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## GEC Honors Verrazano Rotary Club



On Monday, February 12, the Guild for Exceptional Children (GEC) honored the Verrazano Rotary Club for their support in helping to purchase a wheelchair accessible van. The van will provide transportation for GEC residents with developmental and physical challenges as they travel to medical appointments, day programs, and community activities. The GEC was proud to present the Rotary Club with a ceremonial stone on their "Tree of Life," and a special sign on the van is in memory of Cono De Paolo, a Rotarian for many years.

Rotarians gathered to present a check in the amount of \$20,000 to members of GEC's Board and Administration. The program featured welcoming remarks from Paul Cassone, GEC's Executive Director & CEO. Thank you remarks were given by Frank Sena, 2nd Vice President, GEC Bd. of Directors. Michele Ferrara, GEC resident offered heartfelt words of gratitude. Melvin Matos, GEC program participant, sang a tribute song "The Wonder of You," to express appreciation to the Rotary Club for their generosity.





