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Farmingville, NY - On March 14, Councilman Kevin LaValle, his Chief Legislative Aide Anthony Powell and other Town employees had their heads shaved at the Centereach Civic Association's St. Baldrick's event to support life-saving childhood cancer research. The event, which collected more than $26,000 in donations, was held at the Centereach Firehouse. Pictured left to right are Frank Petrignani, Alan Pollack, Councilman LaValle, Anthony Powell, Jason Candurra, Matt Sabatello and Mike Romero.

"I'm overwhelmed by the response of the Town employees who attended the event, especially those who made the commitment to shave their heads and collect donations," said Councilman LaValle. "So many people whose families have been touched by childhood cancer were there and I heard their inspiring stories of heartbreak and courage. I know that our participation will help children and their families to live a better life while they face the challenges ahead."

What began as a challenge between friends in 2000, the St. Baldrick's Foundation head shaving event has grown into the world's largest volunteer-driven and donor-centered fundraising program for childhood cancer research. Since 2000, the foundation has raised more than $186 million. For more information, go to www.stbaldricks.org or facebook.com/stbaldricksfoundation.