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COALITION'S 2nd SPRING BRUNCH HUGE SUCCESS

Funding will Help East Williston/Roslyn Community Coalition to further its Mission to Educate Parents and Reduce At-Risk Behaviors

The 2ND Annual Spring Brunch of the East Williston/Roslyn Community Coalition for Drug-Free Youth was recently held at Mim's of Roslyn Heights. In a well-attended event, nearly 100 neighbors of the East Williston and Roslyn communities joined together to raise over \$7,000 in an effort to make a difference in the lives of the young people in our communities. The great success of this fundraiser also furthers the coalition's objective to educate families by means of a community website which is expected to be in operation by September 2008.

The Coalition event was attended by Nassau DA Kathleen Rice, Nassau County Legislator Wayne Wink, and North Hempstead Town Clerk Leslie Gross. County Legislator Wayne Wink awarded EWRCC. Entertainment was provided by The Wheatley String Quartet: Amanda Hartman, Cathy Cao, Sharif Vakili and Allison Lee.

The dedicated fundraising committee that worked tirelessly to put this event together consisted of Jamie Cutinella Chairperson, Donna Bernstein, Dawn Calabrese, Marguerite Galamo, Maureen Giordano, June Kick, Diane Kletz, Leslie Lewit Milner, Margaret McArdle, Julianne Quinn, Cathy Samuels, Alyson Siegler, Terri Skiadas and Sheryl Yarmus.

In addition to many local businesses and families donating raffles to the fundraiser, many local parents and businesses participated in the coalition's first journal.

In its second year of operation since it was incorporated, the Coalition has sponsored several parent education programs in the East Williston and Roslyn Schools in support of its mission. During the 2007-08 school year, the coalition programs included Red Ribbon Week's Social Host Forum with Nassau D.A. Kathleen Rice, Day Top's Parents Educating Parents Program, The Teenage Brain: Why They Do, They Only Get to Grow Up Once: Preventing Your Child's Drug Abuse and NYU Child Study Center's Thriving Teen's Parenting Series. With the resources provided by this fundraiser, the

Coalition will continue to partner with NYU's Child Study Center's Thriving Teens Parenting Series and support meaningful and relevant parenting programs in the schools.

Since 2003, the East Williston/Roslyn Community Coalition for Drug-Free Youth, Inc. has been working towards a simple but formidable goal: to reduce significantly the amount of alcohol and drug use among our children. The purpose has been to educate, inform and raise awareness in the East Williston and Roslyn communities to teenage drug and alcohol use and other aspects of at risk behavior among our children and youth. EWRCC is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit corporation registered with the NYS Charities Bureau of the NYS Attorney General's Office. The Coalition relies on contributions from individuals, corporations and government for its important work on behalf of the children and families of our communities. Donations are appreciated and welcome at any time: EWRCC, P.O. Box 63, Williston Park, NY 11596. For more information regarding the coalition call Cathy Samuels, CO-President at 248-3489.