

2014 “SPIRIT OF BASKETBALL” RECIPIENT

Mike Stern



Michael A. Stern, born April 20, 1961 to parents Harold and Natalie Stern. Michael grew up in the Bronx attended James Monroe High School and attended Sullivan County Community College.

Michael is married to Carol Stern and they have four daughters. Michael and his family moved to the Poconos 18 years ago. The family got involved in many programs since the girls were involved in basketball at their schools. Two of their daughters played basketball for the Pocono Mountain West teams. Michael became involved in the Pocono Youth Basketball Association first as an assistant coach, then leaving the program after his girls were finished playing youth ball. Michael was approached about 10 years ago to take over the Pocono Youth Basketball

Association and he quickly jumped on the opportunity to take over the program. During his tenure, the program has grown from grades 3rd to 6th to now having a senior league for boys in grades 7th – 12th. The older boys play against the east program of the Pocono Mountain School District. Michael also serves as the President of the Pocono Mountain Ecumenical Hunger Ministry, which is the local food pantry that assists families in the community. Michael is currently serving a 4-year term as a School Board Director for the Pocono Mountain School District. This is the second time that he has held this elected position.

Michael is employed by the Rockefeller Family in New York City as a Records Manager. He has worked for the family for 24 years. Michael also works with an organization that presents classic R & B concerts in the Poconos.

When Michael is not volunteering with the Pocono Youth Basketball Association and the Pocono Mountain Ecumenical Hunger Ministry he enjoys spending time with family and friends and also listening to classic R & B and watching HGTV.