



The Promise of America

Perhaps it's because I was born and raised in Hamilton and witnessed its growth from a relatively small rural community to an exceptional diversified municipality that I appreciate living here and never tire of working with its people and their businesses. Notwithstanding the nation-wide economic crises in which we find ourselves, three large companies have opened their doors in Hamilton within the last month; they are Shoppes at Hamilton, All-Star Honda and The Hamilton Manor; all located on Route 130!

The Shoppes boast of an impressive mixture of retail sales facilities. Chico's, First Choice Bank, Lane Bryant, Jos. A. Bank, New York & Company, Banana Republic, Children's Place, Color Me Mine, Benzie Restaurant, Kenji Fusion Restaurant and others. Stanberry Development is a full-service retail real estate development company focusing on creating high-quality lifestyle centers. It was a wonderful experience witnessing its' recent Grand Opening when over 2000 people visited the newly opened Shoppes enjoying the refreshments and activities provided by its developer, Stanberry Development Corporation, a member of The Partnership.

Recently opening their doors to the public is Partnership member, The Manor of Hamilton. The Manor is a class restaurant and major banquet facility owned and operated by entrepreneur Joseph Salzano. Service for a thousand people in style and class, the Salzano offering is providing another option when seeking accommodations for events where one would wish a stylish

place for their specific banquet needs. The Manor's comfortable Cellar Lounge for light fare is open and dinners in The Porter House are presented daily with the best foods and service for one's special tastes.

All Star Honda is the largest Honda operation in the North Eastern USA! The entire layout is a vision of the most sophisticated of its kind in the country. All Star Honda's partners, Michael Saporito and Jessie Armstead were looking for a place in New Jersey to locate a dream that both men shared for years. They conducted a thorough search from their New York base and found Hamilton! Mike stated, "I couldn't believe there was such a place so suited for what we had in mind. I fell in love with Hamilton." Jessie Armstead, a nine year veteran with the NFL New York Giants and five time All-Pro selection was equally impressed. Jessie and Mike selected this spot; the place where dreams come true. Jessie and Mike are relocating their families to Hamilton. Armstead stated, "As future Hamiltonians, the Armstead family, is looking forward to becoming part of the Hamilton community." Jessie is a recent appointee to the Hamilton Area YMCA Board of Directors.

America's only promise to all is "the opportunity" to achieve our dreams. We all have dreams and it's so gratifying to witness dreams come true for those who take advantage of that opportunity.

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Above, Joe Salzano gives an interview. To the left, Mark Potschmidt, Mayor Bencivengo and Liz Tindall, representing the MCCC, attend the Shoppes at Hamilton Opening.