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## Senator Martins: Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition to Receive New State Funding

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Senator Jack M. Martins (R-7th Senate District) announced that he has secured state funding for the Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition to continue its efforts in the fight against breast cancer.

“Breast cancer is an issue that hits close to home for Long Islanders. Nearly all of us have been affected by breast cancer in some way, either battling it ourselves or supporting a loved one or friend in their personal fight. The Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition provides important services that help make life a little easier for breast cancer patients, allowing them to focus on their own health, as well as supporting breast cancer research. This state funding will support the Coalition’s programs which are making a world of difference to women battling breast cancer,” said Senator Martins.

The \$25,000 in state funding will help support the Coalition’s “Lend a Helping Hand” program, which provides assistance to newly diagnosed women with breast cancer, especially those who are underserved. The service assists eligible women with funding for prosthesis and wigs, as well as with homecare, child care, grocery bills, and transportation to medical appointments.

Additionally, the state funding will also support the Coalition's "Students & Scientists Breast Cancer/Environment Research Program," founded in 2005, which provides internships to high school students at world renowned laboratories to assist in breast cancer research.

Founded in 1992, the Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition is a non-profit organization dedicated to the battle against breast cancer through education and advocacy of breast cancer research. The organization fights breast cancer through outreach, activism and research and provides support services for women who are newly diagnosed.

"The Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition (GNBCC) is so grateful that this state funding secured by Senator Martins will fund two of our successful programs," said Laura Weinberg, President of GNBCC. "One of the programs which assists newly diagnosed women with breast cancer and our high school student program which cultivates the next generation of breast cancer researchers on environmental links to breast cancer, causation and prevention."