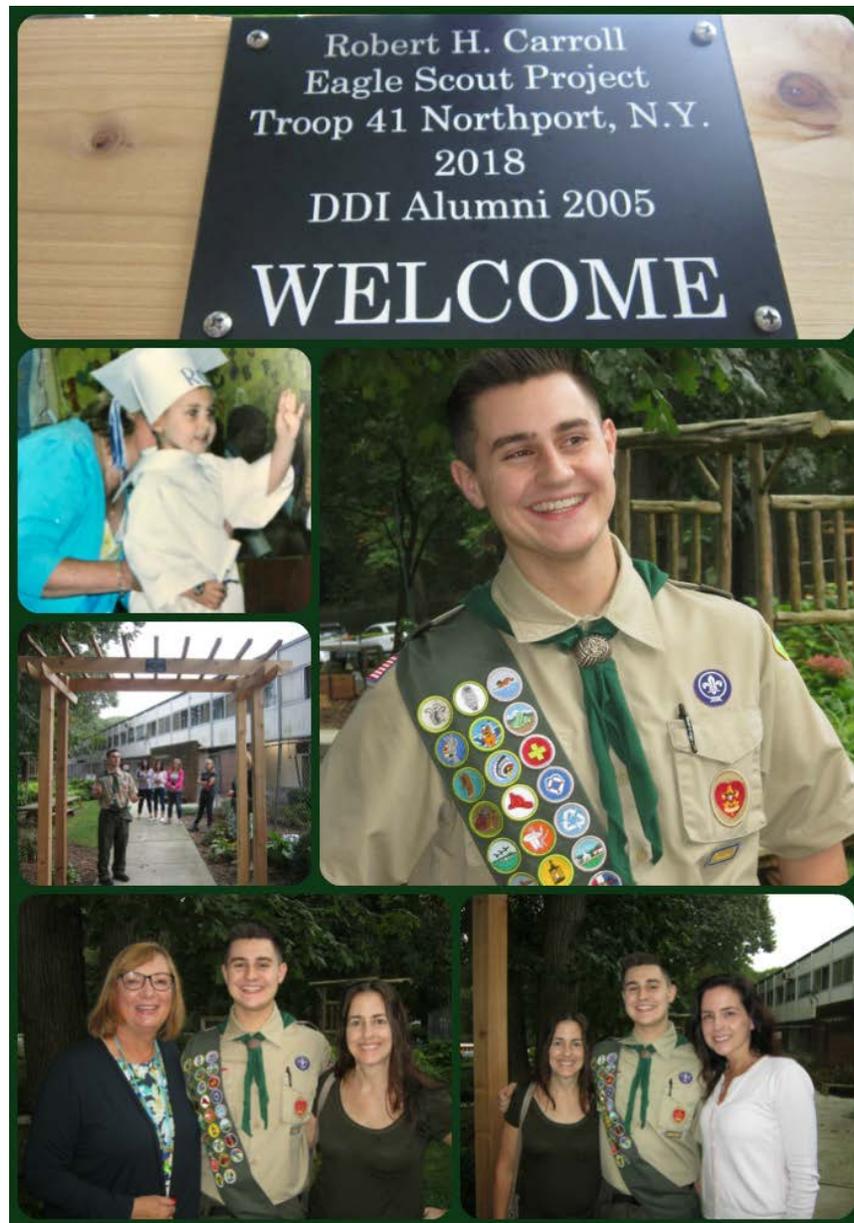


Former Student Gives Back to Early Childhood Services



On Tuesday, October 9th, DDI's Early Childhood Program in Huntington had a special guest with a special delivery.

Seventeen-year-old Robert Carroll, an alumnus of DDI, returned to the school that helped build his learning foundations to dedicate two beautifully crafted arbors that serve as the entrance and exit for the [Certified Nature Explore Classroom](#). This was part of his project goal of becoming an Eagle Scout, the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

Robert started as a preschool student at DDI in 2004. It was here that he began his educational career and discovered the importance of working towards goals and the importance of community.

The Early Childhood Program team members prepare children for successful experiences by providing superior educational services and therapies for those children who show a developmental delay in cognition, social language, or emotional development.

This preschool experience provides a stimulating, educational atmosphere where three- to five-year-old children develop friendships and skills in preparation for kindergarten.

The learning opportunities Robert received at DDI have helped him to excel in life, especially as a member of the BSA. Some of the requirements to become an Eagle Scout include earning a total of 21 merit badges, serving in a position of troop leadership for six months, and demonstrating Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Also included is an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages (Eagle Rank Requirements, 2018).

In striving to receive his Eagle Scout designation, Robert chose to give back to the school that gave him his start.

We are so proud of this young man's successes, his dedication to the BSA organization, and his passion for attaining goals and giving back to the community.

Thank you, Robert, for your wonderful gifts. They will always stand as a reminder to the children and families supported by DDI to follow their dreams.

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