

Councilwoman Cartright and Councilwoman Kepert Visit CDF Freedom School in Coram

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Farmingville, NY - On Tuesday, July 28 Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright visited the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom School Summer Program at Faith Baptist Church in Coram. Councilwoman Kepert was previously a Freedom School guest reader. The CDF Freedom School's program mission is to "build strong, literate, and empowered children prepared to make a difference in themselves, their families, communities, nation and world today." The program provides children access to books during the summer and after school and helps to supplement classroom learning during the summer. Freedom Schools, which began in 1992, have had over 135,000 participants from grades pre-K to 12th grade.

"Serving as a guest reader at the CDC Freedom School was an eye-opening experience," stated Councilwoman Cartright. "I would strongly encourage adult community members to visit the program or serve as a volunteer. The program is an outstanding asset to our community youth and what they learn today in Freedom School will help propel them into a successful future."

"It is always a joy to interact with children, especially all the children that attend Faith Baptist Church Freedom School. They are always interested and ready to learn," stated Councilwoman Kepert. Freedom School role models and teachers receive extensive, rigorous training in the curriculum which has an emphasis on self awareness and empowerment of young students in addition to the focus on literacy.

Visit www.cdfny.org/programs-campaigns/cdf-freedom-schools-program/ for more information regarding the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools.

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