



# ADRIENNE GIANNADEO

## 2023 Community Service Award

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Adrienne Giannadeo was born in 1941 in Brooklyn, but her family soon relocated to Valley Stream, where she spent her formative years. Her educational journey began at Saint Boniface Catholic School for elementary school, and she went on to graduate from Elmont Memorial High School. After high school, she pursued her passion for education by attending Brookport University, majoring in Elementary Education. It was at Brockport that she crossed paths with her future husband, Richard, who had come to the university to give an oral presentation. Adrienne earned her degree in June 1962 and married Richard on December 29, 1962.

The couple immediately settled in Kings Park, becoming the first occupants on Spencer Way, a property and brand new home they acquired for \$18,000. Adrienne embarked on a dedicated teaching career in the Kings Park School District, where she spent over 26 years educating and inspiring young minds. Alongside Richard, they established a loving family in Kings Park and were blessed with three children, Faith (Lawrence Bernard), Stacey (Nicholas Zuccala), and Keith.

While residing on Spencer Way, Adrienne became an active member of the local community, collaborating with fellow Catholic women on the block to establish The Rotary Society for St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. She played a vital role in organizing fundraising events and engaging in various community service initiatives.

In 1991, Adrienne's commitment to community service led to her appointment to The Town of Smithtown Board of Zoning Appeals. She made history by becoming the first woman to serve as Chairwoman, a position she held for an impressive 14 years. Even to this day, Adrienne continues her dedicated service on The Town of Smithtown Board of Zoning Appeals.

Adrienne's exceptional contributions to our community have not gone unnoticed. In 2012, she was honored with the Woman of Example award by the Smithtown Business & Professional Women. In 2014, she received the Community Service Award from The New York State Teacher's Union. She also served as a Past Trustee of the Smithtown Historical Society, preserving and celebrating Smithtown's rich history.

Her commitment to community service extends to her involvement in various organizations, including the St. Catherine of Siena Advisory Board, St. Joseph's Catholic Daughters of America, and the Smithtown Sunrise Rotary. She volunteers for both The Kings Park and Smithtown Chambers of Commerce.

Adrienne's family has continued to grow, and she is now a loving grandmother to two grandchildren, Vincenzo and Emiliana. Her life is a testament to the power of dedication, service and community involvement, making her an exemplary figure in Smithtown and deserving of The 2024 Kings Park Chamber's Community Service Award.