

# The Albert P. Melniker Award



A discretionary award presented to a special person, group or structure that adds to the quality of the life of the Staten Island Community. It was named as a tribute to Albert Melniker, the founder of the building awards program, for his service, commitment, and dedication to keeping Staten Island a beautiful place to both live and work.

This year's Albert P. Melniker award is presented to Charles LaGanga and a special group of benefactors that donated time, labor and materials to make life more comfortable for a little girl with severe disabilities and her family.

That little girl, Alexia Trimarchi, was born with spastic quadriplegia cerebral palsy, mental retardation, a seizure disorder and gastronomy deficits, along with visual and verbal impairments and is in need of constant care.

Mr. LaGanga spearheaded an effort to renovate the Trimarchi family's Rosebank home with a 500 square foot addition that includes a new bedroom and bathroom. The group of dedicated professionals worked tirelessly to complete this project and no detail was overlooked

The following individuals and businesses are recognized and honored for their dedication and community service in greatly improving the quality of life of little Alexia and her family.



## **Charlie La Ganga** **Direct Access Partners**

Jerry & Barbara Smith  
J. Smith Construction

Doreen Rizzi  
D.J.R. Expediting

Nino Cutillo  
Nino Auto Repair

Vincent-Laurino  
Bob Mim's Heating & A.C.

Mike Perciballi  
Perciballi Container Service

John Gaudio  
John Gaudio Landscaping

Jim Mangone  
J. Mangone Construction

Gus & Arthur DiLeo  
Cardinal Electric Supply

Ken Dowling & Nick DeMonte  
K.E.D. Electrical Contracting

Alexander Conti  
North Western Mutual

Victor Nicholson

Egidio & Michael Pereiza  
Island Concrete

Leon Chantsev & Tim Black  
4 Him Construction Inc.

Greg Canto  
Premier Drywall

Alex Federico  
Coastal Plumbing

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John DiNaso & Sons

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1444 Partners LLC

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Barranco's Piping & Heating

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Consulting Engineer/Planner

Frank Recce

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The Royal Press

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Pugliese Construction

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Verrazano Tile

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National Grid  
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Duke Tile Ltd.

Danny Palletto  
Avant Garde Painting

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TCA Architecture

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Bay Ridge

Richmond Senior Services

John Toby  
Diamond Ready Mix

Phyllis Franchini  
Flag Container Service

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