

Michael S. DeLarco's Loving Spirit Lives On

POC met Andreyra DeLarco when she interned at the Village of Hoffman Estates Department of Health & Human Services, which is POC's partner at the Higgins Education Center serving under-resourced children and families living in the Hoffman Estates / Schaumburg area. Andreyra shared her brother's tragic story and how his foundation began.

In 2004, Michael DeLarco was struck and killed by a Metra commuter train; he was 10 years old. Michael was an active boy who had a zest for life, always smiling or laughing. He enjoyed playing soccer and basketball, and participating in school and community activities. Michael's family and his parent's dear friends felt it was imperative that his spirit live on and they established the Michael S. DeLarco Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-for-profit organization.



The Michael S. DeLarco Foundation generously donated gifts to POC's children and families, knowing how much these families struggled with the impact of COVID-19. The DeLarcos asked every family to write a list of the items they needed such as food, shoes, games, gas cards, toiletries, diapers, wipes, boots, coats, etc.





Andrey, Mike and Linda DeLarco (Michael's parents), Rich and Dawn Stieber (Michael's aunt and uncle) hosted a beautiful drive-thru celebration on Saturday, October 24th to distribute the gifts generously donated. Families borrowed cars, or came with another recipient to be part of this special day. Thank you to the DeLarco Foundation for the kind gifts and commitment to our community and Michael's legacy.



POC Staff members Terri Kelly and Ceci Robles coordinated the families and work in the Hoffman Estates community.



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