Twelve to be honored at 26th Annual Women's Recognition Awards Ceremony on March 22

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko and Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh have announced the twelve women chosen to receive the 2012 Women's Recognition Award at the 26th Annual Women's Recognition Night on March 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The event, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the Town's Office of Women's Services. The women chosen have demonstrated excellence in their endeavors in a variety of areas. Each was nominated by a member of the community and lives or work in the Town of Brookhaven. Nominations were considered by members of the Town of Brookhaven's Women's Advisory Board and selected based on resumes and letters of recommendation.

"I am extremely proud of all the recipients for making Brookhaven a better place and I commend them for their continued commitment to families throughout the Town," said Supervisor Lesko, "every one of them has dedicated their time and talent to make such a positive impact and they are a true inspiration to women throughout Brookhaven."

"These honorees sacrifice their own time with their families to improve the quality of life for many people and truly deserve to be recognized." said Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh who serves as Town Board liaison to the Division of Women's Services, "I sincerely congratulate them for receiving this honor and would like to thank them for their service to the community,"

The 2012 Women's Recognition Award winners are as follows:

- **Business:** Kathryn Krejci, CEO, RHX Corporation. Resident of Miller Place.
- **Communications/Media:** Isobel Breheny-Schafer, Assistant Director of Student Media-WUSB General Manager at Stony Brook University. Resident of Mattituck.
- **Community Service Volunteer:** Dorothy Schlosser, Treasurer, Building Hope for Long Island. Resident of Medford.
- **Community Service Volunteer:** Gail Lynch-Bailey, President, Longwood Alliance. Resident of Middle Island.
- **Community Service Professional:** Kathleen Valerio, M.S., MCHES, Health Educator, Stony Brook University. Resident of Lake Grove.
- **Government:** Carrie Meek Gallagher, LEED AP, Chief Sustainability Officer, Suffolk County Water Authority. Resident of Stony Brook.
- **Healthcare Provider:** Ethel Thomas, Site Supervisor of Adult Day Care, Day Haven. Resident of Moriches.
- **Law:** Marie Michel, Esq., Assistant. Town Attorney, Town of Brookhaven. Resident of Port Jefferson Station.
- **Law Enforcement:** Sergeant Gina N. Reilly, Suffolk County Police Department, Fifth Precinct. Resident of Shoreham.
- **Science:** Dr. Triveni Rao, Senior Physicist and Head of Laser Applications Group, Brookhaven National Laboratory. Resident of Shoreham.

The Town of Brookhaven's Office of Women's Services, a division of the Department of Housing and Human Services, provides a variety of services for women and their families. For more information about the 26th Annual Women's Recognition Night, call (631) 698-2074 or visit www.brookhaven.org.