



## **2010 Holy Family CYO Role Model**

### **Erin Breen**

Erin is a recent alumna of Holy Family's CYO program. During her playing days Erin distinguished herself as one of Holy Family's all-time best basketball players. Although not blessed with superior athleticism, her dedication and outstanding work ethic enabled her to hone her basketball skills and become a star player on her very successful CYO and high school teams. Erin not only performed at a high level but comported herself that way also. Despite the intensity of her play she always exhibited outstanding sportsmanship, treating coaches, opponents and officials with respect and courtesy. While Erin's work ethic and sportsmanship make her deserving of this award, there are even more compelling reasons.

Erin is an affable, fun loving and caring individual. Her wit and sunny disposition are infectious and make her a pleasure to be around. For nearly a decade Erin has participated in myriad charitable and community service activities, including multiple walkathons and fundraisers for needy families. For the past six years Erin has been a volunteer at the Special Olympics. Since 2003 Erin has served annually as a volunteer at the Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged. At the aforementioned events Erin does not merely assist physically or mentally challenged athletes to compete in a variety of athletic contests. Erin engages and interacts with these competitors and her warmth and charm enable her to connect with these athletes and produce many smiling faces. In 2008 and 2009, Erin volunteered at our CYO car washes, which raised money for charitable causes. In December 2009, HF CYO staged its inaugural Tommy O Memorial Basketball Tournament. Erin was present every day of the tournament, assisting wherever needed. In 2009, Erin initiated and organized two community service events on her own—a bottle cap for cancer collection and a Nike sneaker recycling campaign. Last year when someone in our CYO program was struggling academically Erin volunteered to tutor that individual—gratis. In high school Erin was a 4 year member of Athletes Helping Others, where she performed a multitude of community service activities.

Erin is currently a college honor student and a soccer player in a D1 program. Despite the demands these roles place on her time she still manages to serve as an assistant coach for two of our CYO basketball teams.

Erin, you are a very special young lady. Your heart light burns brightly. May it continue to bring warmth to all those around you and may its glow light the way for others to follow in your footsteps. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.