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Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro Names Dix Hills Resident as Local Woman of Distinction



Legislator D'Amaro presents a Proclamation to Woman of Distinction Susan Friedman

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... July 12, 2016) – Susan F. Friedman, an attorney and advocate for children and families has been selected by Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) as the District 17 Woman of Distinction for 2016.

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A Dix Hills resident for 15 years, Ms. Friedman's first contribution to the community was launching the "SouperBowl Sunday" program through the South Huntington Jewish Center. The program has evolved into an annual event that has provided over 600 lunches for residents in Suffolk County emergency housing on Superbowl Sunday.

After establishing the "SouperBowl Sunday" program, Ms. Friedman turned her attention to her school district when she began volunteering as a parent member on the Committee for Special Education in the Half Hollow Hills Central School District. As a parent member, Ms. Friedman has been supportive and comforting to many families in the school district, acting as a vital resource for assistance with children with special needs.

During this time, Ms. Friedman was approached by well-known Autism expert Jason Reise to sit on the board of directors of AutismNetworks.com, a non-profit organization established in Suffolk County to address the growing need for special education services.

Ms. Friedman is the co-founder of the Marsh Women Executive's Business to Business (WEBB) Network, which boasts over 500 members and is designed to assist women with networking professionally and personally. Ms. Friedman has been the face of the Marsh WEBB for over a decade and often partners with Dress for Success and other organizations to do clothing drives and mentoring activities for women in need of support.

Ms. Friedman has touched many other lives by volunteering at the VA Hospital, providing Big Brothers & Big Sisters mentoring, organizing book and toy drives, serving as a Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador and spending time with local senior citizens at assisted living facilities.

Most recently, Ms. Friedman served a three-year term as a member of the Suffolk County Women's Advisory Commission and greatly assisted that Commission in positioning itself for the future. She is currently a member of Suffolk County Youth Board Coordinating Council.

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“As diverse as her support and interests may be, the common theme in Ms. Friedman’s activities is her passion for helping people,” said Legislator D’Amaro. “Her volunteerism has no boundaries and exemplifies a vibrant humanitarian spirit. She is truly a Woman of Distinction.”

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Suffolk County Legislator Lou D’Amaro represents the 17th Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Budget & Finance committee and a member of the Veterans committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.