

## Woodie Flowers Award -Team 871

Mentors to a robotics team are like the icing on the cake; we are not complete without them. A mentor is someone who supports the community, as well as their team by providing the guidance and knowledge needed for a team to succeed. Since 2016 this mentor has supported our team in so many ways. She began with mentoring her own children, and mentoring many students in robotics and business. Now, she helps mentor the business team and teaches as well as many other skills she adds to the team. This mentor has remained with the team long after her children were on it. She volunteers in several community organizations. She is a big member in our community, and helps out at many events. She is the woman behind the curtain.

This mentor has been with Team 871 since 2016, She helps to mentor students by guiding kids, keeping up with all the rules and guidelines along with two team representatives, and is the mentor of the business team..

This mentor is also a big part of our community. She has volunteered with BSA for almost 20 years. Furthermore, our mentor is Behind this mentor is a little over forty years of valuable business experience. In addition, she helps to run our team booth at the community's annual Country Fair.

Our nominee also volunteers with *FIRST* Lego League. He helps transfer and set up the playing fields for *FIRST* Lego League competitions. He also volunteers for *FIRST* Robotics by setting up, and judging. Additionally, at Hofstra regionals, he is a referee. His two kids and his daughter-in-law also volunteer for *FIRST* Robotics. His son went to Stevens Institute of Technology. While he was there, a girl recognized his West Islip Robotechs shirt. She was part of the *FIRST* Robotics Competition Team 527 and went to Hofstra University. Now, Robert and Amanda are happily married and continue volunteering alongside other family members at *FIRST* events.

With all these qualities and so much more, Team 871 is proud to nominate Mr. James "Jim" Stephenson, a commemorable member of our community, a leader and mentor, for the Woodie Flowers award. Mr. Stephenson has truly earned this award for all his years of service he has put into making our robotics team successful. He motivates us when the hours of work seem endless and is not just a mentor, but a true friend who has never let us down.