

## A Family Legacy in HVAC: The O'Brien Story



In the late 1980s, Kerry O'Brien made a pivotal move to Huntington and joined the family business, T.F. O'Brien & Co., an HVAC company with deep roots. Founded as an appliance store in Queens by Kerry's grandfather, the company originally sold window air conditioners. It was Kerry's father who pivoted the business towards central AC installation and service when they relocated to New Hyde Park in 1969.

Kerry, alongside his brothers Thomas and Christopher, has been instrumental in expanding and enhancing the company. His efforts in integrating advanced software, refining policies, and focusing on employee development have significantly contributed to the company's success. Under his leadership, a robust management team and a strong corporate culture have flourished.

Joining the team in 2008, Lisa O'Brien contributed to this remarkable growth. Today, the company celebrates 90 years of serving the community, and is proud to be a four-generation family business, with their son Patrick now on board.

### Huntington: Home and Community

For Kerry and Lisa, Huntington was the ideal place to nurture their growing family. The town's lively downtown, beautiful parks, beaches, and excellent schools were exactly what they desired. Moreover, Huntington's strong sense of community resonated with them. Their children, Leslie, Patrick, and Kyle, thrived here, actively participating in local sports, and attending Huntington schools.

### Giving Back: The Townwide Fund

The couple's introduction to the Townwide Fund came through community events like the Thanksgiving Day Run, which became a family tradition. Impressed by the organization's commitment to supporting the needy, Kerry and Lisa have deepened their involvement, eager to give back to the community that has given them so much.