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Group for disabled says thanks

A Very Special Place lauds golf organization for its support

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A Very Special Place Inc. yesterday thanked the American Golf Corporation (AGC) for its past support of the organization.

The board of directors for the organization, which helps developmentally disabled Island residents, rewarded Al Lewis, a representative of the AGC, with a gold pin. Lewis is the manager of the South Shore Golf Course.

The award ceremony took

place at the executive office of A Very Special Place in Dongan Hills.

For the second year the AGC sponsored the Special Strokes for Special Folks golf outing in August at the South Shore Golf Course and raised \$24,000. The AGC manages three courses on Staten Island — Silver Lake, La-Tourette and South Shore.

The money couldn't have come at a better time since A Very Special Place's public funding for

the senior citizen's center and community center has been cut.

"The American Golf Corporation was always there for us," Bill Bozza said, vice president of Chase Manhattan Bank and member of A Very Special Place's board. "It would have been totally impossible to run our programs without their support."

A Very Special Place is a not-for-profit organization established in 1974 and currently serves more than 700 Staten Islanders.



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From left, Kevin Hunt, Al Lewis, Helen Sangiorgio and Bill Bozza gather at A Very Special Place event rewarding Lewis, of the American Golf Corporation, for his group's support of the organization for the disabled.