



Gershow is a Local Family-Owned Company with 9 Long Island and Brooklyn locations and several hundred employees. The company has never had a layoff in its 58 years of business.

Gershow Gives Back to the Community

Gershow plays an active role in the community. It helps fund grassroots environmental programs and supports several community and youth programs.

Scrap Metal Donations

Gershow makes regular scrap metal donations and provides the use of its facilities to local fire and ambulance companies for training exercises.

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Scholarships

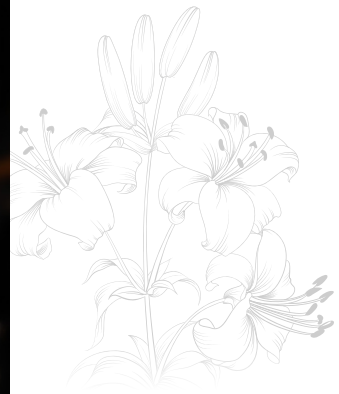
Gershow provides scholarships to graduating students.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Marlena Gershowitz



GERSHOW MATRIARCH NURTURED FAMILY BONDS THAT HELPED COMPANY SUCCEED

On September 26, Marlena Gershowitz, wife of Gershow's founder Sam Gershowitz, passed away after valiant battle against cancer. Gershow Recycling and the Gershowitz family remember her as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister who dedicated her life and her heart to her family. She also welcomed into the family her children's spouses, who called her "mom," with a warm heart and open arms and truly loved them as her own.

She was born on October 10, 1942 in Brooklyn, New York to Herman and Jeanne Lederman. Education was instilled as a core value in her home. After graduating from the University of Miami in Florida, she entered the teaching profession as an elementary school teacher in the New York City public school system in Jamaica, Queens.

At the time, Sam Gershowitz — who was starting Gershow Recycling and opened its first location in Central Islip — met Marlena in the spring of 1966 at the Manhattan club Mister Laffs. For Sam, it was love at first sight. Despite them being polar opposites — she was a college graduate, he was a high school dropout — they embarked on the beginning of a love story that bound Marlena and Sam for more than 55 years.

They dated throughout the summer and enjoyed their time together going to clubs in the city and driving out to Montauk, where Sam enjoyed fishing. They were engaged during the fall of 1966 and married on New Year's Day 1967.

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Sam recalled her walking him to the garage every morning and giving him a kiss before he left for work. When he came home as late as midnight, she would still have dinner waiting for him. "As an avid fisherman, I have made a lot of big catches, but never a bigger catch than my Marlena," he said.

The couple moved into an apartment in Jericho. Later that year, Marlena learned she was expecting, but she did not know that she was carrying twins until December 1967, when she gave birth to two boys, Kevin and Elliot. From then on, she focused on raising her children. The following year, they bought a house in Dix Hills, and, in May 1972, Marlena gave birth to a daughter, Pamela. They later took residence in East Islip, then in Southampton.

The marriage of Marlena and Sam was a true partnership. She was Sam's constant companion, voice and advisor. She was also CEO of the household while Sam was the CEO of his company. She put her teaching skills to good use, not only for her children, but also for the next generation. She often babysat for her grandchildren and attended their school functions and graduations. She took much pleasure in all her children and grandchildren's achievements.

Family was the most important to Marlena, a role she filled to a T. "She was a teacher, a sounding board, a life ring, a referee and a mentor," her son Elliot Gershowitz, Gershow Recycling Vice President, said. "Mom would always say, 'The family must stick together.'"

"My mother was an architect — an architect of the family," said

her son Kevin Gershowitz, Gershow President. "She guided all my important decisions, and all my good qualities came from her."

Pamela Abrams, Marlena's daughter, said, "Not only was she my mother, but she was my advisor and my best friend. As mothers and daughters, we are connected with one another. My mother is the bones of my spine. I cannot imagine a life without her."

Marlena was very philanthropic and active in the Hamptons community. She was a member and volunteer with the Chabad of Southampton Jewish Center and Hadassah. In 2012, she and Sam were honored by the Montauk Playhouse Community Center Foundation for their generosity at the Diamond in the Rough Gala. She was also a major donor to the Montauk Medical Center.

Later in life, Marlena pursued a passion for interior design, decorating their homes and Sam's luxury fishing yacht, the Marlena. She took joy in helping her children decorate their own homes, and their spouses welcomed her expertise and advice.

A key aspect of keeping the family strong was the family vacations that Marlena organized, as well as the dinners she meticulously planned for Mother's Days, Father's Days, birthdays, and the Jewish holidays. For Marlena, time with family and friends was precious, which is also evident in her childhood friendships that she maintained for over 70 years.

Services were held on September 30 at Gutterman's Funeral Home. The burial took place at Wellwood Cemetery.

Gershow Recycling Grants Environmental Conservation Scholarships to Local Graduating High School Seniors



Sean Owen (left), a graduating senior from Patchogue-Medford High School, accepts the one-time, \$1,000 Gershow Recycling/Medford Fire Department Scholarship from Medford Fire Chief Michael Barry (right) during the school's scholarship ceremony.

For the 14th year in a row, Gershow Recycling presented its one-time, \$1,000 Environmental Conservation Scholarship to 18 local high school students. This year's recipients of the Gershow Recycling Environmental Conservation Scholarships were Rita Nigro (Riverhead High School), Joseph Ortiz More (Bay Shore High School), Joseph Ivans (Patchogue-Medford High School), Bryan Zadik (Lindenhurst High School), Clayton Cannella (Bellport High School), Erik Aguilera Morales (Freeport High School), Raymond Bailey (Longwood High School), Saif Akhtar (Valley Stream Central High School), Pranati Patnam (Herricks High School), Keira Conlon (Walt Whitman High School) and Tyrese Thompson (Frederick Douglass Academy VII High School).

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Gershow Recycling Sponsors Medford Chamber of Commerce's Memorial Day BBQ



Gershow Recycling sponsored the Medford Chamber of Commerce's Memorial Day BBQ, which was held on May 30 at Medford Memorial Park. Gershow sponsored the band and covered the cost of a new barbecue grill for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2937.

Pictured (left to right): Medford Chamber of Commerce President Paul Donoghue, American Legion Commander and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2937 Chaplain Walter Maresco, Commander Niel Marturiello, and Adjutant Matt Pereira.

Gershow Recycling Donates \$1,000 to Angela's House



Gershow Recycling made a \$1,000 donation to Angela's House, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that assists families caring for children with special health care needs who are medically fragile, chronically ill or living with a life-threatening illness.

Pictured (left to right): New York State Assemblyman Joe DeStefano, Gershow Human Resources Generalist Tanya Pottinger, Angela's House Co-Founder Bob Policastro, Suffolk County Legislator Dominick Thorne, and New York State Senator Alexis Weik.

Gershow Supports Valley Stream Little League



For the second year in a row, Gershow Recycling sponsored the Valley Stream Little League (VSLL) for its 2022 season. Established in 1956, VSLL has approximately 2,000 members, comprised of registered players, team and league volunteers, local and regional businesses, community service groups, local media outlets and government officials.

Gershow Manager Peter O'Donovan (left), and Valley Stream Little League Vice President James Fischman (right).

Gershow Recycling Sponsors “Metal for Tesla” Fundraising Event

Collects 14,940 Pounds of Scrap; Proceeds to Support Cleanup of Tesla Science Center Property



Pictured (left to right): Tesla Science Center Volunteer Dan Black, Gershow Account Executive Dave Seiler, and Tesla Science Center Volunteers Tom LeDeoux, Bill Haydamach, Gene Genova, Paul Rosen and Karl Sidenius.



Gershow Account Executive David Seiler (center) carries out scrap metal to a container, along with Tesla Science Center Volunteers Gene Genova (left) and Tom LeDeoux (right).

Gershow Recycling was a sponsor of the “Metal for Tesla” scrap metal fundraiser at the Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe (TSCW) in Shoreham on March 20. During the event, Gershow collected 14,940 pounds of scrap metal, which wound up being recycled and kept out of landfills. Through the fundraiser and donations made by Gershow, \$2,104 was raised to support the organization. Proceeds went to support renovations at Wardenclyffe, which is the site of the only remaining laboratory of the famous inventor, Nikola Tesla.

Gershow Donates the Use of 30 Cars for the Chuck Varese Vehicle Extrication Tournament

First Long Island Tournament of Its Kind to Use Electric Tools to Cut up the Vehicles

Gershow Recycling donated the use of 30 cars for the Chuck Varese Vehicle Extrication Tournament, which was held at the Northport Fire Department’s Training Grounds at Steer’s Pit in Northport on May 14. Gershow also donated the use of its Huntington facility to enable teams to practice in the week leading up to the tournament.

Twenty teams from thirteen fire departments participated in the tournament, which involved groups of five firefighters working to extricate a “victim” from a “crash” using the Jaws of Life. This year marked the first time the firefighters used battery-powered tools during the extrication exercises.



Pictured (left to right): Northport Village Trustee Ernest Pucillo, Northport Fire Chief Doug Pyne, Village Trustee Joseph Sabia, Huntington Town Clerk Andrew Raia, Tournament Co-Coordinator and former Northport Fire Chief Robert J. “Beefy” Varese, Tournament Co-Coordinator and Mr. Varese’s wife, Lt. Jeanne Varese, Northport Village Mayor Donna Koch, New York State Assemblyman Keith Brown, Northport Village Trustees Dave Weber, Jr., and Meghan Dolan, Gershow’s Huntington Facility Manager Richard D’Angelo, and Huntington Town Councilman Dr. Dave Bennardo.



A member of the Northport Fire Department uses a battery-powered cutting tool during the Chuck Varese Vehicle Extrication Tournament.

Gershow Donates Turkeys to Families in Need through NYC First Responders



Last November, in celebration of Thanksgiving, Gershow's Brooklyn location purchased turkeys to donate as a community service. First responders then distributed the turkeys to local families in need. Pictured below are the police and fire department units that participated.



NYPD's 73rd Precinct



FDNY's Engine 231/Ladder 120 at Watkins Street



FDNY's Rescue Squad 252



FDNY's Engine 290/Ladder 103 "Pride of Sheffield Avenue"



FDNY's Engine 332/Ladder 175 at Bradford Street



NYPD's Emergency Service Unit



FDNY's Rescue Company No. 2

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It also expanded its scholarship program to the Patchogue-Medford community by offering two scholarships apiece along with the Medford Chamber of Commerce, the Medford Taxpayers & Civic Association, the Medford Fire Department and the Medford Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2937.

The recipients of this year's Gershow Recycling/Medford Chamber of Commerce Scholarships were Ethan Penaranda Espinoza and Jessica Stillwell. They intend to study environmental science, recycling or business after graduation.

This year's recipients of the Gershow Recycling/Medford Taxpayers & Civic Association Scholarships were Emily Prybyzski and Jessica Stillwell, who, after graduation, will plan

to study environmental science, political science or government.

Rose Kolahula and Sean Owen each received the Gershow Recycling/Medford Fire Department Scholarship. These scholarships went to these two students who plan to continue their service as a volunteer firefighter or EMT or pursue a career in public service.

The Gershow Recycling/Medford Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2937 Scholarships went to Roarke Tosi and Jillian Dell'Orto. They will continue to pursue ROTC or a military career in conjunction with their academic studies.

Enclosed are some of the photos of Gershow managers with the scholarship recipients.



Rita Nigro



Joseph Ortiz More



Bryan Zadik



Joseph Ivans



Ethan Penaranda Espinoza



Emily Prybyzski



Rose Kolagula



Sean Owen



Roarke Tosi



Clayton Cannella



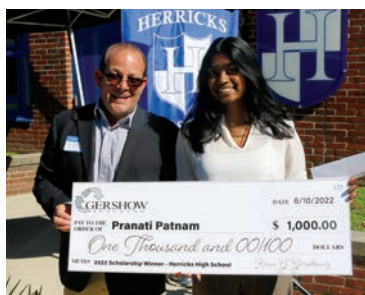
Erik Aguilera Morales



Raymond Bailey



Saif Akhtar



Pranati Patnam



Keira Conlon



Tyrese Thompson

Gershow Recycling Donates Use of Junk Car to Sayville High School SADD Chapter



Gershow Recycling donated the use of a junk car to the Sayville High School SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) chapter. The car was on display in front of the school to serve as a reminder to students to drive safely.

Gershow Manager Jonathan Abrams (left) and Sayville High School SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Advisor Margie Dashiell (second from left) pose with members of the Sayville High School SADD chapter.

Gershow Recycling Joins ISRI and the Suffolk County Police Department in Distributing Anti-Theft Marking/Etching Kits for Catalytic Converters

As part of an industrywide effort to prevent the thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles, Gershow Recycling joined the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) New York Chapter and the Suffolk County Police Department, 4th Precinct in distributing anti-theft marking/etching kits during St. James Day on October 2. Visitors had the opportunity to receive these free kits and learn how to apply the tags.

The catalytic converter kit includes a non-destructible tag and etching fluid to engrave a unique serial number onto the catalytic converter. ISRI industry members have begun to record serial numbers of catalytic converters that were presented for recycling in their efforts to thwart catalytic converter theft.

Lawrence Schillinger, compliance counsel for the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI), explains to visitors how the anti-theft marking/etching kits for catalytic converters are used during St. James Day on October 2. Gershow Recycling joined ISRI and the Suffolk County Police Department in distributing these kits.



Gershow Donates Use of Wrecked Vehicle to Town of Huntington for Anti-Drunk and Distracted Driving Campaign



Last December, Gershow Recycling donated a wrecked car in support of an anti-drunk and distracted driving campaign presented by then-Huntington Town Councilman Mark Cuthbertson and the Huntington Town Board. The program was created to remind residents of the dangers of drunk and distracted driving during the holidays.

Gershow President Kevin Gershowitz (standing behind podium) speaks during a press conference announcing the Town of Huntington's anti-drunk and distracted driving campaign. Also pictured (left to right): Mark Cuthbertson, Cathy Busuttil, whose sister was the victim of a drunk driving accident, Huntington Town Councilwoman Joan Cergol, and Isai Fuentes, program specialist with the Mothers Against Drunk Driving's New York State office.



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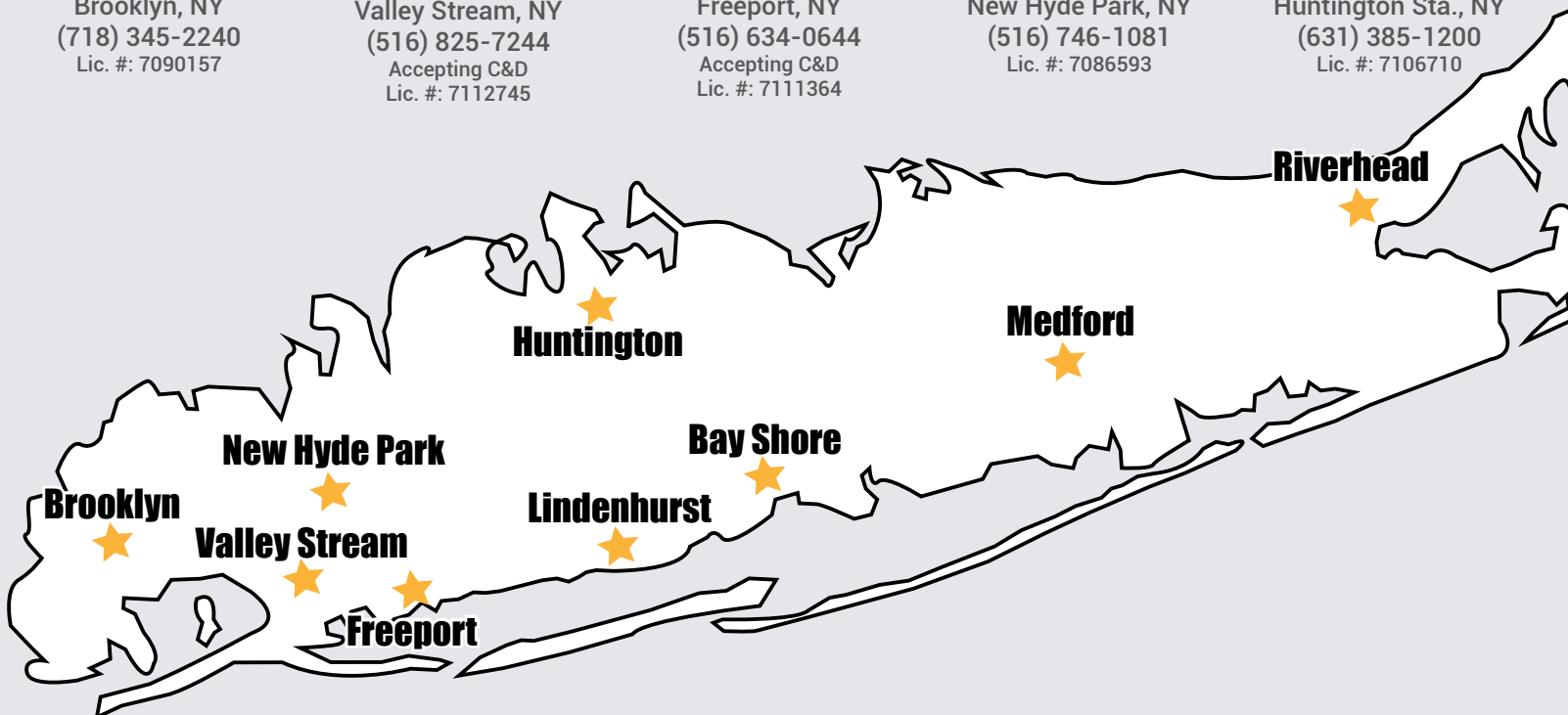
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