

PRESS RELEASE

Local Youth Center (BCBA) Prepares for Legal Challenge against the West Islip Board of Education | Must Postpone their 11 Year Anniversary Celebration

Seeks Community Support in their David VS Goliath Battle

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West Islip, NY – On the eve of its 11 year Anniversary, BCBA an All-Volunteer Non-Profit Organization, must postpone their Community Fitness Challenge Celebration originally slated for March 21st 2015.

A privately funded 501-C3 charitable organization, BCBA has been serving Long Island's youth with quality, structured sport programs designed to empower kids with teachings of self-reliance so they can go on and become Champions in Life!

Two years ago after being displaced by Hurricane Sandy, BCBA moved into the gymnasium at Westbrook Elementary, a school that had been closed despite community outrage.

Hoping it could deliver the community some relief by providing its residents with low cost recreational youth services, BCBA moved into Westbrook on January 1, 2013. Now, after two years of impeccable service and affordable programming, the WIBOE has threatened to evict BCBA citing a series of false lease violations.

"This whole thing stinks, from how the BOE closed this facility, to how they sold it to us, to how they are now trying to take it back. I am very upset that we have to postpone an event planned to celebrate our 11 year history because we must focus our attention and resources on preparing our counter civil action. These past two years BCBA has worked extremely hard building the positive energy we have in our space; all that has been sucked out in one fell swoop by a bunch of deceitful bureaucrats", said Ray Bettinelli, Head Boxing Coach and Director of Operations for BCBA.

In the meantime, BCBA has planned a series of "FUN"draising Friday Events for the hundreds of kids it services. The events include Dodge Ball, Nerf Wars, Kan Jam, Basketball and more. The first event, Nerf Wars is slated for Friday 3/20/15 from 7pm to 9pm. A \$20 donation is required and ALL kids ages 9 thru 12 are welcome. There is a \$30 sibling discount for parents dropping off two children. Pre-registration is suggested as only 30 attendees are permitted.

BCBA operate their huge facility for under \$50K a year. Anyone looking to learn the truth and join their fight can lend financial help by visiting the www.SaveBCBA.com website where people can get the facts and link to the BCBA GoFundMe campaign.

For additional information on BCBA and its programs call (631) 412-3686 or please visit us online at www.BCBA.info

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