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## **DANBURY PAL TO HONOR TWO LOCAL HEROES EILEEN KLINE & ARTIE HADDAD At 5TH ANNUAL SPOTLIGHT BREAKFAST**

**Danbury, CT** – On Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Anthony’s on the Lake, The Danbury PAL will celebrate its 5th Annual Spotlight Breakfast honoring two Danbury community leaders. This years’ honorees are longtime Danbury legends and PAL *Lifers* , **Eileen Kline & Artie Haddad**. Both have been influential to the PAL through their unlimited contributions. Kline and Haddad have done everything from running PAL programs to fundraising to being Chairpersons of the PAL board. Eileen recently completed her 25<sup>th</sup> year as *Director of Travel Basketball* for the PAL while Artie remains a vital part of the youth non-profit serving as chair of the Golf & Raffle committee where he has helped raise upwards of \$250K over the past 15 years.

*“Eileen and Artie are the lifeblood of the Danbury PAL. They have literally kept the lights on and the doors open for thousands of families living in the greater Danbury area. There is no greater representation of heroism, volunteerism and community leadership than these two legends,”* said Danbury PAL Executive Director, Vince Jackson.

Board of Directors President, Chad Bock added. . . *“Both Eileen and Artie have played an integral part in the Danbury community providing numerous programs and mentorship for our youth. Without their countless hours of dedication to the Danbury PAL organization through endless fundraising efforts, board positions, and spearheading programs we wouldn’t be in the position we are in today.*

The Danbury PAL Spotlight Breakfast began in 2019 to “Spotlight” local heroes who have worked endlessly to make our organization what it is today. Honorees are not only recognized during the annual breakfast, but they are also inducted into the **Danbury PAL Hall of Fame**. Past Honorees include **Bob Guerrera (Executive Director)** , **Reggie Moore (Basketball)** **Kara Prunty (Health)**, **Karen Simmons (Swimming)**, **Mark & Nancy Cammisa (Wrestling)**, **Joyce Robbins & Joann Tatarzycki (Cheer)**, **Dave Arconti Jr. (Grants)**, **Fred Carboni (Softball)**, **Kurt Schlemmer (Softball)**, **Jackie DiNardo (Basketball)** & **the Late Bob DiNardo (Softball & Basketball)**

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*The Danbury PAL's mission is to aid in the positive development of youth by offering a wide range of programs and services to meet their mentoring, athletic and recreational needs. We accomplish this mission through our 18 youth programs that run year-round. Danbury PAL serves over 900 area families with over 4,000 in total participants of boys and girls ranging from 5-18 years of age. In addition, over 15,000 people use the PAL center for various community, organizational and private events. For more information, visit [www.danburypal.org](http://www.danburypal.org)*