



Eastern Region Pop Warner Volunteer of the Year



Tom Hindes

Congratulations go out to Tom Hindes (The Father of Pop Warner Little Scholars Challenger Football) for his selection as the 2011 Eastern Region Volunteer of the year.

Tom's dedication to Pop Warner Football and its Challenger division is legendary. His tireless efforts starting the Challenger Division have been featured in numerous articles as well as a special segment on ESPN. In great part to Tom's work, the program has grown and spread to virtually every region of Pop Warner across the Country.

Dan Martuscello, President of the Capital District Pop Warner Federation, summed it up in a few words. "Hands down, Tom Hindes is one of the most deserving individuals I have ever worked with in over 30 years of Pop Warner Football. Tom took an idea, cultivated it and helped it grow from East Greenbush to California providing thousands of young people with disabilities with the opportunity to participate in Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading."

In accepting the award Tom humbly thanked everyone and said, "it's all about the kids folks, It's all about the kids. There's nothing better than watching these kids enjoy the benefits of Pop Warner football and cheerleading." He also paid special tribute and praised his wife Nicki. "Without her, we would have never been able to get the program off the ground," he said. "From the beginning to now, Nicki plays an enormous role in the success and expansion of the program. She truly has been my right and left hands." Finally, he thanked East Greenbush Pop Warner and all the local volunteers for their work and support of the last 7 years helping to build the program.

Congratulations again to Tom Hindes—Easter Region Pop Warner Volunteer of the Year