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## HERO SPEECH

**Vince Scanelli is a hero in the community for many reasons. His contributions have enriched the lives of Colts Neck residents in a tremendously positive way! He is a hero because he started SSNY (Someone Special Needs You), a playgroup for special needs kids in the community. He helps those in need and makes time for others. He inspires people everywhere.**

**He inspires people because this group was the first one in our area and now many towns have started similar groups because of the example Vince's group showed. These towns recognized that ALL children deserve a safe, non-judgmental environment to just be a kid. Kids go there to make crafts, play games, and celebrate holidays and seasons.**

**In forming this playgroup, Vince created a true community experience. Local high school students volunteer their help, and learn compassion, while doing a community service. The parents of the special needs child get a well deserved break for a couple hours, and local businesses donate supplies and cash. The club has been going strong for over 10 years and Vince has been donating all of his time free to these kids who need it most.**

**In my opinion, Vince Scanelli is a true hero to our community.**