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HONORING

LAWRENCE EISENSTEIN, MD, MPH, FACP

*VP, Chief of Community and Public Health
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HOSSAM MAKSOUD, PharmD

*Chief Executive Officer
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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Welcome and thank you for joining us today to celebrate the exceptional work of the Hispanic Counseling Center and to recognize our accomplished Honorees: Lawrence Eisenstein, MD, MPH, FACP VP, Chief of Community and Public Health, Catholic Health and Hossam Maksoud, PharmD, Chief Executive Officer, Community Care RX.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Fundraising Chair for the past nine years. My involvement as a volunteer for over 20 years and Board President for the Hispanic Counseling Center is an honor and a most rewarding experience. The opportunity to volunteer and collaborate with the exceptional staff who provide such needed and vital services to the Long Island community is truly rewarding.

We are most fortunate to have Claudia Boyle, LMHC as our CEO. Claudia works closely with the HCC staff to make miracles, big and small, happen at this wonderful agency for the community that we serve. Claudia has been dedicated to the Hispanic Counseling Center community since her tenure began with HCC; her unwavering commitment leads HCC to new levels of achievement.

You may not be aware, but events such as our gala are the agency's principal fundraising events. Your attendance and support are greatly appreciated and help HCC continue to provide programs such as the After School Program and the Teen Drop In Center that the community so desperately needs. Today, we want to recognize and celebrate all the people who make HCC special, its generous supporters, its special staff members, volunteers, and with special recognition to staff of the Hispanic Counseling Center.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors and the Fundraising Committee for their tireless support and commitment to this event. Their willingness and responsiveness to support the gala is remarkable, and most appreciated, and has made my job as Chairperson an easy one. Many, many thanks are extended to everyone for giving of their time and energy in planning for this event.

Please enjoy this fabulous evening!

Nanette Malebranche

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Managing Director
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Esteemed guests, supporters and friends,

I am so proud to be commemorating 46 years of the Hispanic Counseling Center's unwavering commitment and service to the Long Island community. For nearly half a century, HCC has been a beacon of hope and a source of strength for countless individuals and families on Long Island. Our commitment to providing culturally sensitive services has been a guiding light, illuminating the path towards healing and resilience. Through the years, HCC has not only provided our clients needed support, but has been a catalyst for positive change. Not only do we see the impact of our work in today's clients but the successful impact over generations.

It is with profound gratitude that we reflect on this incredible journey that has brought us to this milestone. Despite the impact that mental health has had on our community and the issues we have had to face as a community, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the journey that has brought us here. Over these years, we have grown, innovated, and persevered, shaping our agency into the remarkable entity it is today.

This remarkable milestone stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts of all those who have been part of this extraordinary journey. I am especially grateful for our ongoing partnerships and humbled by the trust the community and our partners place on us. It is exciting to see how we continue to be included and considered a most valued partner in so many grants and projects that help us expand our reach and continue to serve Long Island's children and families.

As we reflect on this momentous occasion, let us not only celebrate the achievements of the past, but also look forward with hope and determination to the future. May the Hispanic Counseling Center continue to grow and evolve, adapting to the ever-changing needs of our diverse community.

At the heart of the success of all HCC initiatives is the tireless work, originality, and magnificent support from the entire staff of HCC. The HCC team constantly strives to provide the utmost quality of service while following strict compliance with all regulations, ensuring that HCC is consistently awarded the maximum level of certification possible during program site visits and audits.

I would like to thank the Honorees, our Sponsors and Underwriters for their unwavering support. They make this a most successful fundraising event. I wish to thank the Board of Directors for their continued support of HCC. I especially want to thank our Fundraising Chair and Board President, Nanette Malebranche, for helping HCC achieve a very successful Fundraising Gala for so many years; the members of the Fundraising Committee for their contributions in making this evening a great success; and to Mary Mirabito, the Director of Development, for raising our levels of funding and for her dedication in organizing this amazing 46th Annual Fundraising event.

I would also like to extend special thanks and appreciation to each of our guests for joining with us today — your presence strengthens HCC, and to all of the staff of the Hispanic Counseling Center for their remarkable dedication and their professionalism and consistent support which is what makes HCC a premier agency on Long Island.

Warmest regards,

Claudia M. Boyle, LMHC

Chief Executive Officer



MISSION STATEMENT AND ORGANIZATION PROFILE

The mission of the Hispanic Counseling Center is to enhance the strengths of Long Island's families and children through bilingual, bicultural counseling, prevention, vocational, and educational services to enrich their lives, foster economic independence, and nurture dreams for the generations to come.

The Hispanic Counseling Center (HCC) is a multi-service agency with culturally competent, fully bilingual/bicultural treatment and prevention services for chemical dependency, mental illness, and youth and family services. The agency was established in 1977 by the Nassau County Department of Drug and Alcohol Addiction to provide substance abuse services to a growing Latino population in Nassau County. Services are available to anyone, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or economic status; no one in need is turned away due to an inability to pay or for lack of insurance. Programs include Mental Health; Chemical Dependency; Youth and Family Services; Child and Family Respite Support Services; Supported Housing for the Mentally Ill; Domestic Violence Prevention; Teen Drop In Center; and Mental Health Programs for People with HIV/AIDS.

Since its inception, HCC has grown from one program and four staff in a 600 square foot rental office, to ownership of a 38,000 square foot modern facility with 17 programs and a staff of 90 serving over 1,850 clients monthly in 2023.

HCC has the proud distinction of being the only agency in the region which is licensed by both the NY State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) and the NY State Office of Mental Health (OMH) to provide bilingual, bicultural behavioral health services. In 1986 HCC was licensed by OASAS to provide substance abuse treatment, prevention, and education services, and alcohol abuse treatment. In 1990, HCC was licensed by OMH to operate the first bilingual/bicultural mental health outpatient treatment clinic in Nassau County.

HCC's current budget is just over \$8.6 million, with nearly half of the budget designated for mandated and contracted services as part of New York State funding to the agency, for the provision of mental health and chemical dependency services. Referrals are made to HCC in a variety of ways: the agency works closely with local hospitals and mental health outpatient clinics which refer patients under their care; with Nassau County agencies including the Department of Social Services, Child Protection Services, Family Court, the District Court, and the Probation Department; other social service agencies; local school districts including Freeport, Hempstead, Mineola, Uniondale, and Westbury; with churches and religious institutions, and with attorneys and medical providers.

HCC is well recognized in the Long Island community and throughout New York State. Agency programs demonstrate a high utilization and completion rate; the agency consistently meets funders' expectations; and the agency has historically been re-licensed for the maximum length of time. In addition to being recognized by regulating agencies and other social service providers, HCC is held in high regard by its target audience, the Hispanic and minority community population. As it has been over the past 46 years of service to Long Island, the Hispanic Counseling Center continues to be a beacon of hope for those in need.



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HISPANIC COUNSELING CENTER, INC.

- 1977** The Hispanic Counseling Center is established by the Nassau County Department of Drug and Alcohol Addiction to provide substance abuse treatment services to growing Hispanic population in Nassau County
- 1979** Nassau County Youth Board awards funding for prevention, education, and counseling services to limited English speaking youth and families
- 1986** HCC licensed by New York State to become first bilingual, bicultural alcohol and drug rehabilitation clinic in Nassau County
- 1987** Summer Program begins for children ages 7-12
- 1989** After school homework help and tutoring sessions are available to all school age children.
- 1992** HCC awarded license from New York State for mental health outpatient clinic
- 1993** Supported Housing Program inaugurated for mentally ill clients in need of housing
- 1994** English as a Second Language Program available to all HCC clients
- 1995** Respite Program begins, providing counseling and respite services for families with children having serious emotional problems
- 1996** Domestic Violence Program created to fill a gap in services for victims and perpetrators
- 1998** HCBS Waiver Program established to provide in-home services to developmentally disabled adults and children
Literacy Program instituted to teach adults how to read and write in Spanish
Early intervention Program created for children ages 0-3 and families to provide social work services at HCC and in the home
- 1999** Medicaid Service Coordination Program begins to provide case management for developmentally disabled adults and children
- 2001** Ryan White Mental Health Program begins for People with HIV/AIDS
- 2003** HCC moves to 344 Fulton Avenue Hempstead, the new building owned by the agency
Teen Drop In Center begins
- 2008** HCC purchases 336 Fulton Ave Hempstead to expand the Mental Health program
- 2011** Kinship program begins to provide support to grandparents/ caregivers of children whose parents are incarcerated, deported or hospitalized



TIMELINE AND HISTORY

- 2012** Project Hope starts after Super Storm Sandy to provide crisis counseling
- 2014** Super Storm Sandy Program provides multi-service support to storm victims
- 2017** Care Coordination to provide case management
Mental Health Clinic Crisis Stabilization Services begins, to provide intensive services
Empire State After-School Program begins, to provide after school and Saturday academic and counseling support to youth and their parents
Partners in Prevention begins, to provide evidence based drug prevention services
- 2018** Community Health Connections Program begins, for residents of the Village of Hempstead
- 2019** Partnerships established with LI Cares Kids Cafe and Hofstra University STEM Program
- 2020** HCC Suffolk County Mental Health Clinic re-opens in Bay Shore
Regional Prevention and Support Services in partnership with Northwell Health begins, to decrease the risk of HIV infection
Project Hope begins, to provide COVID-19 related crisis counseling and referrals
Nassau Mental Health Clinic expands services for children affected by domestic violence
- 2021** State Opioid Response (SOR) II Program begins, a multi-year prevention program in partnership with AHN and other agencies and organizations
- 2022** COMHPS Program evolves from FEMA NY to NYS OMH funding to provide short term counseling, social support, and behavioral health resources
- 2023** HCC begins new grant program collaborations with the Hempstead School District: through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant and the NYS OMH Mental Health in Schools Grant. Both grants support mental health services in the Hempstead Middle School
In partnership with Northwell Health and funded by the Chan Zuckerberg Foundation, HCC conducts a Community-Driven Research Project to increase clinical trial participation through focus groups, and community education and outreach
Through funding from the Cabrini Health Foundation, HCC begins an afterschool program of academic support and informal counseling for newly arrived students in the Hempstead Middle School



PLATINUM HONOREE



LAWRENCE EISENSTEIN, MD, MPH, FACP

VP, Chief of Community and Public Health
Catholic Health

Lawrence Eisenstein, MD, MPH, FACP, is Vice President and Chief Public and Community Health Officer for Catholic Health on Long Island. Prior to joining Catholic Health in August of 2022, Dr. Eisenstein served as Commissioner of Health for the Nassau County Department of Health, Mineola, New York for more than eleven years. Dr. Eisenstein also served as president of the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO,) and he was on their Board of Directors for nine years.

Dr. Eisenstein is board certified in Infectious Diseases through the American Board of Internal Medicine. He completed an Internal Medicine Residency, Chief Residency, and Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola, NY. Dr. Eisenstein began his Medical Education at Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara before finishing it at New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY. He also earned his Master of Public Health degree from New York Medical College.

Dr. Eisenstein has a long commitment to training the next generation in medicine and public health. He has been Assistant Adjunct professor at Hofstra University's Department of Health Professions and Kinesiology since 2011. Dr. Eisenstein continues to serve as Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Family, Population & Preventive Medicine, State University of New York at Stony Brook (since 2011.)

Dr. Eisenstein has presented numerous grand rounds, guest lectures, keynote speeches, and given television, print, and other media interviews. He has received numerous honors, awards, and accolades including being named the *Bellmore Herald's* Person of the Year in 2020, and leading the Nassau County Department of Health to the "Health Department of the Year Award" awarded by the National Association of County and City Health Officials in 2018. Dr. Eisenstein was named to the New York State Ending the Epidemic Taskforce, and following Superstorm Sandy Dr. Eisenstein served his community by being appointed by the Governor as Community Rising Co-Chairman for the Bellmore/Merrick community. He lives in Bellmore, NY with his wife and daughters.



GOLD HONOREE



HOSSAM MAKSLOUD, PharmD

Chief Executive Officer
Community Care Rx

Hossam Maksoud, PharmD, is the Chairman and Founder of Community Care Rx, a unique pharmacy that provides comprehensive pharmacy services to assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, OPWDD residential facilities and other long-term-care providers. Mr. Maksoud holds a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from St. John's University. In 1993, he established Maksoud Pharm Inc., a chain of independent retail pharmacies in the New York metropolitan area. He later launched Community Care Rx, based in Plainview, N.Y., with offices in Totowa, N.J. The company, with more than 150 employees, provides pharmaceutical services to the tristate area and beyond.

Recently, Mr. Maksoud established Community Care Specialty Pharmacy which works with the entire healthcare ecosystem to connect patients with chronic and rare conditions to medication, information, and financial assistance. Mr. Maksoud and his team have special expertise providing services to patients who have catastrophic health conditions and the company bolstered its specialty pharmacy services with the acquisition of Orphan Pharmacy Services in Syosset, NY.

In 2018, Mr. Maksoud and partners co-founded Dawah Pharmaceuticals Inc. The goal of the company, of which Mr. Maksoud serves as CEO, is to design and build an FDA-compliant pharmaceutical manufacturing facility to address the need for high-quality products in the global sterile injectable and ophthalmology marketplace.

In all of his endeavors, Mr. Maksoud focuses on providing clients with excellent and dependable customer service. To further assist nonprofits and the individuals they support, Mr. Maksoud recently launched The Maksoud Foundation. The foundation's mission is to provide financial and other support to organizations that assist seniors and individuals with developmental, intellectual and psychological disabilities.

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Mental Health Outpatient Clinic Nassau and Suffolk Clinics Children Adolescents Adults	Substance Use Outpatient Clinic Education, Prevention Adults Adolescents Families	Community Mental Health Promotion and Support (COMHPS) Counseling Serving Nassau & Suffolk County	Domestic Violence Battersers Intervention Evidence Based Psycho Education for Adults	Care Coordination Program Adults with qualifying diagnosis	Empire After School Program Newly Arrived High School Students and Parents
Psychiatric Evaluation Individual, Group & Family Sessions	Individual, Group, Family Sessions Educational Series Psychiatric Assessment Relapse Prevention Group	Information and Education Informal Counseling Linkage and Referral	Individual Group Women's Group Evidenced Based Domestic Violence Psycho Education	Help with Benefits and Entitlements Home Visits Advocacy, Linkages Education and Information	ESL, Math and Literacy Education and Information

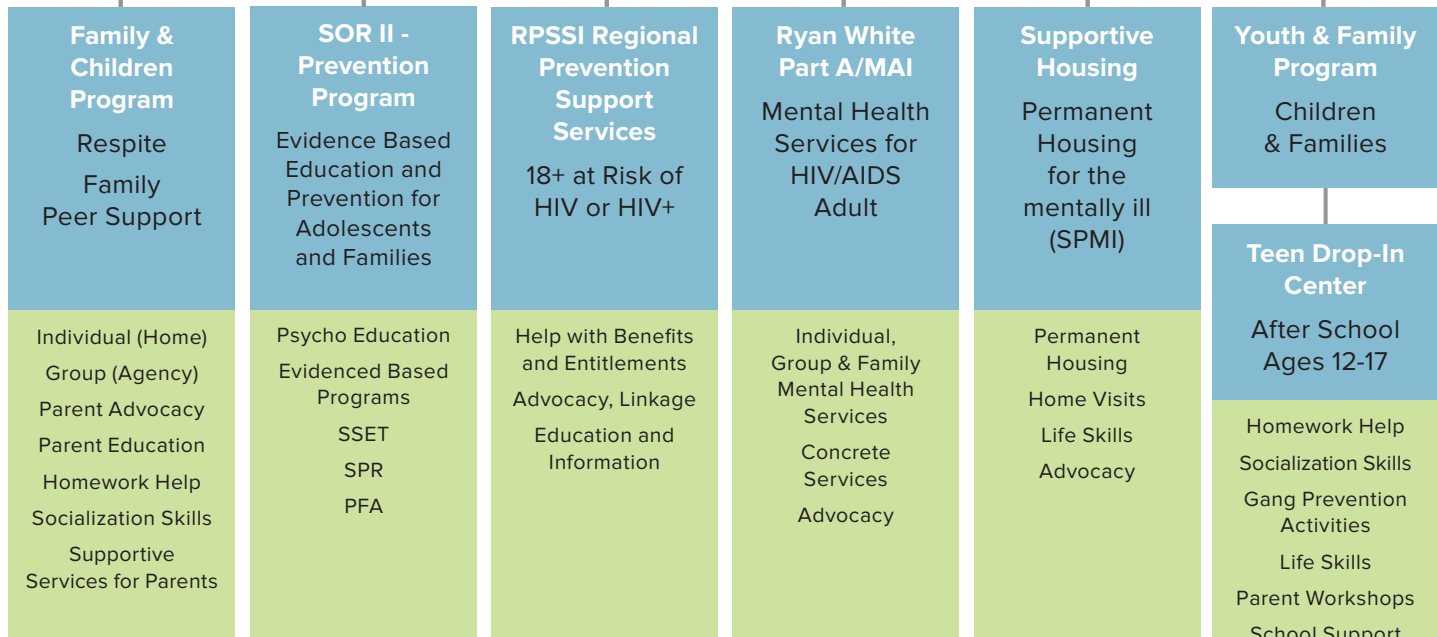
21st Century Community Learning Center Students K-12 Parents Faculty Administration	Prevention Program Evidence Based Education and Prevention for Students	Chan Zuckerberg Initiative Community Driven Research In partnership with Northwell Health	Nurturing Parenting Program Parenting Education
Short Term Mental Health Counseling for Youth, Grades K-12 Referrals as Needed Parent Counseling Professional Development for Teachers, Administrators and Staff	Group and Individual Education Evidence Based Programs Too Good for Drugs Life Skills	Information Gathering and Focus Groups Community Engagement and Education Linkage to Resources	Parenting Group Evidence Based Program

COLLABORATIVE SYSTEMS

- Access VR
- Advance Health Network
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Clinics (Inpatient, Outpatient, Rehab)
- C.K. Post (Inpatient Rehabilitation Center)
- Center for Rapid Recovery
- Circulo de la Hispanidad
- D.M.V. (Department of Motor Vehicles)
- Education and Assistance Corporation
- EOC of Nassau and Suffolk
- Family and Children
- Five Towns Community Center
- Hempstead District Court
- Hempstead Domestic Violence Court
- Hempstead Drug Court
- Hempstead S.T.E.P. (Court Unit)
- Hispanic Brotherhood
- HRH Community Health Centers
- Integrated Domestic Violence Court (Mineola)



HISPANIC COUNSELING CENTER, INC.



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 LGBT Network
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 Local Government Units
 Local Primary Care Physicians and Pediatricians
 Local State and Private Colleges and Universities
 Long Island Association for AIDS Care (LIAAC)
 Long Island County on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD)
 Long Island Jewish Women Coalition – Peninsula chapter
 Mental Health Association of Nassau County
 Mineola Felony Court
 MTA and Able Ride
 Nassau and Suffolk CPS/APS
 Nassau and Suffolk County Churches and Places of Worship
 Nassau and Suffolk County Department of Social Services
 Nassau and Suffolk County Health Home Case Management

Nassau and Suffolk County Hospitals and Shelters
 Nassau and Suffolk County Social Security Administration
 Nassau and Suffolk Foster Care
 Nassau and Suffolk Private Attorneys
 Nassau County Adolescent Diversion Program
 Nassau County and Suffolk County School Districts
 Nassau County Office of Mental Health, Substance Use and Developmental Disabilities
 Nassau County District Attorney's Office
 Nassau County Family Court
 Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs
 Nassau County Office of Youth Services
 Nassau County Youth and Safety Coalition
 Nassau County P.I.N.S. (Person in Need of Supervision) Diversion Program
 Nassau County Parole Department
 Nassau County Police Department
 Nassau County Probation Department

Nassau Suffolk Law Services
 Nassau University Medical Center Detox Program
 Nassau University Medical Center
 Neurologists and Private Psychiatrists
 NYS Department of Health
 NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH)
 NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)
 NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
 NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)
 NYS Office of Parks and Recreation
 Options for Community Living
 Personalized Recovery Oriented Services Program (PROS)
 Planned Parenthood
 SEPA Mujer
 SALVA-Domestic Violence Program
 Suffolk Project for AIDS Resource Coordination (SPARC)
 The Safe Center of LI

Mother Cabrini Program
 Newly Arrived Middle School Students
 ESL, Math and Literacy
 Education and Information



IMPACT

The Impact of the Hispanic Counseling Center Expressed in the Words of HCC Program Clients

In the words of COMHPS Program clients:

“The COMHPS program has impacted my life in a very special way, I have met many people and I have learned many new things like making different flowers, picture frames, and some painting. The group means making new friends, receiving useful information, and staying active within my own community.”

“The COMHPS program has impacted my life in a positive way. I was a victim of a hate crime and because of that, I started having panic attacks and feeling extreme distrust of everyone around me. But now thanks to the support of the COMHPS program counselors I have regained my self-confidence and have opened up to socialize more and re-integrate into the community in a positive way. As a result, I feel very relaxed, and eager to succeed, and I am confident that nothing can stop me from achieving my goals. The COMHPS program for me means support, trust, and love.”

In the words of a Greentree Foundation Program client:

“In the process of my daughter that receives help with Andrea Ortiz, I have seen changes in her. Now she is a girl who can participate in the group, give her opinion, and has bettered her emotions with the help given by Andrea. She is past being a timid and quiet girl and is now more cheerful and happy. She enjoys the little things about life like going to the park and being around other children. When she joined this program she had many fears and problems with communication but little by little with the help she is receiving she has been a lot better. All I want to say now is thank you Hispanic Counseling Center, thank you very much.”

In the words of a Mental Health Outpatient Clinic client:

“The Hispanic Counseling Center has helped me tremendously. When I first met my therapist I was nervous because I have never been in therapy before. In our first appointment she made me feel comfortable and I could tell that she was truly listening to me. I was in a rough situation at home. My therapist has helped me realize my worth. I feel that I am now more independent, I have found a job and I am currently working on getting a new place for me and my son. My therapist has introduced me to meditation and has shown me the importance of expressing my feelings. My therapist has also referred me to women’s groups, which has motivated me to share my story. I am very thankful for my therapist and the Hispanic Counseling Center.”



IMPACT

In the words of **Respite Program** clients:

“I want to express how grateful I am for the Respite program that has had a huge impact on my child’s life. My child has been dealing with bullying at school... however, since going to the Respite group, I’ve noticed a remarkable change in their confidence, social skills, and overall well-being. The Respite program has created a safe and supportive place where my child can freely express themselves and connect with other kids who are going through similar challenges. Being part of a group has been really helpful in helping my child overcome their fear and anxiety about bullying. They feel like they belong and realize they’re not alone in what they’re going through.”

“I would like to express my gratitude to the Respite program for being an incredible support for my family. I have four children, and one of them has special needs and requires a lot of support. Without the guidance of the Respite program, I would have never been as knowledgeable about my son’s diagnosis as I am today, and I wouldn’t have been able to maintain a balance in my home. The Respite program has been there for my family during our toughest times. They consistently provide us with donations of food, clothes, and even furniture when we need them. My children are always thrilled to attend the group because it’s their chance to have fun, and I can also have some personal time.

I am truly grateful for the Respite program’s support and assistance. They have lifted my family up and made a significant difference in our lives.”

In the words of an **RPSSI Program** client:

“I want to thank this program which has been a blessing to me and my family as they have been of great support. As immigrants, most of the time we do not know of resources or where to go for medical attention and treatment. This program has helped me and my family in many ways.”

In the words of a **SOR II Program** partner:

Staff Member, Family and Children’s Association

“The Hispanic Counseling Center has been such an incredible support system for my residents here at FCA’s runaway and homeless youth programs. Alejandra and Andrea always reach out to see if any residents need support and it is so greatly appreciated. Several residents have participated in Skills for Psychological Recovery and Psychological First Aid and it has helped them gain the tools they need to cope with difficult emotions. We also have a resident who has enrolled in therapy and psychiatry at HCC and she enjoys having support from professionals who understand her language and her cultural background. The residents speak so highly of the team at HCC and they are always looking forward to meetings. “Thank you” simply isn’t enough to express how appreciated you guys are. You are all amazing!”

In the words of a **Supportive Housing Program** Client:

“I give thanks to the Hispanic Counseling Center for all the help that for 30 years they are helping everyone in the community. I give thanks to my Housing Coordinator Ingrid for visiting me every time and seeing how I’m doing.”



THANK YOU





YOUR SUPPORT HELPS HCC PROGRAMS THRIVE





A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS

CHARLES E. SCHUMER
NEW YORK

Majority Leader

United States Senate

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October 26, 2023

Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather with the Hispanic Counseling Center Inc. (HCC) to celebrate its 46th Annual Gala. It is an absolute pleasure to recognize the exemplary work of the HCC and tonight's honorees on this wonderful occasion.

Since its inception in 1977, the HCC has provided indispensable services to Long Island youth and their families. The HCC has acted as a beacon of light for immigrants and their families who have come to Long Island in search of a better life by responding to the community's most pressing needs. Through individual, group and family counseling, crisis intervention, educational workshops and support groups, the HCC has developed effective beneficial programs available to all, regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, sexual orientation, or financial standing. The HCC also successfully provides its services in a bilingual and bicultural environment. I am truly honored to spotlight the HCC for its commitment and dedication to the children, youth, and families of the Long Island community.

Further, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge tonight's honorees: **Lawrence Eisenatwin**, MD, MPH, FACP, Vice President and Chief of Community and Public Health at Catholic Health and **Hossam Maksoud**, PharmD, CEO of Community Care Rx. I applaud these honorees for their commitment and support for a better and brighter Long Island.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I thank you for your hard work and dedication. I hope that the Hispanic Counseling Center will continue these efforts for many more years to come. Best wishes for a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS

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Ms. Claudia Boyle, Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Ms. Boyle,

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the 750,000 Long Islanders I represent in Washington, please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the Hispanic Counseling Center's Annual Gala celebrating forty-six years of opening doors to the future for Long Island children and families.

I am writing to personally congratulate this year's honorees for their outstanding support of health and welfare in the Long Island community: Lawrence Eisenstein, MD, MPH, FACP, VP, Chief of Community and Public Health for Catholic Health, and Hossam Maksoud, PharmD, Chief Executive Officer for Community Care Rx.

I believe it is essential to celebrate the accomplishments of those who serve their communities and demonstrate a commitment to putting service above self and I commend the Hispanic Counseling Center for your commitment to this tradition.

In Service,

Nick LaLota
Member of Congress (NY-01)

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Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this evening for the 46th Annual Gala hosted by the Hispanic Counseling Center. Since 1977, HCC has worked to support Latinos and members of other underserved communities on Long Island, creating an environment of hope and encouragement for people seeking constructive, self-sufficient ways of living.

Congratulations are due to this year's honorees: **Dr. Lawrence Eisenstein**, Vice President and Chief of Public and Community Health, Catholic Health, and **Dr. Hossam Maksoud**, Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Community Care Rx. Their leadership, service and accomplishments are worthy of your recognition.

Created to provide substance abuse treatment services to Nassau County's Hispanic population, the Hispanic Counseling Center has grown from a small four-person office into a large multi-service agency that serves over 1,400 clients a month. HCC has provided a wide array of programs including mental health counseling, English as a Second Language classes, chemical dependency treatment and prevention, afterschool activities for children and housing assistance. HCC remains committed to providing culturally sensitive, bilingual care in an environment of hope, while respecting the dignity and potential of each individual. The dedicated officers, board, staff and supporters of the Hispanic Counseling Center are honoring cherished traditions, and building a happier, healthier society for all.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

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October 26, 2023

Dear Friends:

Please accept my heartfelt greetings and congratulations as you gather with the Hispanic Counseling Center (HCC) for their 46th Annual Gala.

Hispanic Counseling Center and their dedicated staff have supported Long Island children and families for decades through bilingual, bicultural counseling, prevention, vocational and educational services. I applaud everyone affiliated with HCC for your continuing history of contributions to Long Island and New York State.

On this special occasion, I would like to offer congratulations to this year's honorees: Lawrence Eisenstein, MD, MPH, FAC, VP Chief of Community and Public Health at *Catholic Health*; and Hossam Maksoud, PharmD, Chief Executive Officer of *CommunityCare RX*.

Best wishes for a terrific event and much future success.

Sincerely,

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October 26, 2023

Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as we gather to celebrate together with Hispanic Counseling Center at their Annual Fall Luncheon, celebrating 46 years of opening doors to the future for Long Island children and families. Hispanic Counseling Center plays an integral role in its service to the Latino community. The Latino community is unique in that in many cases they are people in transition, people who need help to transform the barriers into challenges that can be overcome with proper help. Indeed, Hispanic Counseling Center serves the community with dedication and heart.

As much as Hispanic Counseling Center relies on the community-at-large for support, certain individuals certainly stand out and deserve the esteem of Nassau County, as well. Tonight, on behalf of Hispanic Counseling Center, I wish to recognize, congratulate, and thank Dr. Lawrence Eisenstein, MD, MPH, FACP, and Hossam Maksoud, PharmD. They both have helped Hispanic Counseling Center become the force it is today.

Throughout the years, Hispanic Counseling Center has provided meaningful support to our residents. It is my sincere hope that they continue leading the way for our residents to actualize their dreams here in Nassau County.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Elaine Phillips

October 26, 2023

Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather to celebrate the Hispanic Counseling Center's 46th Annual Gala.

My sincere congratulations to this evening's honorees:

Lawrence Eisenstein, MD MPH, FACP
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&

Hossam Maksoud, PharmD
Chief Executive Officer, Community Care Rx

Again, congratulations to the Hispanic Counseling Center on over four decades of excellence, serving as a beacon of hope for so many, providing programs and services for children, adolescents, and families throughout Nassau County.

Best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,

Elaine R. Phillips
Nassau County Comptroller



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October 26, 2023

Hispanic Counseling Center, Inc.

Dear Friends,

It is the desire of the Nassau County Legislature to honor those organizations and individuals that exemplify integrity, commitment to their endeavors and concern for their community.

We, the members of the Nassau County Legislative Majority, are privileged and honored to commend the Hispanic Counseling Center on the occasion of their 46th Annual Fall Gala for their dedication to enhancing the strengths of Long Island's families and children through bilingual, bicultural counseling, prevention, vocational and educational services to help enrich people's lives, foster economic independence and nurture dreams for generations to come and to celebrate the Hispanic Counseling Center's 46 years of opening doors to the future for Long Island children and families.

The Nassau County Legislature would also like to congratulate the Hispanic Counseling Center's 2023 Honorees - Lawrence Eisenstein, MD, MPH, FACP, VP, Chief of Community & Public Health - Catholic Health and Hossam Maksoud, PharmD, CEO - Community Care Rx; for their integrity, unmitigated diligence to serve the community and dedication to supporting the health and welfare of Long Island's children and families.

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Dear Friends and Honorees:

On behalf of the First Legislative District and the County of Nassau, I would like to congratulate the Hispanic Counseling Center on your 46th Annual Dinner Dance Gala and in celebrating your 46th Annual GALA Anniversary of service to Nassau County.

I wish much success to the Hispanic Counseling Center as it continues to render effective service to our community. The Hispanic Counseling Center is a viable force recognized and respected by the community.

I would also like to congratulate the honorees:

- ❖ LAWRENCE EISENSTEIN, MD, MPH, FACP, CATHOLIC HEALTH
- ❖ HOSSAM MAKSOUD, PharmD, COMMUNITY CARE RX

These awards are well deserved! They exemplify true leaders who are dedicated and committed to HCC as it continues to render treatment and prevention services in mental health, chemical dependency, and various family, children and youth services.

Today is for celebrating the greatness of the honorees! May they keep on sharing their beautiful spirit with the world and making a difference in so many lives.

I wish everyone the best and continued accomplishments. I know that the Hispanic Counseling Center remains committed to our community. Wishing you 46 more years of triumphs.

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Dear Friends,

Please accept my most sincere congratulations as we gather here today at the Hispanic Counseling Center's 46th Annual Gala. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of this organization celebrating Forty-Six Years of opening doors to the future for Long Island Children and Families. I am proud to honor two outstanding supporters of health and welfare in the Long Island Community:

- Lawrence Eisenstein, MD, MPH, FACP: Catholic Health
- Hossam Maksoud: Community Care Rx, PharmD

This wonderful organization has worked diligently to make significant contributions to their fellow residents through many charitable community programs and group events and is deserving and worthy of the esteem of Nassau County for its selfless service to the community, which has made a permanent and positive impact on us all.

Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Arnold W. Drucker
Nassau County Legislator
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Hon. Dorothy L. Goosby
Deputy Supervisor

October 26, 2023

Greetings!

I am thrilled to congratulate the Hispanic Counseling Center on the occasion of your 46th Annual Gala. This worthy event has continued to be successful in raising funds for the tremendous work that the Hispanic Counseling Center continues to do for our communities and beyond.

I am very proud of the life changing services and longevity of the Hispanic Counseling Center. The HCC continues to be a beacon of hope for families in our community.

Congratulations to this year's 2023 honorees, Lawrence Eisenstein, MD.MPH, FACP, Chief of Community and Public Health, Catholic Health, and Hossam Maksoud, PharmD, Chief Executive Officer, Community Care Rx. I extend my heartfelt best wishes to each of you for continued success in all your endeavors. Thank you for your contributions toward the success of the Hispanic Counseling Center.

I extend my best wishes for a great evening and a great turn out of support.

Sincerely,

Dorothy L. Goosby
Deputy Supervisor



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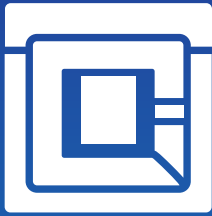


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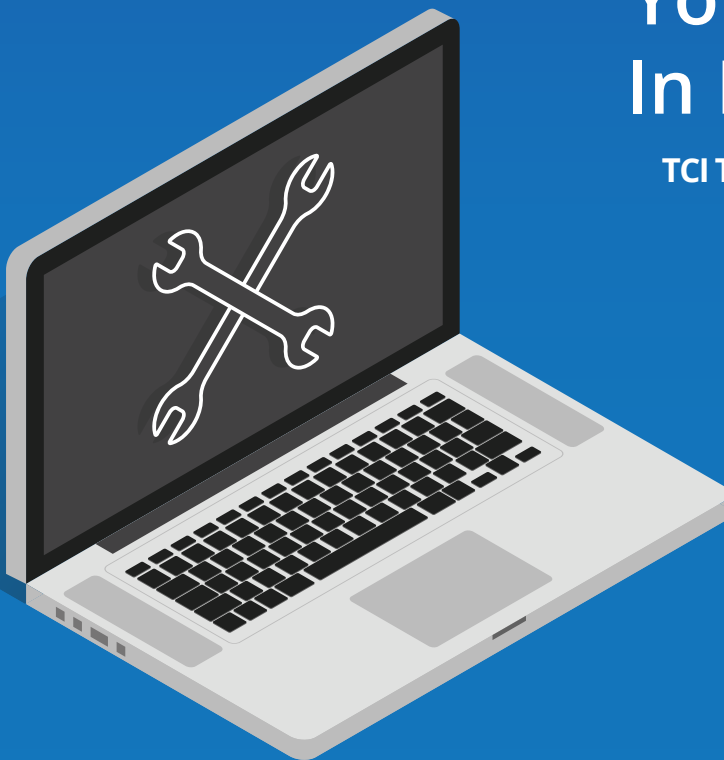
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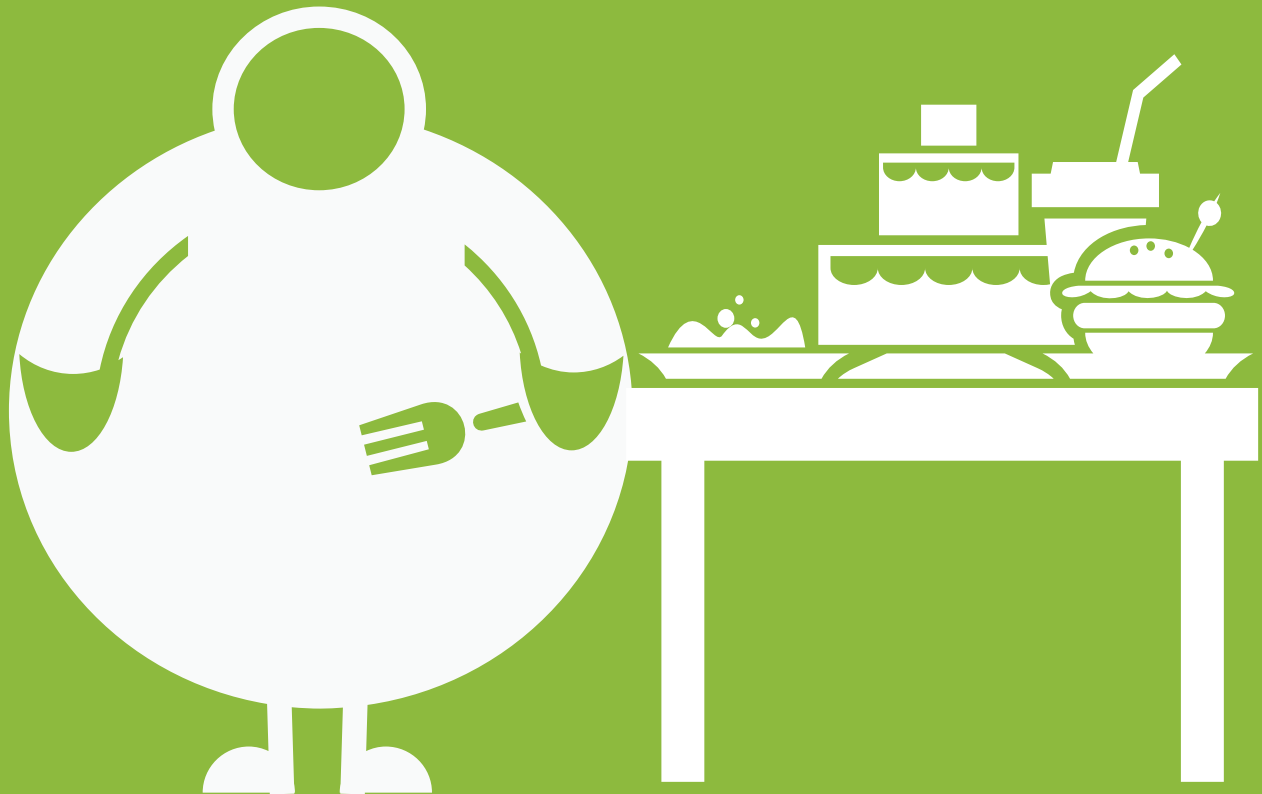
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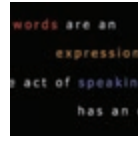
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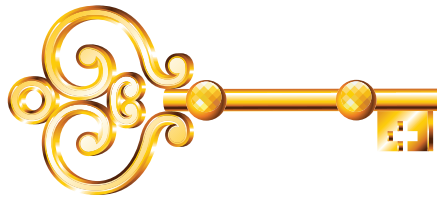
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