Carver Center creates scholarship in honor of Anthony Pizzarello

Thirty-plus-year volunteer veteran and Port Chester native Anthony Pizzarello died on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. He will be profoundly missed by the Carver Center Family. He leaves a legacy of volunteerism and selflessness—showing that no matter your age and resources, you can make a lasting difference in the world.

Carver Center staff and board members have joined to fund a scholarship in honor of Mr. Pizzarello. The scholarship will embody the model of volunteerism that Mr. Anthony displayed each and every day at Carver Center. The goal of the scholarship is to encourage young people to do what he did gallantly—lend a helping hand to fellow brothers and sisters in their time of need. Applications will be available in February 2015 with the winner announced in the spring.

Mr. Anthony, as he was lovingly called by many at Carver, was truly a member of the Carver Center Family. He was a friend to Carver Center for more than 30 years; he was a donor, a staff member, and in his later years, a full-time volunteer at their Food Pantry and senior citizen programs. At his 91 years of age, Mr. Anthony continued volunteering at the Food Pantry every day, even calling to apologize if he was running a bit late—his dedication to the community center ran that deep. With a mind that was sharp as a tack, he entertained whomever would listen with stories of World War II and how he helped rescue Holocaust victims from concentration camps as a soldier, of his travels around the world as a young man, of the years of hunger and need during the Great Depression, and of his late wife—who would remain the love of his life and whose picture he kept in his wallet. Mr. Anthony had a deep impact on many at Carver who remember him with love and gratitude.