



2023

YEAR IN REVIEW



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ten years ago, we embarked on a journey with a vision to create a safer, more inclusive environment for our community. Today, as I reflect on our achievements, I am filled with gratitude for the tremendous support we have received from individuals like you who share our commitment to fostering kindness, empathy, and respect.

In 2023, our coalition achieved remarkable milestones that underscore the positive impact of our collective efforts. From engaging with schools and communities to hosting awareness campaigns and educational workshops, we have continued to make strides in raising awareness about the detrimental effects of bullying and empowering individuals to stand up against it.

Our 10th-anniversary celebrations were not only a time for reflection but also a moment to acknowledge the countless lives we have touched and changed through our programs and initiatives. Your steadfast support has played an integral role in our success, and for that, we are truly grateful.

As we step into the new year, I am filled with hope and anticipation for what lies ahead. The challenges we face may evolve, but our commitment to combatting bullying remains unwavering. In 2024, we envision expanding our reach, collaborating with new partners, and implementing innovative strategies to further amplify our impact.

Your continued support is paramount to the realization of our goals. With your encouragement, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals, fostering a culture of kindness and understanding.

In closing, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your ongoing support and belief in our mission. Together, we have achieved significant milestones, and together, we can build a future where every individual feels safe, valued, and respected.

May 2024 be a year of continued collaboration, growth, and positive change.

Sincerely,
Joeseph Salamone, Executive Director

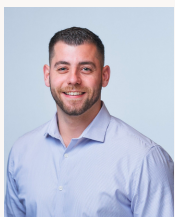


Asaf German Spring Anti-Bullying Scholarship

Victoria Zovich was named the recipient of the 2023 Asaf German Spring Anti-Bullying Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. The scholarship is made possible by the generosity of the Law Offices of Asaf German.

LICAB Appoints Three New Board Members

In 2023 we were thrilled to announce the latest additions to our Board of Trustees—Anthony Camello of Nexis, Arthur Conte of Hyl Conte Law, and Chris DiLeonardo of Jovia Financial Credit Union. Their collective expertise and commitment to our cause make them invaluable assets to our organization.



Anthony



Chris



Arthur

LICAB's Executive Director Named Inaugural Nonprofit Media Trailblazer Honoree

NYNMedia honored LICAB Founder and Executive Director Joe Salamone at their inaugural Nonprofit Trailblazer Awards held in New York City honoring individuals who are difference makers in the New York State nonprofit industry and the communities they serve.



OUR MISSION

Emphasizing the importance of bully free communities on Long Island through education, increased awareness and therapeutic outlets.

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LICAB Co-Hosts DASA Panel Discussion for Long Island School Leadership Teams

LICAB co-hosted with Ark Technology Consultants an important discussion for school districts DASA: Navigating the Dignity for All Students Act, sponsored in part by Jovia Financial Credit Union and moderated by Lisa DeMarco.

The event, attended by over 70 school officials including superintendents, principals, social workers and guidance counselors from across Long Island addressed best practices for DASA as well as answered some key questions regarding bullying and school responsibilities.

Thank you to panelists:

- Joe Salamone, LICAB Executive Director
- Matthew Pomara (MMP) of Ark Technology Consultants
- Bob Vecchio, Executive Director of the Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Assoc.
- Mark Secaur, Superintendent of Smithtown Central School District
- Christopher Shishko, Partner, Law Firm of Guercio & Guercio

NY Governor Hochul Appoints LICAB Executive Director to Statewide Task Force

In August NY Governor Kathy Hochul named LICAB Executive Director Joe Salamone to a newly formed statewide task force tasked with analyzing the impact of cyberbullying across New York state as well as advising state and local officials and making recommendations on how the state can best support students, families and schools in combating its impacts.





Deer Park Senior Awarded Annual Upstander Award

LICAB presented our Community Upstander Scholarship Award, in partnership with the Deer Park School District, at the annual Senior Awards Ceremony. The award, a \$1,000 scholarship, is given to a graduating senior who shows a strong desire to support and accept others around them and who, along with a strong sense of integrity, has embraced anti-bullying strategies and works to preserve the dignity among all students. This year, the award was presented to Ms. Yasmine Sanchez. Congratulations, Yasmine!

Supporting the Sayville STRIDES Community Carnival

LICAB was thrilled to once again participate in the Sayville Strides Carnival! What an amazing event filled with so much fun and community engagement. We loved the conversations that we had with the students and the community and are so appreciative of the wonderful notes everyone wrote to include in our Smile Packages!





LICAB Co-Hosts Awareness Walk with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island

LICAB Recognizes Suicide Prevention Week

LICAB joined fellow nonprofit colleagues and Legislator Joshua A. Lafazan as they recognized suicide prevention, the 988 hotline and the many resources that all members of the community have access to if they are in a crisis.

"Over the last 10 years since The Long Island Coalition Against Bullying began, we have seen an alarming rise in the number of bullied kids who not only contemplate but complete suicide. We must continue to amplify the message that seeking help is not only an option, but an imperative. We must also not stop just at helping those struggling, but continue to educate those around us on the consequences of bullying, depression, and suicide and encourage everyone to have the courage to check on one another."

- Joe Salamone



LICAB was thrilled to continue its important partnership with BBBSLI and the collaborative work with youth by hosting an awareness walk at Eisenhower Park.



LICAB Partners with Town of Oyster Bay to 'Put Bullying on Ice'

In partnership with the Town of Oyster Bay, to recognize October as Bullying Prevention Month, LICAB co-hosted the 'Put Bullying on Ice' event. The event, a 3 hour free skate night for families at the TOB Skate Center, also served as a community outreach event to access families and children with needed resources.

LICAB Celebrates 10th Anniversary with Gala Honoring Founding Board Member and Suffolk County Sheriff

LICAB celebrated 10 years in the fight against bullying on Long Island with its annual gala at the Woodside Club in Muttontown honoring the Director of Operations for Huntington based Borg Insurance Agency & Associates and LICAB Founding Board Member Sean Bickoff. Suffolk County Sheriff Dr. Errol D. Toulon, Jr. was awarded the Resiliency Award in recognition of his commitment to Long Island's youth and his ability to overcome adversity.

LICAB Expands Student Recognition Program to Lindenhurst Middle School



LICAB expanded its Community Leadership of the Month Award program to Lindenhurst Middle School and presented the first award for December to 6th Grader Darian Azize in recognition of exemplary spirit, character and positive actions towards his community and those around him that make the world a better place. Pictured with Darian and Joe is Lindenhurst Middle School Principal Frank Naccarato.

If you would like to see this program come to your school, reach out to info@licab.org!



LICAB Hosts Annual Golf Outing

LICAB hosted its annual golf open honoring founding partner of the law firm Quatela Chimeri, Mr. Christopher Chimeri, for his efforts to positively impact youth across Long Island and his commitment to the organization. The event, now in its 10th year, serves as the largest fundraising event of the organization as well as a unique opportunity to involve individuals in the mission of the organization throughout the day.



Are you interested in sponsoring a LICAB event or discussing how you can become a LICAB annual program sponsor?

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Thank You!

LICAB Named 'Nonprofit of the Year' by Long Island Business News



The Long Island Coalition Against Bullying was honored to be recognized as the Nonprofit of the Year at the 2023 Long Island Business News Corporate Citizenship Awards. Accepting the award on behalf was Founder and Executive Director Joe Salamone and Board Chair Cara D'Agostino.

Mission Recap

In the 2022-2023 school year we:

- ✓ Met with 6,860 students from grades K-12 across
- ✓ Visited 209 classrooms
- ✓ Spoke at 17 schools
- ✓ Partnered with 13 districts
- ✓ Our outreach volume increased by 169% over 2022

In 2024, we expect to:

- ✓ Double the number of students we speak to in the academic setting
- ✓ Increase our programming accessibility
- ✓ Strengthen our partnerships with third party children's groups
- ✓ Expand the size of the organization to better serve the Long Island community



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