

# Brookhaven Town Board Recognizes Families in Support of Treatment (F.I.S.T.)

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**Farmingville, NY** – Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico was joined by Supervisor Ed Romaine and fellow board members to pay special tribute to members of the nonprofit organization Families in Support of Treatment (F.I.S.T.) at the December 17th Town Board Meeting. Founded in 2013, the organization was established to address the drug epidemic plaguing Long Island by creating a group to lobby for legislation that would improve access to treatment for those struggling with substance use disorder. F.I.S.T. has also partnered with various communities to bring informational forums to Nassau County, Suffolk County, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island, and at Eastport South Manor High School, just this past November. These forums aim to empower families dealing with addictions by helping them become aware of addictions, how to prevent them and ultimately recover.

“The drug crisis on Long Island is real,” said Councilman Panico. “We are fortunate to have organizations such as Families in Support of Treatment working to combat this issue and provide support to families dealing with loved ones with addiction issues.”

For more information about F.I.S.T., visit [www.familiesinsupportoftreatment.com](http://www.familiesinsupportoftreatment.com).

Photo (l-r) Councilman Kevin LaValle, Councilwoman Valerie Cartwright, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, F.I.S.T. Founder Anthony Rizzuto, F.I.S.T. volunteer Maria McKinnon, Councilman Panico, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Councilman Neil Foley and Supervisor Romaine.

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