

VALLO TRANSPORTATION DONATES \$5,000 TO FLUSHING TOWN HALL ARTS CENTER

Donation will support maintenance, salaries at prominent Queens cultural institution

Queens, N.Y. (Jan. 2011) – Vallo Transportation Ltd., an independent school-bus company serving families throughout Queens, N.Y., recently donated \$5,000 to Flushing Town Hall, an arts and education center in Flushing.

The donation will help support operating expenses of the education department at Flushing Town Hall, which, like many non-profit organizations, has seen government aid and charitable donations decline sharply during the past two years because of the recession.

“Organizations like Flushing Town Hall make New York City such a great place to live and raise children,” said Vallo Transportation Ltd. President Linda DeSabato.

“I’m very pleased to be able to support the Town Hall’s arts and educational programs, especially during these difficult economic times,” De Sabato said. “It’s more important than ever for people to try to give something back to their community.”

Ellen Kodadek, Flushing Town Hall’s executive and artistic director, said Vallo Transportation’s donation is especially helpful because it will support essential operating expenses.

“Linda’s donation is important because it will provide operating support for our education department, which is the most difficult type of financing to secure,” Kodadek said.

“Vallo’s contribution will go toward the education department salaries, supplies and maintenance that make the programs possible,” Kodadek said. “Donations to the operating fund are essential. We appreciate it very much.”

Flushing Town Hall operates out of a landmark building built in 1862 and is operated by the Flushing Council on Culture and the Arts. The FCCA is a member of New York City's 33-member Cultural Institutions Group and an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. The FCCA sponsors exhibitions of painting, sculpture and photography; performances of jazz, theater, dance, classical music and world music and provides educational opportunities for community residents of all ages. More information about Flushing Town Hall and the FCCA is available at www.flushingtownhall.org.

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.