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## WINNERS

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Alan J. Kelly University executive

Alan I. Kelly of Lynbrook received the Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer of the Year Award from the



Long Island Chapter. Vice president for development and alumni affairs at Hofstra University since 2005, he is responsible for Hofstra's fundraising, including the recent \$110-million capital and endowment campaign. He also has provided counsel to clients in higher education and religious and health organizations, raising more than \$450 million



Laurie Murdock Executive director

Laurie Murdock of Port Washington recently received a certificate of recognition from Hempstead Town for the "many



contributions she has made to the autism community," Murdock, a mother of two autistic children, is founder and executive director of the Mosaic School of Autism, a Wantagh-based private school founded in 2004 that serves children with autism ages 5-21. She was honored by Town of Hempstead Councilman Dorothy Goosby during the school's Community Inclusion Day in August.

James W. Reed Business consultant

James W. Reed of Oceanside was honored at the Fred Breuithut Memorial Golf Outing coordinated by the School-



Business Partnerships of Long Island for "30 years of community service and his work with more than 150 nonprofits." He was deputy commissioner of the Nassau Consumer Affairs office from 2001 to 2009 and has contributed to groups such as the Salvation Army, American Cancer Society and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He has raised more than \$52 million of in-kind donations during his career.

Rita Regan Nurse

Rita Regan of Massapequa received the 2010 Best Practices Award for Nassau/Suffolk from the New York Organiza-



tion of Nurse Executives for efforts to reduce readmission rates for those with congestive heart failure. She is quality coordinator for Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip, where she and an interdisciplinary team enacted changes in patient education and communication - including rapid identification of the primary caregiver and a "call-back" program following patient discharge.

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