On Saturday April 18th, 2020, The GRACE Foundation will hold its annual Gala at the Vanderbilt at South Beach, 300 Father Capodanno Blvd, at 7pm. This year’s honorees include our four founding board members: **Barbara D’Amora, Cathy Muracca, Diane Peruggia and Diane Rodriguez. We will also be honoring their children: Nicholas, Thomas, Alexa and Jessica as the shining stars. Anthony Gerardi, from Partners in Sound will be receiving the “Partnership with GRACE” Award for his years of teamwork with The GRACE Foundation.**

The GRACE Foundation’s mission is to support, educate and enhance the quality of life for individuals and their families impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). We provide innovative and progressive programs and services to hundreds of Staten Island families. Autism affects 1 in 59 children nationally.

As we approach the gala, we will be assembling baskets to raffle the night of the GRACE Foundation Annual Gala. Any new items that you or someone you know can donate would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off at two different locations: The GRACE office, 460 Brielle Avenue (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) or Colonial Funeral Home, 2819 Hylan Blvd (and mention GRACE).

Items that we are requesting (but not limited to) are:

- Gift certificates
- Airline tickets
- Hotel stays
- Gift Baskets
- Toys
- Jewelry
- Theater tickets
- Liquor
- Sports Memorabilia/tickets, to name just a few

It is our hope that you will help us brighten the smiles and enhance the quality of life for our children, teenagers, young adults and caregivers, who approach each day with tremendous courage and hope, not allowing themselves to be defined or marginalized by Autism. In order to have our programs and services grow, we must reach out to the community for our fundraising needs, and together we can truly make a difference.

The donated items and/or financial donation will help us sustain and expand our programs and services. Together with teamwork, we can strive to achieve the quality of life that these children and adults living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) so richly deserve. For more information contact Cathy Del Priore, Director, Development, Special Events &Community Relations at 718-983-3800 Ext. 223

Thank you for your support!

Joie & Michael Lanza
Gala Co-chairs

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