, presented each year to a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA). His life and career have been an inspiration, and his achievements have touched the lives of thousands.

This year, we will be presenting the first Theresa Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously to Scott Pollock, whose life we, and all who follow us, are privileged to share. As you read his story, your heart will connect to this most extraordinary young man.

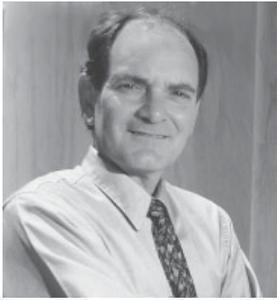


Scott Pollock  
(1989 - 2005)

We are proud and honored to feature Scott Pollock and Charles P. Sabatino in our Spring, 2006 edition of the THERESA NEWS. Both of their stories in their own unique and special ways will inspire all our friends.



Charles P. Sabatino  
Washington, DC



## "SOCIAL ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS" *"Charlie's Story"*

An interview with Charlie Sabatino is like a stroll with a new friend through your favorite community park ... the "stroll" becomes a casual, relaxing "tour" of his life which has brought him much fulfillment and success both personally and professionally. Make no bones about it, Charlie is not exactly comfortable with "celebrity" or awards.

The Theresa Foundation and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) had their hands on the "pulse" of his generous heart and achievements when they selected him as the recipient of the 2006 Theresa Award in Community Service. His history with NAELA includes Past President and ongoing advocate "behind the scenes" of the rights of seniors and persons with special needs.

A very warm and loving smile comes over Charlie as he shares thoughts of his wife, Christine, to whom he has been married for thirty-four years. Neither Charlie or Christine are lost for words when it comes to their children: Connor, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, who is currently working as an aide to a State Assemblyman at the Capitol and starting law school there this Fall; and Carol, a senior at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and hoping to enter the VCU graduate school of social work in the Fall.

In college, Charlie began to demonstrate his interest in many social issues of the time. With a Bachelors degree in hand from Cornell University in Psychology and Philosophy, Charlie took on social action by interning in Adolescent Development for the New York State Division of Youth Camps while at Cornell. Shortly after, he became a research assistant with the Office of Child Development in Washington, DC. This was the beginning of the unknown for him, personally and professionally.

As newly-weds, Christine and Charlie became "houseparents" to a group home of thirteen to eighteen-year-olds suffering from emotional disorders who had been transferred from psychiatric hospitals. He immediately began to demonstrate special skills and talents in social services, working with kids from the city who were delinquent ... the "street-wise" kids who thought they knew everything, but who were suffering from enormous behavioral problems. His success on the job led to an early appointment as director of the facility, as well as a strong interest

in the court system and juvenile justice. After three years, this job well-prepared Charlie for another "plunge"... law school at Georgetown University.

During law school, he worked at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington as a legal advisor for juveniles. After law school, he became a senior citizens lawyer at Legal Aid Society of Arlington, Virginia. Without a mentor, Charlie took on the senior citizen caseload - another professional "plunge!"

Before long, his accomplishments began to draw the attention of different people and agencies, including the American Bar Association which offered him an opportunity in policy research which he accepted, taking him to a professional sabbatical for the two year project. In time, this project became the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging. Charlie is now the Director of the Commission.

His work does not end there, it also includes teaching Law and Aging at Georgetown University Law School since 1987, and volunteering as Public Policy Chair of NAELA and in the Medicare Part D Counseling Program and the senior clinic at George Washington University.

His dedication to people awakens in each of us the thought that we live in an affluent world, and that there is so much more to do for others. He believes there is no better time than the present for social action and education as he continues to advocate that our country has been blessed, and we must serve the vulnerable and the growing number of people with special needs. He sums up his philosophy beautifully when he says: "The more God gives, the more is expected of you." In Charlie's case, his generous heart makes it all happen because he has never feared the "plunge."

In the spirit of true recognition, The Theresa Foundation is proud to honor Charles P. Sabatino with the 2006 Theresa Award for his outstanding contribution in community service.



## **"Failure is Not an Option"** *Scott's Words Live On*

He dribbled, he passed, he scored .... he had the confidence of a basketball pro .... he was one remarkable young man who knew how to live, how to love, how to compete and how to inspire. All of it came very naturally to Scott Pollock whom the Theresa Foundation honors posthumously with the Theresa Lifetime Achievement Award.

He loved and lived for basketball. His twenty-nine teammates on the basketball team at the Henry Viscardi School of Albertston, Long Island were his extended family. He was on his way to becoming a special basketball star when he passed suddenly from an aneurism in the neck in December, 2005.

His extraordinary sixteen years have left a landmark to inner strength, courage, determination and self-confidence. Scott is a hero and role model to all those, no matter what age, who have a dream. His life prescribes the formula to success, first as a human being who lived with self-dignity and self-respect for his "wholeness" and second as a person who lived in the world of "ability" and not in the shadow of "disability."

To his loving and devoted parents, Mady and Scott, their son, Scott was "remarkable" .... "able-minded" .... "never disabled at any time .... never" .... "things that seemed awesome to people, were just ordinary to Scott." To his coaches, he was an "inspiration," and to his many friends, he was "someone to learn from."

Maybe it was his radiant, self-assured smile or perhaps the sparkle of life in his eyes or maybe the warm affirming glow of his parents, the affection of his sister, Lauren, who nicknamed him "Bubba," the support of relatives, friends and teammates, but whatever the ingredients, he has made the kind of difference that makes history. Years to come, young people, as well as adults, will continue to view in awe the videos he has left us of his basketball games, television, radio and print interviews.

Any one who has come into contact with him is a changed person because Scott Pollock was an "unstoppable" force of energy, a teacher of wisdom beyond his years. His words of encouragement will last forever as gifts of inspiration, words like: "Don't quit .... just keep going, no matter what your goal is .... you can do whatever your heart desires ...."



In response to questions from television reporters about his incredible achievements, Scott reduced the word "extraordinary" to "ordinary" when he said: "It's competition .... like the NBA .... I'm used to it .... people think it's awesome, but to me and my team, we see this everyday." Nothing was a big deal. He lived that simple philosophy on and off the court and considered himself a "regular kid."

No story about Scott would be complete without mentioning his best friend "Judah", a yellow Labrador, who was always there for him whether to play ball, or simply pick up the "stuff I am always dropping." He truly appreciated "Judah" at home with his family, but knew that "when I go to college, and I am in the real world, I will really need 'Judah.'"

Scott inspired many kids to follow their dreams, and to strive for their goals. Something he did for adults, as well, through his life experience. It is in that spirit that the "BUBBA FUND" has been formed by his family and friends. One of Scott's dreams was to start a Motorized Wheel Chair League. With the generosity of people who believe in his inspiring life, Scott's dream can be realized through the Bubba Fund. For more information, log on to [www.thebubbafund.org](http://www.thebubbafund.org).

As a tribute to Scott at the Twelfth Annual Theresa Awards, we will celebrate his life: the gift he is to his family, to all those who love him, and to all of us who he has inspired and will inspire."

The Theresa Foundation is honored to present the first Theresa Lifetime Achievement Award to his parents, Mady and Scott.



Save these Dates!



# Twelfth Annual Theresa Awards

Friday Evening, May 5th, 2006

7:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

8:30 p.m. Dinner and Dancing

Monday, June 19, 2006

Woodcrest Country Club

Syosset, New York

Bridgeview Yacht Club

Island Park, New York

Brunch 10:00 a.m.

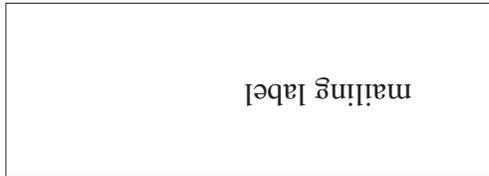
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Bridgeview Yacht Club, Island Park, New York



## Honoring

<b>Scott Pollock</b> <i>Lifetime Achievement Award</i>	<b>Charles P. Sabatino</b> <i>Theresa Award</i>
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## GRAND PRIZE RAFFLES

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: *\$1,000 American Express Gift Certificate*

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