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Montclair, NJ, June 12, 2002 - On Thursday, June 27, The Ray Festa Memorial Fund will hold their third annual "Night of Minor League Baseball" at Newark's Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium to watch Rick Cerone's 2001 North Division Champion Bears take on Duffy Dyer's Bridgeport Bluefish. Among the many notable players on the team is former Mets pitcher Mark Leiter, former 1990 All-Star Game starting pitcher Jack Armstrong and others who have spent time in the "Big Leagues"

Tickets for the game are \$55 each for adults, kids 12 and under are free with the purchase of at least one adult ticket. The cost of ticket includes entrance to a private party, an all-you-can-eat field side buffet, contribution to the Fund, Silent Auction of Sports Memorabilia and raffle drawing. Anyone interested in buying tickets or donating an item to the auction and/or raffle may do so by calling 973-744- 1541 or 201-460-4296.

The Ray Festa Memorial Fund was formed in 1992 in memory of Ray Festa, a lifelong resident of Montclair who was strongly committed to the town and its residents. Ray was well-known for his community involvement as well as through many of his entrepreneurial endeavors. Earlier, while at Montclair High School he was a standout Varsity letterman in baseball, basketball and football.

In his honor, his family and close friends formed The Ray Festa Memorial Fund with the intention of awarding scholarships to deserving Montclair High School scholar-athletes who also possess Ray's capitalistic spirit.

This year's grant was awarded on May 22nd to Allesandra Altieri. Miss Altieri, appropriately following the career path of Ray, will attend The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College.

Proudly, The Ray Festa Memorial Fund continues to grow through many successful fundraising efforts. The outstanding support of the RFMF has allowed us to make donations to Cancer Research and Treatment (CR&T), a cancer research clinic affiliated with New York Weill Cornell Center in New York City.

Past fundraisers have included "Skyline Jam" outdoor concerts, Night of Racing at the Meadowlands as well as the Newark Bears baseball games. For more information on the Ray Festa Memorial Foundation, please write to RFMF, 119 Christopher Street, Montclair, NJ 07042.

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