Farmingville, NY - On April 23, Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh was proud to attend the official launch of the Special Needs Ability Program (SNAP) at the Studio Grill in Selden. SNAP and the Selden Centereach Youth Association, officially partnered in serving the children of the community, a first for Suffolk County and has designed specific programs for the special needs families.

Councilwoman Walsh expressed how thrilled she was to have the organization in her district. "I am delighted SNAP has a location in Suffolk County and excited that it has established roots in Selden and Centereach. SNAP strengthens our ties as a community and allows us to better understand the special needs of our fellow residents by helping individuals to become active members in our community."

In its philosophy, SNAP believes it's a child's ability that sets them apart from their typical peers and that having a disability does not mean they cannot be viable members of society. They also believe that with proper training and public understanding, they can participate in a multitude of positions within the workforce, at social events and in public speaking. Typically, SNAP works on a daily basis to create positions in the workforce, educates employers and assists employees in gaining and maintaining employment. SNAP also coordinates recreational and social events for families with special needs and educates the community about services that are available for the family.

For more information about SNAP, contact the Selden Centereach Youth Association at 631-732-2186 or the Office of Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh at 631-451-6647.