

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL

MARIANNE “SKIPPY” DOYLE - BIO

Marianne “Skippy” Doyle, hails from a proud Irish background, with one great grandmother born in County Mayo & another great grandfather descending from the Emerald Isle.

Skippy was born on All Saints Day in Brooklyn NY. She’s a graduate of St. Brendan’s Grammar School and St. Saviour High School. After high school, Skippy competed at the collegiate level in basketball & softball at Hunter College.

Her love of sports & commitment to her community began through volunteer coaching in the St. Francis de Sales Summer Classic. She continued to extend her volunteerism to the CYO program where she currently oversees the kindergarten soccer program and the Kindergarten, First and Second grade basketball clinic.

A highlight for her each summer is assisting Bugsy and other friends, in running the “3 on 3 by the Sea Memorial Tournament”, in honor of Skippy’s dear friend and local basketball sensation, Clare Droesch.

While her own athleticism and love of sports brought her into the games of basketball & soccer, extending & teaching these games to the next generation is her true passion. Skippy runs a basketball clinic for boys & girls year-round, open to all backgrounds, ages & skill levels. She has also carved out an hour for children with special needs, to make them feel accepted & excited about sports. The clinic has become an oasis for children who are just being introduced to basketball. These sessions also provide older children an opportunity to volunteer for service hours, while teaching the tweens & teenagers how important it is to give back to their community.