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of Parks and Recreation are available at various recreation centers, some of which also have summer camp programs. There is also a new free citywide fitness walking program for people of all ages called "Step Out New York" in Astoria Park. For information go to www.nyc.gov/parks.

In a second presentation to the borough cabinet, Kerry Gould, deputy policy advisor for the city Department of Transportation (DOT) Division of External Affairs, said the contract with a private company that will put 3,500 new bus stop shelters, 330 newsstands and 20 automatic public toilets on city streets is almost completed.

Cemusa, a Spanish street furniture company with worldwide credentials, will invest more than \$100 million to replace and add to the city's existing street furniture inventory over a 20-year term. For example, in the first year, 650 new bus stops, 110 newsstands and 10 automatic public toilets will be installed. Cemusa will also be responsible for

ongoing cleaning and maintenance of structures they install. The automatic public toilets will cost 25¢ to enter, which will give a user 15 minutes to complete their business before the door automatically reopens. The self-cleaning bathrooms will not be open at night.

The City of New York is guaranteed a minimum compensation of \$1 billion in cash and a 50 percent share of revenues from advertising. Twenty two and a half percent of the advertising will be reserved for public service announcements, promotion of city events and agency or marketing initiatives. The DOT will make a final presentation to the city Art Commission on June 28 and then will work on finalizing the placement of bus stops, newsstands and automatic public toilets for the first year of the 20-year contract with Cemusa. The DOT will also conduct a community outreach effort this summer concerning the initial placement of automatic public toilets. "We want public toilets in communities where [the prospective users] want them," Gould said.

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Marathon Bank was Senior Vice President Nick Tavantzis. "Marathon Bank is honored to receive this award," Tavantzis said. "We join the Greek community in this wonderful effort to raise funds for children with cancer. Marathon Bank's primary goal is to assist our community by building strong business relationships with philanthropic and benevolent organizations such as the Greek Children's Fund."

The law firm of Latos, Latos & DiPippo was instrumental in providing volunteer assistance to the GCF during prior telethon fundraisers, offering their law firm's facilities as a base for contributors calling in to place donations towards the organization. Attorney Andrew Latos expressed his admiration for the organization's mission. "It is truly an honor to be a part of this great event," Latos said. "Our efforts to make a difference and to ease a



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child's pain should be a priority in all of us. I commend the GCF for their efforts and for their accomplishments."

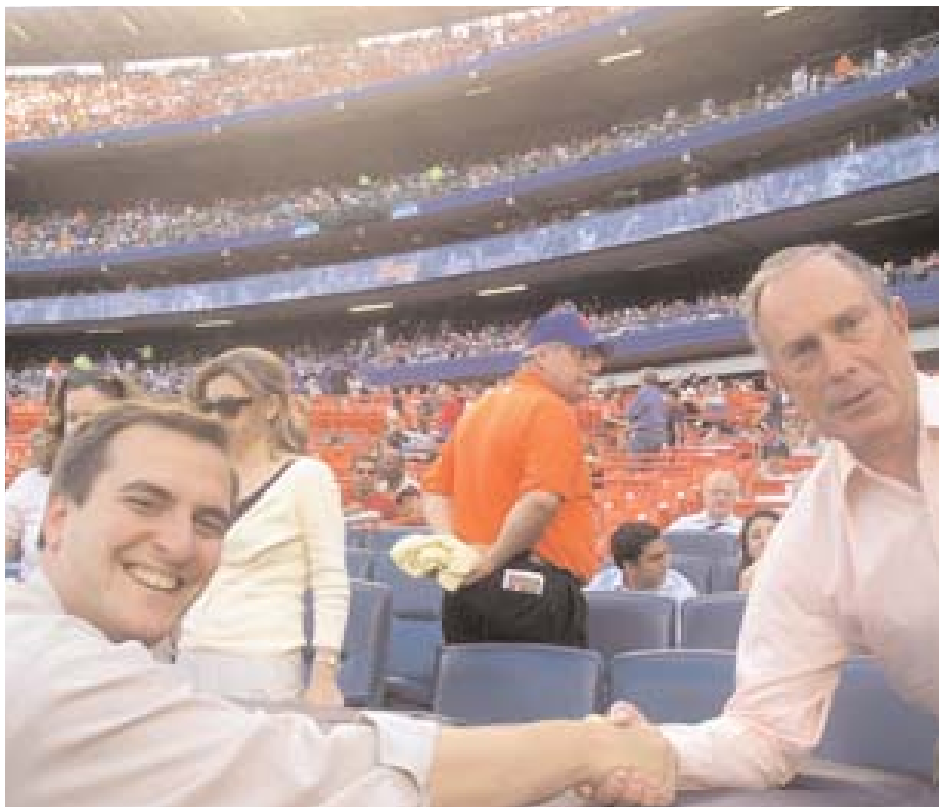
The Greek Children's Fund organization wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the New York Mets, who have graciously supported the organization and its efforts to raise money for cancer patients. As one of the first, nonprofit, philanthropic organizations of its kind in the Greek-American community in the United States, the GCF assists an average of more than 200 pediatric patients and their families every year. The driving force behind the growth and development of this dynamic organization has been the efforts of its dedicated volunteers and the financial support of the Greek-American community. Since its inception in 1983, the GCF has established strong ties with philanthropic and private organizations and businesses in the tri-state area that provide the GCF with invaluable assistance in its fundraising efforts. For more information or to volunteer, contact Sam Matthews at 201-907-5090 and make a difference in a child's life.



Marathon Bank Senior Vice President Nick Tavantzis holds the award presented to his organization by the Greek Children's Fund during Greek Night ceremonies at Shea Stadium.

Assemblymember Michael Gianaris (L), who received a Mets Spirit Award from the Greek Children's Fund during Greek Night ceremonies at Shea Stadium June 16, is congratulated by Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

The scoreboard at Shea Stadium proclaims "Greek Night".



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