

Councilman LaValle Commends Centereach High School for Recyclebank Grant Award

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Farmingville, NY - On May 22, Councilman Kevin LaValle (left) met with students and teachers from Centereach High School to congratulate them on being awarded a grant of \$1784.28 from Recyclebank toward their sustainable project called Littermates. Lead by educator Natalie Fitterman, the program is one that encourages recycling in the school and community while earning funds to help reduce the unwanted animal population in Brookhaven.

Councilman LaValle said, "I commend Centereach High School for making a commitment to protect the environment by recycling and for helping control the cat and dog population as well. I am always impressed by how well youngsters can join together for a cause if they put their minds to it."

This Service Learning program, while increasing sustainability in Brookhaven, will be sustainable itself as it is designed to be carried on year after year. It will focus on how to create a culture of conservation, educate the students and community on the benefits of recycling, and will build partnerships with the local community for a healthier and safer environment and school. The bottles and cans collected in the recycling program will be turned in for deposit redemption and that money will be used to get homeless animals spayed/neutered. Littermates will prepare students to understand and act on current and future environmental challenges.

About Recyclebank Recyclebank® helps create a more sustainable future by rewarding people for taking everyday green actions with discounts and deals from more than 3,000 local and national businesses. Through its online platform and partnerships with municipalities, haulers, small businesses and corporate brands, Recyclebank is empowering

individuals to make a collective impact on the environment by increasing household recycling, reducing household energy usage and learning to live greener lives. Recognized as a Technology Pioneer by the World Economic Forum, a Champion of the Earth by the United Nations Environment Programme and for Outstanding Excellence in Public/Private Partnerships from the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Recyclebank is headquartered in New York City. For more information and to learn how Brookhaven residents can participate in Recyclebank, visit www.brookhaven.org.

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