

THE SECOND ANNUAL JOY OF SPORTS FOUNDATION RECREATIONAL SPORTS VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER



Thursday, June 13, 2019



Celebrating individuals making a difference in the lives of youth athletes and recreational organizations in our community.

Dear Guests,

Welcome and thank you for joining us at the Second Annual Recreational Sports Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Our annual event tonight is about celebrating rec sports in our community and raising funds to enable us financially to continue pursuing our mission of 'Fostering Fun in Youth Athletics' by:

- *Helping maintain and expand rec sports activities*
- *Offering training opportunities to coaches, athletes and parents to help improve athletic experiences*
- *Promoting collaboration amongst the recreation organization community*
- *Sponsoring recognition activities to acknowledge the vital efforts of volunteers*
- *Recognizing athletes who best exhibit the characteristics and qualities of a Triple-Impact Competitor*

Additionally, we strive to help build a community of interaction and mutual support among all of our community's recreation organizations not only at the dinner, but throughout the year. We hope you will take the opportunity to mingle with other guests and meet new people.

In closing, while our primary focus tonight is to honor the many individuals being recognized for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments, this event is also intended to raise funds to support our mission. While celebrating, please consider participating in our raffles and silent auctions.

On behalf of the Joy of Sports Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for all you do for our community and for joining us tonight. We hope that you have a wonderful evening!

Terry Singer

Chair, Board of Directors/Founder
The Joy of Sports Foundation, Inc.

Order of Program

5:15 p.m. | Registration & Cocktail Reception

6:30 p.m. | Dinner
by Woo de La Kitchen

7:00 p.m. | Presentation of Awards

8:30 p.m. | Final Remarks & Announcement of Raffle Prizes

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In cooperation with the Positive Coaching Alliance, and in partnership with Hershey High School, the Joy of Sports Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of a Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship. Two Awards of \$500 each will be granted each year to one male and one female Hershey High School Senior.

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2019 Scholarship Recipients



Nate Shaw



Elizabeth Newman

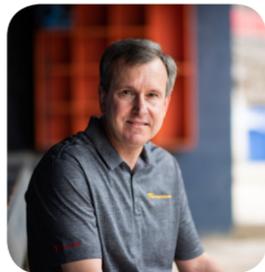
Recreational Awards



Scott Young

Hershey Aquatic Club

Tenure with Organization:
12 years



For 12 years, Scott served Hershey Aquatic Club as a technical support expert. He knew the ins and outs of swim meet technology, which is very involved and easy to mess up! He got started serving the club because his wife thought he would enjoy the experience. He really enjoyed the friendships he developed with people he worked with while he served HAC. To future volunteers, he offers the advice “don’t be afraid to jump in and start helping.”



Natalie Nutt

Hershey Youth
Field Hockey Association

Tenure with Organization:
4 years



Natalie has been actively involved in Hershey Youth Field Hockey for four years as a coach and on the board. She began not only because her younger daughter started playing, but also because she has great memories from her field hockey experience. She has enjoyed the group of volunteer parents she works with, who create a fun and positive environment for the players. One of her favorite parts of serving has been working with the youngest players. “The camaraderie that the girls build with one another is amazing.” When considering what to share with future volunteers, Natalie acknowledges that everyone is short on time and is juggling many responsibilities. But recreation sports exist because of volunteers. “Coaching is not the only way to help the rec sport community. You can offer help even if you do not know the sport. There are many ways rec sports can utilize volunteers including professional services assistance and administrative support.”



Gary Johnson

Hershey Youth
Basketball Association

Tenure with Organization:
16 years



Gary has served on HYBA for 16 years. He started serving HYBA due to his love of the game, the opportunity he saw to make the experience better, and because he had close friends to collaborate with on the journey. He is grateful for the way he was able to help grow the program from grades 3 to 6 and expanded it to grades K through 12. Because of Gary's service, the high school program continues to develop, with over 100 players annually. To the future basketball volunteers, he says, "Keep changing with the times and listen to the players. The most honest feedback is from those who are involved in the program." Over the years of hard work and endless hours, Gary finds the time well spent. "Seeing the response from the players and the successes on the court made it worth every minute of time volunteering."



Jen & Alan Paynter

Hershey Blaze Track Club

Tenure with Organization:
7 years



The Paynters have served on the Hershey Blaze Track Club for seven years and formed Blaze as a means to keep their kids training and enjoying track. Alan had the experience growing up as a competitor for USA Track & Field/Amateur Athlete Union (AAU) in South Jersey, so he was aware of the opportunity for kids to compete regionally and nationally. They started coaching kids in track and soon Blaze began. Jennifer used her attention to detail to help keep the organization on track as they began to gain traction. Family values and sharing joy have been two decision drivers for the Paynters. They have always encouraged their kids to spend time with family and to share the love of running with all who want to partake in Blaze. Future and current Blaze volunteers, remember to "Enjoy the ride!" as Coach Alan Paynter says. "Have fun helping someone else have fun. Seek ways for every young athlete to enjoy this sport, whether they are competing and winning or simply showing up to practice. All are valuable parts of the organization. Be creative and do not limit what we can and will do for the kids."



Myron "Mac" McCurdy
Hershey Youth
Football Association

Tenure with Organization:
8 years



For eight years and counting Myron has served on the Hershey Youth Football Association. He has been the president, player advocate, parent liaison and trainer. He has also served on other organizations such as Hershey Little League, Hershey High School Softball and Hershey High School Football. One thing he loves about volunteering are opportunities to have fun and teach the kids and their families. Myron wants to remind current and future volunteers, "It's not about you. Most folks won't recognize or value what you do for their kids or the community, but when we do good things for others, we feel better about ourselves. It's a lot of fun helping to build bridges that others will get to cross after you."



Erin Moran
Hershey Girls
Softball Association

Tenure with Organization:
10 years



Erin's commitment to Hershey Girls Softball Association began first as a player on the Hershey High School Team. After finishing her playing career at Marywood University in Scranton Erin appeared back on scene first coaching her oldest daughter, Julia when she was 6 years old. Erin has been a consistent presence in the Hershey Girls Softball program moving up as her girls advanced through the program. Erin Moran coached the girls U8 team this past spring and currently coaches the Hershey Crush U14 team and is in her third year as the president of the organization.



Patrick Meister
Hershey Little League

Tenure with Organization:
8 years



Patrick has served on the Hershey Little League (HLL) for eight years in a variety of roles. He first started as he was looking for the opportunity to interact with and impact the youth in our community. His son played when he was younger, so Patrick helped as a coach, starting with tee ball. He later served as a board member and treasurer. Pat leads the sponsorship drive and has been the fall ball commissioner for five years. He is also assists the legion coaches as their scorekeeper. He has enjoyed using his professional skills to help develop and advance Hershey Little League. Moreover he was able to interact with and teach the children who have grown up with his son. He valued watching them develop not only as better athletes, but also watching them develop into young men who enjoy competition, teamwork, supporting one another and the game of baseball. To future HLL helpers he says, “Even if you doubt how you can help or how you can make a difference, start by doing something, however small. The first step of volunteering is the most important. The rest of it will come together and you will create experiences and memories that you will cherish for the rest of your life.”



Jeff Snavely
Hershey Soccer Club

Tenure with Organization:
10 years



Jeff Snavely served Hershey Soccer Club for 10 years. He first started helping out when his daughter played. He wanted to spend more time with her so he became an assistant coach for her team. One of Jeff’s favorite parts of serving the club was hearing the laughter of the younger kids at their games. It was “a continuous reward for all (his) time and effort.” He encourages future volunteers by saying, “Don’t be afraid to put yourself out there and volunteer to be a part of your child’s activities. These programs won’t exist without volunteers and you will get more out of your volunteering than you think.”



Bob Cerminara
Trojan Youth Wrestling

Tenure with Organization:
10 years



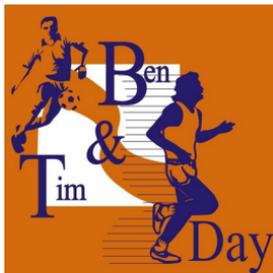
For 10 years Bob has served Trojan Youth Wrestling. He served in a number of capacities, including president, head coach, Director of Operations, Tournament Director, Advisor to the Hershey High School coaches, financial consultant, visionary, and donor. He began volunteering for the club due to his love of the sport, his desire to help kids, and the opportunity to give back. During his time volunteering, Bob has especially enjoyed observing and coaching through the process of changing what the kids believe they were capable of doing. He has also loved providing opportunities, experiences and memories for the youth and their families. Bob has a few imparting words to share with future volunteers. "Stay focused on inclusion and serving the kids. Remember the number one rule – have fun!"

*Congratulations to all of the
2019 Award Recipients!*



Thank you to all the recreational organizations in Derry Township for joining us this evening and for your partnership in recreational sports in our community!

Joy of Sports Champion Award

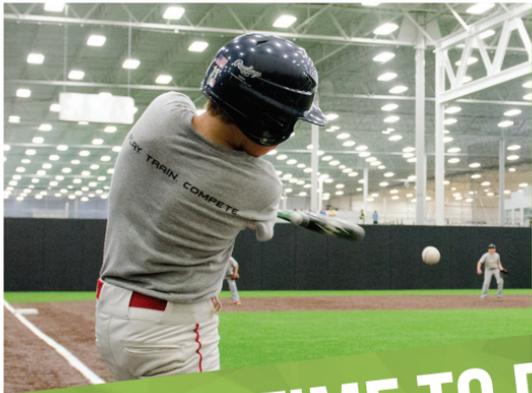


Bill and Paula Russell

Judy and Jan Yupcavage

Tim Russell started the Ben & Tim Day race when in the winter of 1991 he wrote to the Derry Township Board of Supervisors requesting to have a 5k run in the community. Unfortunately, he would never see the fruit of that letter. On January 23, 1992 he and his friend Ben Yupcavage were killed in an automobile accident. Shortly thereafter, the Derry Township Board of Supervisors approved the idea and concept of a road race in Hershey. Mr. Al Fricke, Mr. Steve Koons and the Hershey High School Cross Country team and parents held the first Ben & Tim Day in August of 1992 which included a 5k and 1 mile run in memory of Tim Russell (a standout runner), along with a soccer tournament in memory of Ben Yupcavage (a standout soccer player). That was the beginning of Ben & Tim Day, a day of fun, exercise, and the promotion of two great sports, soccer and cross country running. Through the proceeds from this event the Ben Yupcavage and Tim Russell Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarship awards each year to students graduating from Hershey High School. Over the past two years Fitness for Focus has spearheaded the 02 challenge, a day of fun and exercise for ambulatory individuals with special needs to show themselves, and the community that "Yes, they can."

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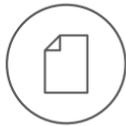
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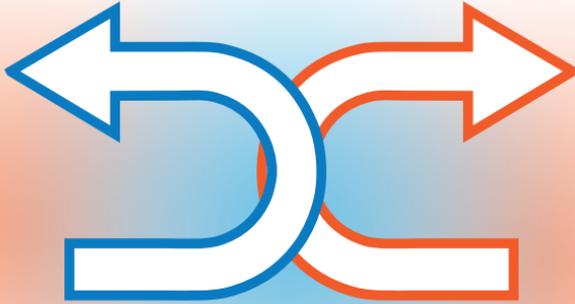
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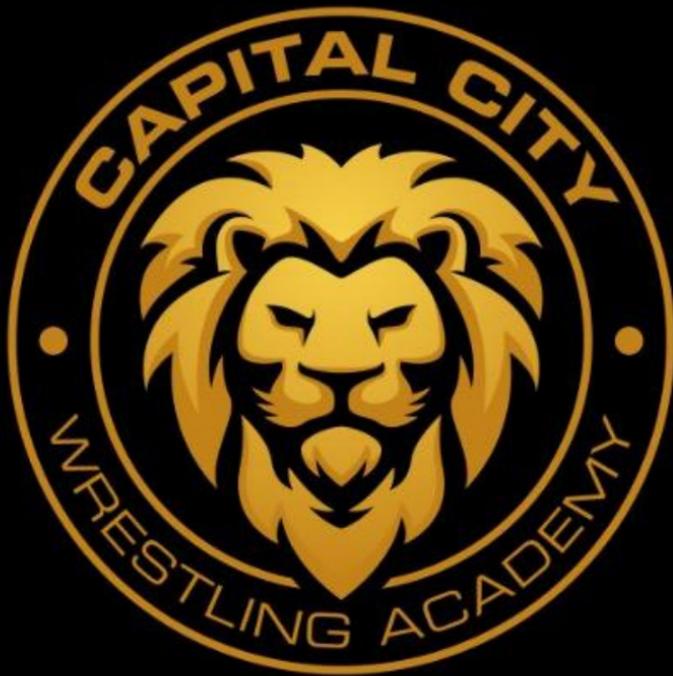
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