

Senator Johnson Honored By Adelphi Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program

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Senator Craig M. Johnson, (D-Nassau), was recently honored by the Adelphi Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program for his successful efforts to restore vital state funding for this critically important program.

"We thank Senator Johnson for recognizing the valuable services that the Adelphi Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program provides for breast cancer survivors and their families," said Hillary Rutter, the director of the Adelphi Breast Cancer Program. "In our darkest hour, Senator Johnson was there to ensure we had the resources to continue serving residents on Long Island and throughout New York State."

The Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program has provided professional counseling, education and outreach services to thousands of breast cancer patients and their families for the last 30 years. The program offers assistance on a wide array of topics, including referrals for low-cost mammograms, insurance questions and wig suppliers.

The program, which relies on the state as one of its main sources of operating funding.

The initial 2009-2010 budget had stripped the program of its full \$294,000 allocation.

Senator Johnson led the fight in the Senate to have it restored in the final budget.

"As someone who has lost their mother and their grandmother to breast cancer, I know the importance of an organization such as the Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program," Senator Johnson said. "I was proud to do my part to ensure this program's continued operation."

The program is funded under the Governor's proposed 2010-2011 budget.

The Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program can be reached at 1.800.877.8077, or http://www.adelphi.edu/nysbreastcancer.

Photo Caption: (from left) Joanne Shigo and Lyn Dobrin of the Adelphi Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program, Senator Johnson and Program Director Hillary Rutter.