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MASSAPEQUA MAN EQUIPS ENTIRE SCHOOL WITH LIFE-SAVING DEVICE

BOHEMIA, N.Y. – August 29, 2019 – Arthur Lih, founder and CEO of LiveVac, delivered over a dozen life-saving devices to the Saul and Elaine Seiff Educare Center to help ensure the safety of special needs classrooms. The portable airway clearing device, used in place of the Heimlich Maneuver in a choking emergency, can positively impact the safety and well-being of the school's 125 students ages 3-21.

“Many of our students require wheelchairs for mobility and reaching around their specialized equipment in a choking emergency can present a challenge” said Andrea Nickdow, the school's Director of Children's Services. “Having a device that can supplement the Heimlich Maneuver in each classroom will offer peace of mind to our staff and parents.” Arthur Lih heard of the need and immediately offered to gift LiveVac to the school, which is part of AHRC Suffolk. “Children with special needs, including Autism, may not be able to communicate that they are choking and time is of the essence. It's also hard to reach around a child in a wheelchair to perform the Heimlich. These kids need to be safe.”

Cadence McGoldrick's mother said “As a parent of a child at this school, this device definitely gives me peace of mind.” Speech Language Pathologist Kenny Grau, employed at the school thinks LiveVac is “Genius! An amazing gift which I hope we never have to use, but am sure glad we have now.” One child dies every five days from choking. Over 100 million Americans have no defense against aspiration emergencies due to disability, pregnancy, obesity, or being alone. LiveVac has saved the lives of 30 people worldwide to date.

About AHRC Suffolk: AHRC Suffolk is a not-for-profit organization which provides programs and services to children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities throughout Suffolk County. Currently more than 2,500 people receive educational, vocational, residential, employment, and respite services through AHRC's forty-two facilities.

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