

# SAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO:

## Alexa Farinella

Alexa is a young lady who exudes great strength and maturity. Oftentimes when I am speaking to her, I have to remind myself that she is not an adult; her confidence in who she is and what she stands for is apparent at all times. Most impressive, however, is her ability to maintain a positive attitude through trial. Recently, Alexa suffered a tragic loss at much too young an age. Rather than being swallowed up by her grief, Alexa channeled her grief and focused her energies on making a difference. With a classmate, she spearheaded a campaign for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and in just two short weeks raised over \$16,000.00. On Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Alexa led a group of over one hundred people (sixty of which were Sayville High School students) in the “Out of the Darkness” walk at Jones Beach symbolizing her commitment to making a difference. And, this is where her character really shines through. By her example, she inspires others to stand with her as true leaders do. Today, I want to recognize her perseverance, her resilience and her compassion.

**Given this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017**

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Assistant Principal

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Nominator