

Safe's 9th Annual Family Awareness Day a Great Success

Safe's Annual Family Awareness Day. Held at Morgan Park on June 7, was created nine years ago to promote family unity and a substance abuse free environment. Well attended, the free event once again has something for everyone. There were several vendors, food, face painting and music, including a visit from the Glen Cove EMS, Glen Cove Fire Department, Glen Cove Police Department and the National Guard Counter Drug Task Force.

Participating agencies and area businesses included: SAFE, the Glen Cove Youth Bureau, Glen Cove After 3 Program, The Anti-Tobacco Action Coalition of Long Island, Glen Cove YMCA, NY Life, Affinity Health, The Safe Center of Long Island, NY State Department of Health, LI Health and Welfare Council, Wilson's Martial Arts, Risa Smiley Time Face Painting, Adrenaline Entertainment, Chris Clark Stunt Show, DJ Gary Rivera, Girl Scouts, LICADD, Kona Ice, ARNG Counter Drug Task Force & the Glen Cove Fire Department and the National Guard.

Every family had the opportunity to try and win a raffle prize donated by

generous donors including donations from SAFE Board and staff members, the City of Glen Cove, the Glen Cove United Methodist Church, the Glen Cove PBA, the Glen Cove Lions Club, The Pool Store of LI, Panera Bread, La Placitia, The View Grill, Franks Beer & Soda, The Glen Cove Beer Distributor, Vito's Pizza, Pollo Campero, Bagel Cafe and Starbucks which provided free advertising, entertainment and food. Raffle prizes that promoted family togetherness and community involvement included Elite Resorts, The Downtown Cafe., Rising Tide, NY Jets, Adventure Land, YMCA, St. Rocco Bakery, Ben's, La Famiglia, Fabulous Nail and Spa, NY Cosmos, NY Giants, Long Island Ducks, Chicago Cubs, Sal's Pizza, Bagel Café, Starbucks, Splish Splash, Melba's New Look, Locust Valley Bagels, Valley Trophy, Glen Cove Cinema, Alsteade Farms, NY Red Bulls, Sundown, Salon Pop, John W. Engeman Theater and Glen Floors.

And, like last year, there was also a bicycles stunt show performed by Chris Clark who also engaged youth in a discussion about making healthy choices

and living a drug free lifestyle. SAFE, Inc. disseminated alcohol and substance abuse literature to help raise awareness in the community regarding youth drug and alcohol prevention.

SAFE's Family Awareness Day is true to its name-people left more aware of how to live a healthy lifestyle, children learned the importance of making the right decisions and everyone left remembering that SAFE remains

committed to helping the Glen Cove community. The event was funded and supported by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, We Care grant from the Nassau County Bar Association and private donations.

For further information on SAFE, Inc and their initiatives contact SAFE at: 516-676-2008 or visit the website at www.safeglencove.org

