

Doer's Profile

Frank and Angela Carro

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Each week, the Press & Sun-Bulletin features a close-up of doers who have contributed to our community. They answer questions in their own words.

- ❖ Names: Frank and Angela Carro



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- ❖ Hometown and current city of residence: Frank is a lifetime resident of Johnson City; Angela was born and raised in Endicott and moved to JC In 1965.
- ❖ Family: Our son Frank, his wife Linda and their daughter Marina, age 10, live in Cranston, R.I. Frank is a professional engineer at National Grid. Linda is a nutritionist who specializes in diabetes. Our dear son, Robert, passed away three years ago at the age of 36. Robert was a renowned hair colorist at Bumble & Bumble in New York City. He taught seminars throughout the nation and was featured at an international hair show in Rome, Italy. We also have a large, extended, close-knit family in the area.
- ❖ Job title and company: Frank is a retired fire marshal and Angela is a retired microbiology supervisor at United Health Services.
- ❖ What are you doing to make the community better? The Southern Tier AIDS Program (STAP) identified a need to provide free toiletry items to their 300-plus clients in an eight-county area. They started Robbie's Pantry in memory of our son, Robert. Robert was very involved with the NYC Rescue Mission and other organizations that help the less fortunate. Robert's legacy was the inspiration for Team Robbie at the annual AIDS Walk (the team has raised more than \$15,000 over the past three years). In addition, Robert's sports car was raffled off and raised \$8,000 to help fund Robbie's Pantry, which we volunteer and stock on a weekly basis.
- ❖ What groups do you belong to? In addition to STAP, we are active members of St. James Parish, which is also an inspiration for what we do. We also belong to The Compassionate Friends (TCF), which is a wonderful support group for families who have lost children; The

Antiques Society of Broome County; and three ballroom dance clubs. Frank belongs to the Sons of Italy Duca Degli Abruzzi Lodge No. 443, and Angela is part of The Daughters of Columbus Lodge No. 1666. Angela also volunteers with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program at the Catholic Charities Food Pantry and belongs to The Independent Mutual Aid Association and the Parlor City Hat Club.

- ❖ What was your biggest disappointment in life, and how did you recover? The most devastating and tragic experience has been the loss of our son, from which we will never recover, but fortunately we have not had many disappointments in life and are grateful for all we have.
- ❖ What advice do you have for others wanting to do what you do? Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
- ❖ For what would you like to be remembered? Knowing that in Robert's memory someone's life might be a little easier.
- ❖ What do you see as the main issues confronting Greater Binghamton in the coming years? Lack of retention of the population and businesses in the Greater Binghamton area.
- ❖ What do you see as a solution? Continued expansion of Binghamton University.
- ❖ What's missing in Greater Binghamton? We don't think anything is missing. It has been a great place to raise a family and grow old in.
- ❖ What's your favorite aspect of Greater Binghamton? Cultural diversity, landscape, resurgence of the arts and the generosity of the community.
- ❖ What's your favorite quote? "No rule for success will work if you don't." This quote was our motto on graduation from middle school and has proven true through the years.
- ❖ What's your favorite movie? "Moonstruck" and "It's a Wonderful Life."
- ❖ How do you relax? Listen to music, knit, play piano, read, ballroom dance, make wine, and fly RC airplanes.
- ❖ What's the last music you listened to? Andrea Bocelli & Pink Martini.