

My husband and I wanted to thank you and all those involved for sponsoring/hosting the Buddy Skate event last week.

My son Bobby is the little boy described in the entry from "Johnz" on the LI Rebel website. He was very kind in his description of Bobby's initial trepidation and sensory aversion to putting on skates and getting out on the ice. We always give 500% to help Bobby prepare to try new things, which is not always easy for a child on the spectrum. Ultimately it is up to him. It was a transition, but just like he has done in the past, Bobby adjusted and truly enjoyed the experience. It helped of course, that Bobby somehow recruited a small crowd of pretty young figure skaters to skate with us as his cheering section. (Thank you Julia and Veronica)!

Coach R is a true "coach" in the sense that he taught, encouraged and inspired my whole family in those moments he spent with us. Bobby may have limited speech, but when he connects with someone, he locks in and gravitates toward that person. Coach R knew just what to do with Bobby. We are so grateful to him for his time and for what he did for Bobby. It means the world to us. In fact, we are going to go skating again with Bobby. Now that he's got a "taste" for skating, we are going to keep at it.

We are truly moved and appreciative of all the sincerity, care and compassion shown by all involved in Buddy Skate 2014. Thank you very much for having us. This event was very well-run and a fantastic opportunity to connect with great people.

We will see you next year and plan to come out and watch the LI Rebels play some games.

Thank you again!

With best regards,

I wanted to thank you for coordinating the skating event last night. My daughter, Kathryn, attended with her teacher and her girlfriend.

Kathryn had such a wonderful time...she was bouncing off the walls with excitement when she got home.

Sincerely,

I just wanted to say thank you to you and everyone involved in the event, specially to Brian and Matt my son buddy skate, those two boys were so patient and good to Jesse even though my son was a little agitated and upset at first and not wanted to wear the skate shoes they stood by him convincing him and telling Jesse how much fun was going to be. That means a lot to me. Jesse had fun :)

Thanks again,

Hi, I am writing on behalf of myself and my son Thomas age 6, and daughter Julia age 3. We attended the Buddy Skate at Dix Hills ice rink and had a great time. My son, who is autistic/non verbal got out on the ice with the help of 3 awesome young men. He got to do a couple of laps with the guys, and enjoyed himself, while my daughter and I trailed behind. We then had some dinner and walked around listening to the band and watching the action.

Please extend my heartfelt appreciation to the young men and women who took the time out to help our children. It was a touching scene and a great experience.

I would also like to thank you for the invite, and commend you on a job well done.

Sincerely,

My sister Nancy forwarded me the Buddy Skate Video which I just watched. Not only am I so proud of my nephew Sammy but I am truly touched and inspired by all of the other children, there to volunteer their time and help other children. What a beautiful thing!!!

Kind regards,

Wow! Great to see the kids having such a great time,

My son had a great time, he can't wait to do it again next year!

What a beautiful event for all!