

Empire National Bank customers, SUNation Solar and Pal-O-Mine, unite to aid deserving family

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Shown (from left) are: ENB chairman and CEO Douglas Manditch; Pal-O-Mine Equestrian executive director Lisa Gatti; SUNation co-founder and CEO Scott Maskin; Paul; Neal, Dylan and Amy Cusumano. Front: Drew, Garrett Cusumano. Top: SnapNrack Channel Account Manager Tom Pickert; Nick Cusumano.

Islandia, NY A deserving family with a special needs child will receive the lifetime benefit of free electricity as a result of an introduction made by Empire National Bank between two customers, SUNation Solar Systems and Pal-O-Mine Equestrian, a not-for-profit that provides therapeutic equine programs.

Empire National Bank thought SUNation might be able to help Pal-O-Mine Equestrian. SUNation's co-founder and CEO Scott Maskin met with Pal-O-Mine's executive director Lisa Gatti. He was impressed with the remarkable work they do and wanted to help one of the group's clients through his company's not-for-profit, SUNation Cares. The organization supplies free electricity for life to selected individuals via donated solar systems. Gatti felt the Cusumano family would greatly benefit from this philanthropy. Parents of five boys, their oldest son is a child with autism. The family struggles financially to make sure Dylan can be part of the Pal-O-Mine family. SUNation's donation of a solar panel system will completely offset the family's electric usage. The \$3,000 saved annually will be used for weekly Pal-O-Mine therapy sessions.

"As a community bank, it's extremely rewarding to know that our business relationships with customers extend far beyond the norm and can translate into a life-altering benefit for a deserving family like the Cusumanos. It's a testament to the good will of local organizations working together to help their fellow Long Islanders," said Douglas Manditch, the bank's chairman and CEO.

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