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Sen. Hannon Secures Funding for Island-wide Breast Cancer Aftercare Program

On Tuesday, October 28, 2008, Senator Kemp Hannon announced a \$50,000 grant to the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council to develop an island-wide breast cancer aftercare program. The announcement was made at Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC). The Hospital Council, of which NUMC is a member, is the association that represents all hospitals on Long Island. Hannon selected the Hospital Council because of its established network with Long Island's hospitals and community organizations throughout the region. Hannon's vision is to offer a comprehensive aftercare program, from counseling services to wigs, which women throughout Long Island can access via their local hospital.

"As Senate Health Committee Chair, I have continuously worked to support breast cancer funding, research, and support mechanisms. This grant will go even further, helping women through the day-to-day challenges of this terrible disease," said Hannon.

"I accept this grant on behalf of all Long Island hospitals and look forward to working with community organizations and our hospitals in establishing an island-wide resource and referral program for breast cancer patients," said Kevin Dahill, president/CEO of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council.

Breast cancer survivor Debra Celenza, who was treated at NUMC, participated in the press briefing. She emphasized the importance of having everything one needs to get well in one place.



Pictured from left: NUMC Board Member Dr. Rose Guercia; Angela Pappalia, Social Worker with the Adelphi New York Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program; Arthur Gianelli, President/CEO of NUMC; Sen. Kemp Hannon; NUMC Board Member Frank Saracino; Breast Cancer Survivor Debra Celenza; Chris Mancuso, Director, Breast Cancer Program at NUMC; Kevin Dahill, President/CEO of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council; and Geri Barash of One in Nine.

"Lame Duck" Opportunity

The United States Senate will reconvene after the November election and their House colleagues may follow for a "lame duck" session that will look at a second economic stimulus bill. This presents hospitals with an opportunity to forward these unfinished agenda items:

- An increase in FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) given to states.
- Moratorium on a CMS regulation that took effect October 1, 2008, which eliminates the direct medical education adjustment in the inpatient Prospective Payment System for capital costs.
- Moratorium on CMS' proposed cut to Medicaid outpatient services, which would narrow the definition and scope of these services and reduce Medicaid funding to hospitals.
- Reauthorization of Section 1011, which funds hospitals that provide emergency care to undocumented immigrants.
- Ban on self-referral to new physician-owned hospitals and grandfathering of existing facilities with appropriate growth limitations.

8th Annual Youth Conference of Long Island

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008

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Wellness Focus!! Featuring national fitness celebrity John Basedow

Farmingdale State College

Admission is Free

Long Island's hospitals are committed to ensuring that our kids – the region's future leaders and innovators – get healthy and stay healthy.

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