



# FREE BLAST

## FEBRUARY 2017

Thank you to these NYSID membership organizations for forging new Preferred Source opportunities.

**MEMBER AGENCY OF THE YEAR**  
TRI Business & Career Center

More than 100 community residents throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties are benefiting from meaningful employment and wages on NYSID Preferred Source opportunities through TRI. Collaborating with NYSID and American Maintenance, a Long Island-based custodial business, TRI trains and places individuals in janitorial and grounds maintenance jobs at more than 20 different Preferred Source customer locations. This includes important customers such as the State of New York University campus and hospital, Pilgrim Psychiatric Center and the Town of Brookhaven.

In a recent success story, TRI partnered with American Maintenance at Nassau Community College (NCC), a large 24/7 contract employing 27 individuals with disabilities in a demanding, fast-paced environment. TRI individuals enjoy the high-profile work associated with NCC and other Preferred Source customers, and the resulting opportunities for growth and recognition for a job well done.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**  
Thomas France

Tommy personifies how TRI Preferred Source employment opportunities change lives. After years of poor personal choices and low-paying mental work, he was referred to TRI for an intensive training program in custodial maintenance and soon built up both his job capabilities and soft skills.

Tommy was then selected for the NCC janitorial services contract through the TRI and American Maintenance partnership. He is considered a leader among his peers, and says, "TRI saw something in me that I didn't see in myself. Because of that, it opened up doors for me as a person."

**TRI was featured in NYSID's Newsletter**

**NYSID**  
Preferred Source Solutions



Special Needs Got Talent in partnership with BroadHollow Theatre Company



DSE and DSW Valentine's Bake Sales

**Fancy FREE Valentine's Celebration**

**Fancy Free**



FREE Hosted the Melville Chamber of Commerce



United Way Awards



\$12,100 - Healthy Living



\$27,648 - Youth Leadership and Family Education



\$14,500 - Long Term Sheltered Employment



\$7,000 - Supported Employment

FREE and Stony Brook School of Professional Development were awarded the UPCEA National Engagement Award



**PWW Paint Day at Fancy FREE**

**Fancy Free**



The FREE Your Mind Speakers Bureau Presented to PWW



PWW Participants enjoyed a stress-free yoga class

**Adelante Weekly Homeless Shower Program**

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**FREE Lightening Snowshoe Team**

**FREE LIGHTNING**

**FREE's Theatre Program created Friendship Trees**

**Adelante Cardiac Health Events**

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**FREE's Workforce Development Class from Wyandanch High School participated in a field trip at Cradle of Aviation Museum**

**NYCB PRESENTS Cradle of Aviation Museum and Education Center**

**PWW created ceramic masterpieces at ClayTime**

**ClayTime**

**FREE partnered with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office in Youth Re-Entry Task Force**

**Suffolk County Sheriff's Office**  
Long Island, New York  
Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

**FREE's TBI Program hosted the BIANYS - Long Island Chapter Meeting in our Hauppauge Location**

**BIANYS**  
BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE

**Valued Team Member, Angela Maguire, won the Advocacy Valentine's Day Raffle Basket**

**TRI and ACDS connected their individuals together with a "Pen-Pal Program"**

**TRI** **ACDS**

**PRONTO**  
of Long Island Inc. People helping People

Pronto is an Imagine Awards Finalist for the Social Impact Award

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**"Roberto's Sidekicks" at the Applebees Flapjack Fundraiser**

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