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**Suffolk County Legislator McCaffrey Visits  
Island Harvest's Hauppauge Food Bank**



**Pictured Left to Right: Randi Shubin Dresner, President & CEO of Island Harvest; and Suffolk County Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey, 14<sup>th</sup> District**

Hauppauge, NY: Recognizing the importance of local food banks, Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R - Lindenhurst) recently met with the staff of Island Harvest for a tour of their Hauppauge food bank, and a briefing on their mission.

In the wake of tragic events such as Hurricane Sandy, the need for well-stocked food banks, coupled with well-trained staff members and volunteers, could not be more apparent. Island Harvest is one of a handful of non-profit organizations on Long Island that plans to be capable of dealing with another Sandy-like storm. However, Island Harvest does much more than preparing for the next inevitable disaster. Island Harvest boasts a number of well-developed programs geared towards tackling hunger and other quality of life-related issues in our local communities.

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Similar to other food banks, Island Harvest relies heavily on its volunteer base, which is quite rich in its diversity of skillsets. Whether it is assisting in educating the people on disaster preparedness, general nutrition, the SNAP program, or collecting food from donors, the volunteers add a critical dimension to the overall services provided by Island Harvest.

“This is a remarkable non-profit organization,” said Legislator McCaffrey. “Dealing with issues such as hunger and emergency preparedness are community issues, and Island Harvest does a great job in bringing the people together. An organization such as this one is a true reflection of the ingenuity and generosity of the people of Long Island.”