

Women's Services Division Honors "Dress for Success" Career EDGE Program Graduates

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Farmingville, NY – On May 2, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and Commissioner of Housing and Human Services Alison Karrpi (right) attended the graduation of the Town of Brookhaven Women's Services Division Career EDGE. This program is designed to help unemployed and under-employed women gain professional skills, accelerate their job search and build confidence through weekly training sessions, one-on-one career coaching and networking in a supportive environment. Career EDGE is facilitated by Rita Kiernan.

The six-session program covered:

- Strategies to succeed in today's job market
- Customizing and composing your resumé and cover letters that will make a difference
- Work with a professional career mentor
- Navigating LinkedIn and other social media for job leads, and much more.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Congratulations to all the women who graduated from the Career Edge program and I wish them the best of luck in the future. Our Women's Services Division does an excellent job helping women from all walks of life to move ahead and succeed. I commend our staff and volunteers for their commitment to making life better for our residents."

Participants also had the opportunity to work one-on-one with professional career coaches and build a personal network in a small, supportive environment with other women. Those who are interested in participating in the next class should call 631-451-9127 and leave their name, phone number and email address.

About Dress for Success

The mission of Dress for Success is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Founded in New York City in 1997, Dress for Success is an international not-for-profit organization offering services designed to help clients find jobs and remain employed. Each Dress for Success client receives one suit when she has a job interview and can return for a second suit or separates when she finds work.

The Dress for Success Boutique is located at Brookhaven Town Hall, One Independence Hill in Farmingville. It is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on selected Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All client visits are by appointment only. Donations of clothing and other items can be made on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on the third Saturday of every month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information about Dress for Success, please call 631- 451-9127 or visit brookhaven.dressforsuccess.org for more information on the Women's Services Division and other programs that the Town of Brookhaven offers, please visit www.brookhavenny.gov.

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