



## Gary L. Brown Appointed to Family Service League's Board of Directors



Family Service League is proud to announce the election of Gary L. Brown to its Board of Directors. Mr. Brown is the founder of Dream 68 Inc. and the Gary Big Brown 68 Foundation which was created to help underprivileged youths and their families. He has been an active member of the First Baptist Church of Bay Shore for over 30 years and has served as a Board Member for a number of Long Island and Memphis charities.

Mr. Brown, a New York native, graduated from Brentwood Sonderling High School in 1989. While attending Nassau Community College he earned his Associates degree in Liberal Arts as well as being named as a National Junior College All-American. This led to a full scholarship to Georgia School of

Technology (Georgia Tech), where he majored in textiles and history. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers of the NFL, and later that year he was acquired by the Green Bay Packers where he spent the next three years and shared the once in a lifetime experience of winning the 1997 Super Bowl XXXI. In 1998, he played overseas for the Barcelona Dragons of NFL Europe league, and later for the San Francisco 49ers in the NFL. Gary finished his professional career in Canada playing in the CFL's Hamilton Tiger Cats for three seasons. In 2015, he was inducted into the Suffolk Sports Hall Of Fame.

A knee surgery ended his professional football career and he returned to Long Island to heal. Shortly after, he had an accident and found himself wheelchair bound, dependent on others, and becoming increasingly depressed. With nothing but time and recovery on his hands, he made the life-changing decision to stop focusing on his problems and to instead try to help others. With this realization, along with the structure and support of positive people in his life, he developed a plan to achieve his goals - getting well and helping others. During this time, he also gained a deeper understating of how the shortage of volunteers and lack of outreach programs are having a negative impact the youth in our community. Since then, Mr. Brown has made it his life's work and the mission of his foundation to use his experiences to help the boys of today become the good men of tomorrow.

*"Gary's passion and commitment to helping Long Island families makes him the perfect fit to serve on FSL's Board of Directors. We are thrilled to have him and look forward to working with him in the coming years,"* stated Karen Boorshtein, FSL's President & CEO.