

A Community Working Together

The Village Elementary School and the Syosset Braves Football and Lacrosse community have come together to bring lacrosse and Girl Scout cookies to St. Mary's, MercyFirst – a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy whose mission is to inspire hope and promote the healing for children and families by providing quality human services and educational opportunities while advocating for social change.

Village parent, Tom Rooney who is the Sylax (Syosset lacrosse) president and the Syosset High School lacrosse coach donated lacrosse sticks to the Mercy boys so they could participate in their first ever lacrosse clinic. Syosset youth football coach Pete Cerrone organized the clinic and taught lacrosse fundamentals in shooting, cradling, and catching. He was assisted by Syosset youth football and lacrosse coach and Village parent Eric Majoy. The boys enjoyed the clinic and will be able to continue practicing their new-found skills with two lacrosse nets donated through the Village school student council fundraiser. On the sweeter side, Syosset youth football coach Ed Gilbert's daughter, Kate, organized a cookie drive on behalf of Mercy First. She is a member of Brownie Troop 127 at St. Patrick's School in Huntington. She had the idea to ask if her cookie patrons might be interested in donating a box of cookies to the boys at Mercy. Kate collected sixty boxes! She delivered her bounty with the help of her brother, who is also a Syosset Braves running back, Jack and mom, Jean. The boys were so thrilled with this sweet and generous gift. Thanks to Kate and all the Syosset coaches for their kindness and caring! Go Braves!

On April 25, 2009, MercyFirst will host a charity Wheelchair Basketball Game event. For more information, contact MercyFirst at 516-921-0808.





Here is Alan, a MercyFirst resident, Erin Ferguson, Recreation Director at MercyFirst, and Brownie Kate Gilbert, along with Mayer, a service-dog in training.