**Farmingville, NY** - On January 15, Councilwoman Jane Bonner attended a dinner hosted by the St. Jude Knights of Columbus featuring guest speaker, Timothy Jaccard, the author of the original "Baby Safe Haven Bill," also known as the "Infant Abandonment Protection Act."

Mr. Jaccard has been employed by the Nassau County Police Department as a Police Medic for 37 years. In 1998, he founded the Children of Hope Baby Safe Haven Program, the first of its kind in the country, allowing a woman to relinquish her newborn safely with no questions asked. In 2000, he became a founding board member of the National Safe Haven Alliance in Washington, D. C.

"I thank Mr. Jaccard for his tireless efforts on behalf of newborn babies," said Councilwoman Bonner. "The work he has done saves countless lives every year by offering an alternative for women who, for whatever reason, cannot care for their babies."

Pictured above are Rocky Point School District Superintendent Dr. Michael Ring, Assemblyman Anthony Palumbo, Mr. Timothy Jaccard, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Rocky Point School District Executive Director for Educational Services Susan Wilson.