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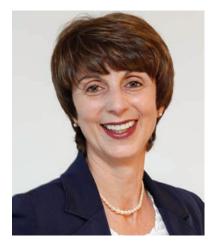








A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



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Welcome and thank you for joining us today to celebrate the exceptional work of the Hispanic Counseling Center and to recognize our accomplished Honorees: Dr. Isma Chaudhry MD, MPH, and Dr. Debbie Salas-Lopez MD, MPH.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Fundraising Chair for the past eight 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 work with the extraordinary staff who provide such needed and vital services to the Long Island community is truly gratifying.

Last year our CEO Gladys Serrano retired from the Hispanic Counseling Center and is presently enjoying her well-deserved retirement with her family. We are most fortunate to have a new CEO, Claudia Boyle, who is no stranger to HCC and who is a protégé of Gladys Serrano. Claudia has seamlessly assumed the role of CEO due to the mentoring and guidance she received from Gladys. Claudia continues to work daily to make miracles, big and small, happen at this wonderful agency for the community that we serve.

You may not be aware, but events such as our luncheon and gala are the agency's principal fundraising events. Your attendance and support are greatly appreciated and help the 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 CEO Claudia Boyle.

We would also like to recognize the dedication and volunteerism of HCC Board Member Elizabeth Alford our angel in heaven who left us too early. Her many years of selfless caring and support helped make the HCC the organization it is today. Her heartfelt compassion and giving will be remembered forever.

I would like to thank the Fundraising Committee for their tireless support and commitment to this event. Their willingness and responsiveness to support the luncheon 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 wonderful afternoon!

Nanette Malebranche FedEx Managing Director Tri-State District



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Dear Friends,

Today I am delighted to celebrate 45 years of dedicated service by the Hispanic Counseling Center to the Long Island community.

I could not be more proud to be part of this amazing organization that has come to be one of the most critical resources for the Long Island community and especially for the Hispanic Community. Despite the pandemic and the impact that it had on all of us, the HCC continued to serve many families, individuals, and children who were in one way or another impacted by this pandemic. Regardless of the fact that our own staff was impacted by this, all of them rolled up their sleeves and did whatever they needed to do for the families of HCC, whenever it was necessary, without reservation. Through the years we continue to hear so many testimonials from our clients and their families letting

us and the community know how their lives have changed so positively after they received services at the Hispanic Counseling Center. As we enter the 45th year, we will continue with the same dedication and enthusiasm and continue to create and expand our services to benefit and meet the needs of our clients.

Among HCC's greatest strengths are the long standing and strong partnerships that renew every year our commitment to serve as an invaluable support to the many systems in Nassau and Suffolk Counties that rely on us and see us as a resource for the community.

I am grateful for these ongoing partnerships and humbled by the trust the community and out partners place on the HCC and that we continue to be included and considered a valued partner in so many grants and projects that help expand our reach and serves the best way possible Long Island's children and families.

Underlying the success of these and all HCC initiatives is the hard work, creativity, and wonderful support from the entire staff of HCC. The HCC team constantly strives to provide the best quality of service and maintains strict compliance with all local and state regulations, which ensures that HCC is consistently awarded the maximum level of certification possible during program site visits and audits.

I would like to thank the Honorees, the Sponsors and Underwriters for their support in making this a most successful fundraising event. I wish to thank the Board of Directors for their continued support in helping HCC achieve its current goals and for supporting the agency in its future growth; 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 afternoon 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 45th Annual Fundraising event.

In closing, I would like to especially thank my predecessor and mentor Mrs. Gladys Serrano, for her guidance, her patience and her unconditional support and kindness. It would be impossible for me to enumerate all the ways that she has helped me personally and professionally. 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 lastly 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 the premier agency on Long island.

Sincerely,

Claudia M. Boyle, LMHC



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.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Hispanic Counseling Center (HCC) promotes family and community wellness with a fully bilingual/ bicultural staff and a network of interrelated services including licensed behavioral health treatment. HCC supports the recovery of the individual, and the entire family system, in a single point of entry. HCC has offices in Hempstead and Bay Shore that provide treatment and prevention for chemical dependency, mental health and many youth and family programs, serving more than 1,500 clients per month across the agency in 2018. HCC is the only agency in Nassau County licensed by the state to provide these services in a fully bilingual, bicultural setting—an environment of hope and encouragement for families and individuals working toward a constructive, self-sustaining way of life. Services are available to all, regardless of race, ethnicity, or ability to pay.

HCC was originally established in 1977 by the Nassau County Department of Drug and Alcohol Addiction Services and the Nassau County Youth Board to provide substance abuse treatment services and services for children and adolescents in response to the county's growing Hispanic population. The agency has grown over the years, adding programs to respond to the community's most urgent needs. Through individual, group, and family counseling, educational workshops, case management, support groups, family activities, after-school tutoring and enrichment, summer camp, crisis intervention, and prevention programs for at-risk youth, clients can receive multiple services for themselves and their families. Since its inception, HCC has been a beacon of hope for many immigrants and their families who have come to Long Island seeking to make a better life for themselves and for their families.



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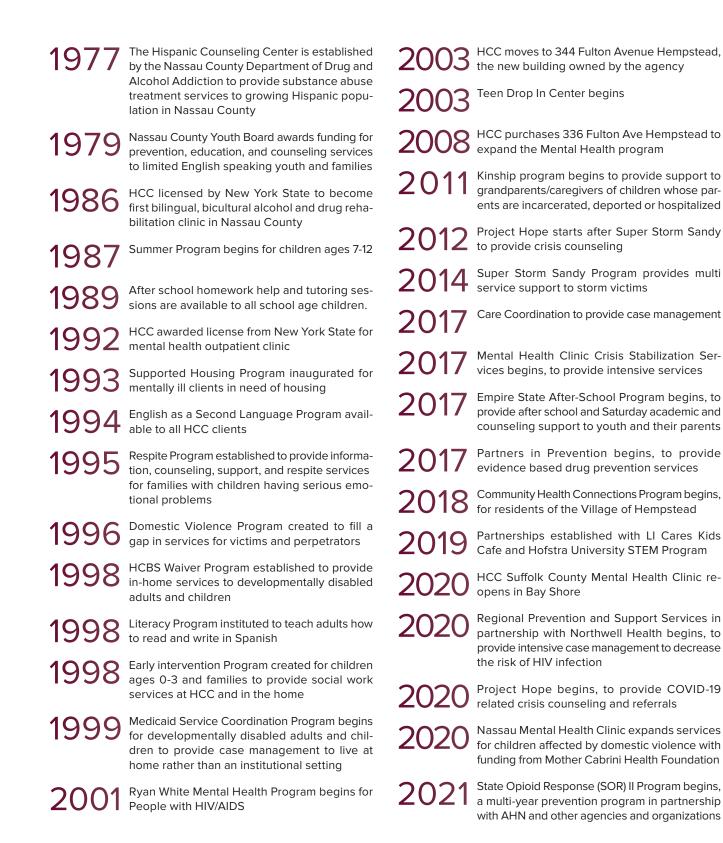
The Hispanic Counseling Center (HCC) is a multi-service agency with culturally competent, fully bilingual/bicultural treatment and prevention services for chemical dependency, mental illness, and youth and family services. The agency was established in 1977 by the Nassau County Department of Drug and 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 III; 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 more than eight programs serving over 1,500 clients monthly, with 75 employees.

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 \$6.5 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, and continues to serve as a model for other agencies. 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. The Hispanic Counseling Center continues to be a beacon of hope for those in need. Like those we serve, HCC continues the journey, with hope and faith in our mission. TIMELINE AND HISTORY







DR. ISMA CHAUDHRY MD, MPH

Co-Chair, Health Equity Taskforce, Northwell Health Co-Chair, Islamic Center of Long Island Board of Trustees Public Health Executive-in-Residence, Hofstra University

A physician by profession, Isma serves as the Executive in Residence, Graduate Public Health Programs at Hofstra University. Her interests in Public Health are Healthcare Infrastructure, Ethnic Barriers to Primary Care, and Immigrant Health.

Isma is an interfaith activist and an advocate for equity and social justice. She has been actively involved with the Islamic Center of Long Island for over 20 years. In 2015, she was elected the Center's first female president, and in 2018 as the first female chairperson.

In addition to her advocacy, she has extensive public appearances and speaking engagements to her credit, including the United Nations conference on Islamophobia, Grassroots Models for Interfaith Engagements, United States Institute of Peace, United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention, and the Responsibility to Protect, the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, and Healthcare and Building Community Coalitions @ Engagement Institute. Isma works tirelessly to support local communities and serves on various nonprofit and governmental boards.

She is a founding member of the Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Coalition "Upholding Humanity." In 2019 she launched her nonprofit "WARIS FOUNDATION" to serve distressed global communities, with a focus on Southeast Asia. During the COVID pandemic, she served as the co-chair of the Health Equity Taskforce- Northwell Health.

Isma has been listed in Long Island Press power list 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 among the 50 most influential Long Islanders (Power 50), and in 2021 was inducted into the LI Press Hall of Fame. She has been recognized by City & State 2021 Long Island Power 100.

A resident of Manhasset and mother of two, she aspires to build bridges of mutual respect and move beyond "just tolerance" by celebrating the diversity of ideology, culture, and religion.





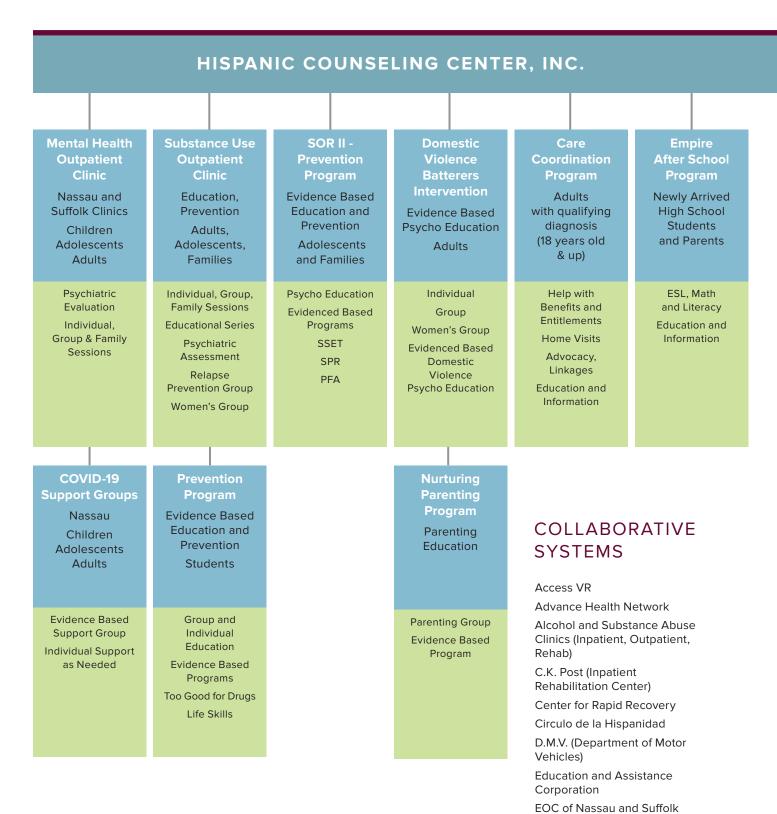
DR. DEBBIE SALAS-LOPEZ MD, MPH Senior Vice President, Community and Population Health, Northwell Health Professor, Medicine, Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell

As senior vice president of community and population health, Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, MPH, oversees Northwell Health's community and public health strategy, including community health investment, community relations, strategic community partnerships, the Center for Equity of Care, as well as the smoking cessation, human trafficking and Food as Health programs.

Dr. Salas-Lopez's leadership was critical during the COVID-19 pandemic. She and her team have partnered with various community and faith-based leaders to identify their most-pressing needs, which became the catalyst for Northwell's faith-based testing initiative — a program where Northwell partners with community and faith-based centers to offer free diagnostic and serology (antibody) testing. Dr. Salas-Lopez is also leading the Long Island Regional Health Equity Task Force, which has been tasked with providing equitable and safe COVID-19 vaccine distribution and education to lower-income communities.

She has collaborated with many community-based organizations on issues related to prevention, screening, and healthcare access and has partnered with other healthcare institutions to address community needs. She has led initiatives to improve quality of care and the health of the community, reduce costs, and provide better care coordination.

Dr. Salas-Lopez is a nationally recognized speaker and educator in women leaders in medicine, healthcare disparities and equity in care, cultural awareness and language-appropriate services, and the impact of social and economic factors on health. In 2021, Modern Healthcare named her to its annual Top 25 Women Leaders as a "Woman to Watch." She also received the 2021 Tribute to Excellence in Health Care award from the United Hospital Fund.



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KATHY HOCHUL

August 26, 2022

Hispanic Counseling Center 344 Fulton Ave Hempstead, NY 11550

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Hispanic Counseling Center Fall Luncheon.

The Hispanic Counseling Center (HCC), established in 1977 to provide substance abuse counseling to Nassau County's children and teens, has since expanded its mission and become an award-winning organization that provides residents with the resources to pursue confident, independent lives. Clients gain access to services such as mental health programs, family support therapy, and youth recreation, all of which foster community support and emotional wellness. HCC strives to provide compassionate, comprehensive care that takes into account each patient's needs in order to help them imagine their goals and realize their potential.

Today, you come together to look back on 45 years of accomplishments and recognize two individuals. I join in honoring Dr. Isma Chaudhry MD, MPH and Dr. Debbie Salas-Lopez MD, MPH for their commitment to the well-being of Long Island citizens. HCC and their staff truly care for the community, and their services allow people to overcome adversity and strive to make meaningful, lasting changes. I appreciate your efforts to provide opportunities for growth and healing to those who need it most.

Best wishes for continued success.

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to join the Hispanic Counseling Center in recognizing their 45 years of service to the community and the outstanding honorees at this year's Fall Luncheon.

Since 1997, the Hispanic Counseling Center has worked tirelessly to improve the health and wellbeing of Latino residents on Long Island, providing thousands with vital treatment and prevention services each year. Thanks to its many diverse programs and bilingual services for members of all ages, this extraordinary organization has increased the accessibility of quality healthcare within our community and empowered countless families to overcome their seemingly insurmountable barriers. The need for greater awareness and action on mental health and chemical dependency issues makes me extremely thankful for the work all of you do each and every day.

I would also like to recognize and congratulate the distinguished honorees, Dr. Isma Chaudhry and Dr. Debbie Salas-Lopez. I am incredibly grateful for their unwavering support to residents of the district and the Long Island community.

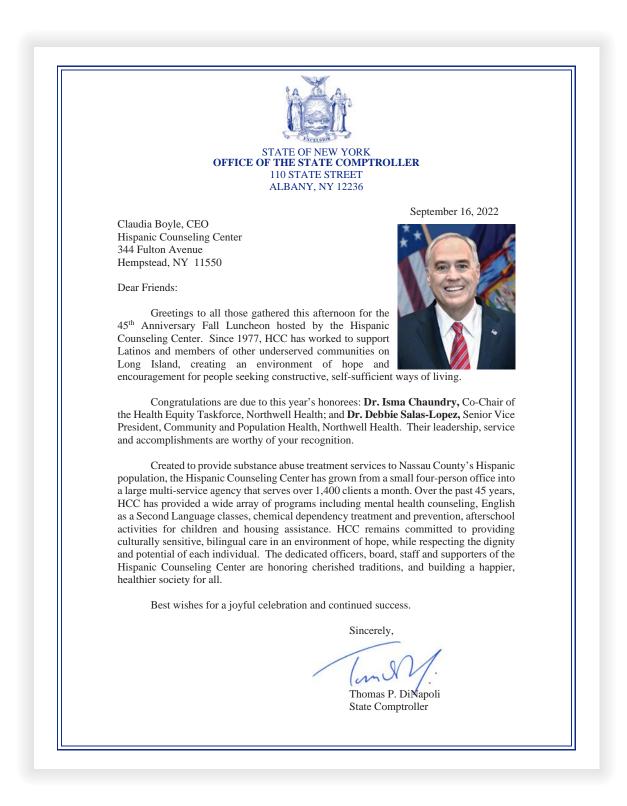
On behalf of the residents of New York's fourth congressional district, I would like to applaud the honorees and extend my best wishes for the continued success of the Hispanic Counseling Center.

Sincerely,

KATHLEEN M. RICE

Member of Congress

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Dear Friends:

Please accept my heartfelt greetings and congratulations upon the Hispanic Counseling Center's Annual Fall Luncheon to raise funds for life-changing programs offered by the agency. 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 would like to offer special congratulations to this year's honorees, Isma Chaudhry, MD, MPH and Debbie Salas-Lopez MD, MPH. Dr. Chaudhry serves our community as Co-Chair for the Health Equity Taskforce at Northwell Health; as Co-Chair for the Islamic Center of Long Island Board of Trustees; and as a Public Health Executive-in-Residence at Hofstra University. Dr. Salas-Lopez serves as the Senior Vice President for Community and Population Health at Northwell Health, in addition to being a Professor of Medicine at the Zucker School of Medicine.

Once again, congratulations to the Hispanic Counseling Center upon their Fall Luncheon and special congratulations to this year's honorees, Dr. Isma Chaudhry and Dr. Debbie Salas-Lopez.

Sincerely,

Kevin Thomas Sixth Senatorial District

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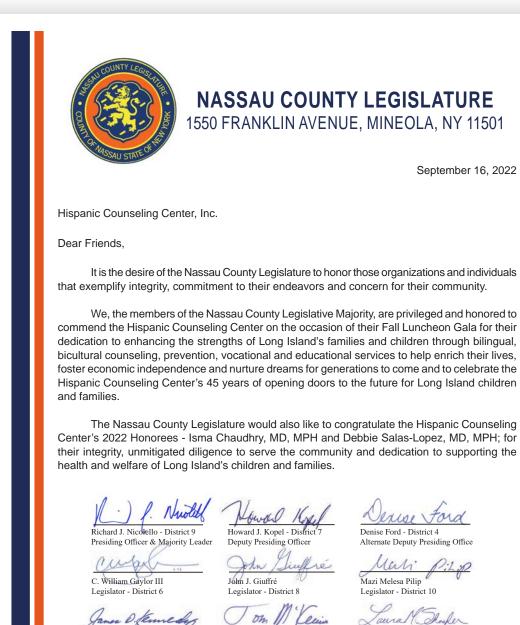
Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as we gather to celebrate together with Hispanic Counseling Center at their Annual Fall Luncheon, celebrating 45 years of opening doors to the future for Long Island children and families. Hispanic Counseling Center plays an integral role in its 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. Isma Chaudhry, MD, MPH and Dr. Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, MPH. 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,

Bruce A. Blakeman County Executive



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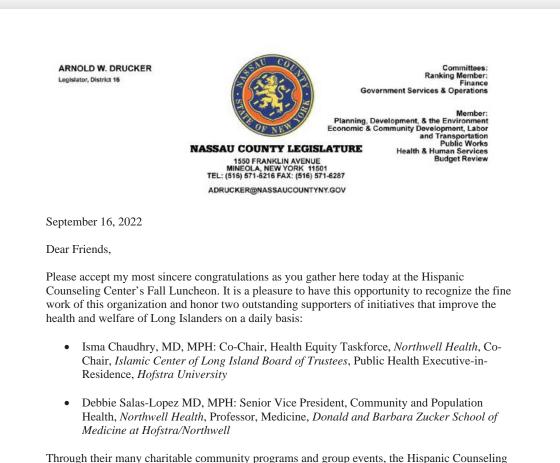
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Center works diligently to make significant contributions toward bettering the wellness of their fellow residents. Their selfless service to the community is truly deserving of Nassau County's appreciation, esteem, and support.

Through your efforts, you have made a permanent and positive impact on us all, and for that, we are truly grateful. Best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,

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We applaud the Hispanic Counseling Center for the positive impact it makes on underserved communities every day through counseling, vocational, educational and prevention services. For many Long Island families, it means hope for a brighter tomorrow.

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