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**LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY MEETS WITH STAFF OF LONG ISLAND CARES
TO ADDRESS HUNGER AND FOOD INSECURITY IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**



From Left to Right: Robin Amato (Chief Development Officer); Paule Pachter (CEO); Suffolk County Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey; Bruce Gaugler (Chief Financial Officer); Michael Haynes (Gov't Affairs Manager); and Kristine Lehn (Chief Network Officer).

Lindenhurst, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey (R- Lindenhurst) recently joined with staff members of Long Island Cares in their satellite location in Lindenhurst. In addition to the staff updating Legislator McCaffrey on the latest accomplishments of Long Island Cares, they shared vital statistics related to hunger and food insecurity on Long Island, particularly in Suffolk County.

In the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy, the residents of Suffolk County learned just how important it is to have thriving food banks in every community. The work that Long Island Cares performed in the wake of the storm was not only admirable and tremendous in scope, but it truly serves as a model for what a food bank should be.

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Moving forward, Long Island Cares strives to expand its reach into the communities, bringing us as close as we can get to ending both hunger and food insecurity. Of particular concern is being prepared for future natural disasters, so that no one has to be hungry on top of experiencing other traumatic events. Additionally the staff mentioned that the number of hungry children on Long Island is significant, but it is not unrealistic to expect a solution if the food banks and various levels of governments join in their efforts.

“We are very fortunate to have an organization such as Long Island Cares in Suffolk County, and certainly right here in Lindenhurst with their satellite office,” said McCaffrey. “While the numbers regarding hunger and food insecurity on Long Island are troubling, particularly with respect to children, I am very optimistic that the problem can be solved if groups like Long Island Cares and local government work together on a continual basis.”