

## Councilwomen Kepert and Bonner Congratulate Coram Elementary School on Coming in Second Place in LI Cares Food Drive Contest

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**Farmingville, NY** - On Monday, May 5, Councilwomen Connie Kepert and Jane Bonner attended a celebration where they congratulated Coram Elementary School on coming in second place in the LI Cares Food Drive Contest by collecting over 26,000 pounds of food to donate to food pantries throughout Long Island.

The students and faculty of Coram Elementary, with support from parents and the PTA, took part in the contest in an attempt to win the grand prize - a visit from celebrity Nick Cannon--who would be principal for the day for the winning school. Coram collected a total of 26,060 pounds of food, just 672 pounds short of the winning school. However, much to the surprise of the students, Coram Elementary Principal Vaughn Denton announced at the celebration that the school would be visited by Cassadee Pope, the winner of season four of the popular reality TV show *The Voice*.

At the celebration, students wore shirts supporting their school's values and the drama club sang "Lean on Me." Essay contest winners from each grade read excerpts from their essays about the values they learned while collecting donations to help families in need. Councilwoman Kepert and Councilwoman Bonner presented a Certificate of Congratulations to the entire school for participating in the food drive.

"Congratulations to the teachers, parents, and the PTA. This was an enormous team effort that underscored to the students of Coram Elementary School their ability to make a difference in the lives of others," stated Councilwoman Connie Kepert.

"You can always count on young people to step up and help those in need," said Councilwoman Jane Bonner. "So many of our neighbors are struggling to make ends meet and it's important that we all get involved and lend a hand. I commend everyone who made a special effort to fight hunger right here in our own community."

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