

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR Elaine Phillips

## Nurse-Family Partnership Honors Senator Phillips With "Force For Good Public Policy" Award

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The Force For Good Award Recognizes Policymakers For Making A Difference For Families In Poverty

The Nurse-Family Partnership, a national program serving first-time moms and their children living in poverty, has awarded State Senator Elaine Phillips the Force for Good Public Policy Award.

Senator Phillips worked to increase funding for the program in this year's State Budget and was successful in increasing the appropriation from \$3 million last year to \$3.8 million. The

added funding will provide an additional 175 first-time mothers statewide with evidencebased nurse home visiting services. Senator Phillips has also attended local graduation ceremonies for first-time mothers taking part in the program.

"The Nurse Family Partnership plays an integral role in many communities here on Long Island and provides vital services to low-income teens and first-time pregnant women," said Senator Phillips. "The education and knowledge provided by the nurses is immeasurable and has helped thousands of women give their children the best possible start to life. I am proud to support NFP's many efforts and am truly humbled to receive this award from such a wonderful organization. "

"The efforts of Senator Phillips will change the lives of vulnerable families across New York State and create the foundations for successful families for generations to come," said Kelly Headrick, National Director of Advocacy & State Government Relations at Nurse-Family Partnership. "Her leadership and foresight truly make them a powerful Force for Good in their communities."

Nurse-Family Partnership was established in New York in 2003 and has served more than 17,500 families in twelve counties. The Nurse-Family Partnership Force for Good Public Policy Award recognizes elected officials for making a difference for families in poverty.

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