

Councilman Loguercio Honors Bellport HS Students for Participating in Optimum's "Charity Champions" Program

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Farmingville, NY – On March 4, Councilman Michael Loguercio (center) visited Bellport High School to honor Student Council members for participating in the seventh annual Charity Champions program from Optimum Community. The program promotes volunteerism and encourages area high schools to raise funds for a charity of their choice. The school was presented with \$1,000 check from Optimum, which the students will donate to their charity, HELP Suffolk. The charity is the largest transitional housing facility for homeless families on Long Island. Since its inception in 1990, HELP

Suffolk has served over 4,000 families and has placed approximately 60 percent of families in permanent housing.

"When someone needs help, you can always rely on student to roll up their sleeves and make something happen," said Councilman Loguercio. "The homeless are all around us and it's important that we all pitch in to extend a helping hand. I commend the students, HELP Suffolk and Optimum for all that they have done for our neighbors in need. They have set an example that we all should follow."

Optimum Community, a Cablevision initiative formerly known as Power to Learn, connects schools and communities in the company's footprint with a broad range of services. Cablevision offers thousands of schools and libraries across New York, New Jersey and Connecticut with free access to its popular Optimum-branded cable TV and Internet. Hands-on, educational programs presented by Optimum Community include *Digital Smarts*, *Knicks Summer Reading*, *Student Lens*, and *Charity Champions*.

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