

**Dean Mazzearella**

**From:** Andrew Taylor  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 24, 2010 10:06 AM  
**To:** Dean Mazzearella  
**Subject:** RE: Mario  
 Good Morning Mayor,

I am truly sorry to hear about Mario's passing. I know you were very close to him and seems like he was quite a character. I know you are not looking for accolades, but you should take solace and pride in knowing that you did a tremendous amount of good for him over the years. This project epitomized CDBG and what it is meant to do. It was a pleasure being able to utilize CDBG funds to give Mario a newly remodeled home and I still remember your email describing his reaction upon entering his home for the first time. That was absolutely wonderful!!! Hang in there and take pride in knowing that you were always there for him and I am sure he really appreciated you over the years.

Andy

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**From:** Dean Mazzearella  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 24, 2010 9:29 AM  
**To:** Richard Voutour  
**Cc:** Joe Cataldo; Kate Griffin-Brooks; Andrew Taylor  
**Subject:** Mario

Good Morning,

My neighbor since I was born (Mario) passed away yesterday in the same house he was born in. Mario was a great athletic and the envy of all the Italian kids who played baseball. When he was still in his teens Mario and his 3 brothers went off to fight for this country in WWII. When Mario came back he was only comfortable when he stayed in his house at 72 Carter St. Mario never applied for government assistance and never complained. As you remember 3 years ago Mario fell and I had to break a promise to him and call the fire dept to have him transported to the hospital. Since I was a kid Mario made me promise to let him be if anything happened to him and that included extreme situations so Mario was not happy when I called for the ambulance. Once Mario was stabilized at the hospital I was told that Mario would never return home but I really knew that Mario was only comfortable at 72 Carter St so Rick V worked hard to get Mario on insurance but because Mario has no insurance no one would take him into a rehab setting but again Rick pulled it off and Mario went to River Terrace in Lancaster. At the same time Joe C, Kate and Andy worked to get Mario some rehab of another kind. His house was done over and a loan secured from CDBG. One day I received a call from River Terrace requesting a meeting. They were amazed at Mario's rehab and told me that he'd be able to go home in another week. I waited the extra week before telling Mario just in case. Meanwhile everyone worked hard to get Mario's new place ready and just in the nick of time Mario came home and the place was beautiful. The first thing Mario did was to put up his Navy Flag. Mario was home again.

Mario refused to see a Dr and went back to his routine but more than anything he was thrilled to be home and reminded me how magnificant it was to be in his new home.

Mario didn't answer the phone yesterday and upon going into check on him we found him. Mario was next to his favorite chair and died at home as he wanted.

Mario had a great voice and loved to sing. I can hear his voice now.

Thanks for all your help. Dreams do come true. Thanks for making Marios dream.

Dean

