



From left, LPGA Hall of Famer Betsy King; John Akkerman, Executive Managing Director MacKay Shields; John Kim, President and Chief Investment Officer; Tony Malloy, SMD-CEO NYL Investors; Chairman's Council Agent, Bob Petrocelli, Jr., Manhattan Office; Richard Nightingale; President and CEO of Westhab; Chris Blunt, EVP and President Investment Group; Jeff Phlegar, Chairman and CEO MacKay Shields; Joel Albarella, Senior Managing Director Strategic Technology Investment Group.

Commitment to community

Bob Petrocelli has been an integral part of Westhab's mission for more than two decades.

Chairman's Council Agent, Bob Petrocelli, Jr., Manhattan Office, was recently honored by the nonprofit Westhab for his more than 20 years of service to the organization. Westhab provides housing and social services for homeless and low-income families throughout Westchester County and the Bronx, N.Y. Petrocelli, who serves as the First Vice Chair the charity's board of directors, was recognized at Westhab's 13th annual golf outing at GlenArbor Golf Club in Bedford, N.Y.

"Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care. When my clients and friends see me in this light they treat me differently than any other insurance agent," Petrocelli says of the impact working with Westhab has on his standing in the community.

Since 2009, Petrocelli has received three Community Impact Grants from the New York Life Foundation — totaling \$60,000 — for his support of the charity.

"Westchester County has some of the wealthiest people in the United States, but also some of the poorest. Westhab continues to do great work to educate, and provide housing and job placement to those throughout the county who need it most," says Petrocelli, a lifelong resident of Westchester County. "I especially appreciate the opportunity Westhab has given me to work with children in our community. It's great to see these kids get access to resources and be able to thrive."

Petrocelli was joined at the golf outing by several New York Life executives, including President and Chief Investment Officer John Kim, Executive Vice President and Investments Group President Chris Blunt, and Business Information Office Dave Castellani. New York Life was among the tournament sponsors.

"It's a very good feeling when you can get the top brass at New York Life to be a part of supporting Westhab. We know New York Life is doing good work, which is very important to me," he says.

As First Vice Chair, Petrocelli plays a critical leadership role in Westhab's fund-raising efforts. "Bob brings endless energy to our board and a deep commitment to Westhab's mission. He is an amazing ambassador for Westhab and

we know that he will continue to champion our cause in his new role," said Westhab Board Chair Jesse Krasnow in a press release announcing his appointment in 2015.

Petrocelli first became involved with Westhab while on the board of another Westchester-based nonprofit. "We made a clothing delivery to a Westhab shelter one evening and I was very impressed by their operation," Petrocelli recalls. "After that, I reached out and initially got involved with them as their insurance broker. Over time, I got more involved volunteering with Westhab and eventually earned a position on their board."