

Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico Accept Food Donations from BJ's in Bellport for Local Food Pantries

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Farmingville, NY - On October 30, Supervisor Ed Romaine (fourth from right) and Councilman Dan Panico (second from right) were at BJ's Wholesale Club in Bellport to accept \$2500 worth of food from Customer Service Manager Meagan O'Gallagher (sixth from left) for the New Hope Revival Church in Shirley and the Shrine Church of St. Jude's in Mastic Beach. The donation is from a BJ's Wholesale Club Charitable Foundation Grant awarded to the Town's Youth Sanctuary Program. Both churches run food pantries for needy youth in the community.

"I would like to thank BJ's for making this generous donation to help the youth of our community," said Supervisor Romaine. "These tough economic times are even tougher for youngsters who think they have nowhere to turn, but the food pantries at St. Jude's and New Hope are there for them. They perform a great service to the community and I'm sure they will put this donation from BJ's to very good use."

Councilman Panico said, "I thank BJ's Charitable Foundation for their generosity and for the great employees in our Town Youth Division for selecting the food pantries in my district who will distribute this food to those in need."

The Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau's Sanctuary Program works with runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth, offering comprehensive services to youth and families in need. Part of Sanctuary's mission is to help youth get on the right path to become productive and successful individuals, by addressing their basic and mental health needs.

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