

## **VALLO TRANSPORTATION AWARDED NEW YORK STATE BUS CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**

**Award recognizes superior safety record, on-time performance and community service**

Queens, N.Y. (Nov. 15, 2010) – Vallo Transportation Ltd., an independent school-bus company serving families throughout Queens, N.Y., has been named Bus Contractor of the Year by the New York State Bus Contractors Association (NYSBCA).

The award recognizes Vallo Transportation for its outstanding safety record, on-time performance of nearly 98 percent, superior maintenance, training programs and legacy of community outreach.

“We’re extremely honored to be recognized for our commitment to providing safe, reliable bus service for children throughout Queens,” said Vallo Transportation Ltd. President Linda DeSabato.

“Everyone working at Vallo Transportation had a role in winning this award, from the drivers who safely carry hundreds of children to and from school every day to the mechanics that keep the buses on the road and the office staff that makes sure all of our customers’ needs are addressed,” DeSabato said. “It takes a team effort to provide the outstanding customer service Vallo Transportation is known for and I think we have the best team in the industry.”

Vallo operates a fleet of more than 50 buses that carry children living in Queens and Manhattan to private schools and magnet schools in Manhattan and the Bronx, such as the Bronx High School of Science, one of the nation’s most respected schools. Summer service is available for most routes. Charter service is offered for field trips, community organizations and other events.

Vallo Transportation’s commitment to providing superior service and responding to the community’s needs was vividly demonstrated after a competitor’s fleet of buses was recently destroyed by a fire. Vallo’s management jumped into action and assessed the company’s ability to provide additional bus routes for the displaced students. The company’s offices were open on a Sunday – less than 48 hours after the fire – to register new students, and on Monday morning the new routes started service.

“The students didn’t miss a day of bus service, which is remarkable considering how little time we had to organize the new routes,” DeSabato said. “But the parents were counting on us to get their children to school. People were literally lined up outside our door Sunday morning waiting for us to open because they were so worried about arranging transportation for their children. You could tell they knew we’d come through for them during that crisis. Parents know they can rely on Vallo to be there when they need us.”