

Councilman Panico Joins Community for Dedication of Colonial Youth Van

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Caithness Community Benefit Funds used for the purchase of a van for Colonial Youth & Family Services



Pictured left to right are Phillip Wildner, Corrinne Newman, Mathew Soccorsio, Samantha Soccorsio, Beth Wahl, Councilman Dan Panico, Ray Hopp, Jordyn Gallagher, Lynda Zach and Todd Rogers.

Farmingville, NY - Councilman Dan Panico was pleased to authorize non-tax payer funding for the Colonial Youth and Family Services new van.

"Colonial Youth and Family Services is a wonderful program that I am proud to support," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "Their commitment to the community is longstanding and unwavering. I cannot thank them enough for all of their volunteer efforts and the good they do to clean up the community. The funding for this new van came from the benefit package allocated to the 6th Town Council District as a result of the construction of the Caithness Energy Plant in Yaphank and is non-taxpayer money well spent. I wish them all the best and stand ready to assist them in their good works."

Colonial Youth and Family Services is a non-for-profit community-based youth agency located in Mastic, New York and has been in existence since 1973. The primary catchment area for the organization is the William Floyd School District, which encompasses the hamlets of Mastic, Mastic Beach, Shirley and The Moriches. However, the agency's incorporation enables it to offer services throughout Suffolk County. Colonial is the only comprehensive human service organization in the area and provides formal individual, group and family counseling, linkage with community agencies, information and referral, presentations, teen parent services, child care, summer camp and family assistance for those in need of emergency services such as food, fuel, etc. Colonial is funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the Suffolk County Youth Bureau, the Suffolk County Department of Social Services, Suffolk Network on Adolescent Pregnancy, Community Development, and the United Way of Long Island. The agency sponsors two fees for service programs. One is their Child Care which includes a Universal Pre-K, before

school, after school, daycare, vacation, and parent/teacher conference programs for working parents; the other is the expanding clinical counseling department. Additionally, the agency runs an annual golf tournament and an Evening at Atlantis dinner which generates unrestricted revenue that is utilized in part for a matching grant and also to offset program expenses.

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