

Health Care Social Worker Earns Town of Hempstead Pathfinder Award

The Town of Hempstead recently honored social worker Maria Fonte of Rockville Centre with its 2009 Pathfinder Award in health care services. Ms. Fonte was cited by Town of Hempstead Supervisor Kate Murray for her contributions to improving access to health care programs and services for underserved populations in the Town of Hempstead.

The Pathfinder Award recognizes the contributions women have made in education, health services, business, the arts, community affairs, volunteerism and humanitarianism.

Through Ms. Fonte's guidance, patients of South Nassau's Family Medicine Center are linked to vital resources and services, such as the hospital's Charity Care



Town of Hempstead Supervisor Kate Murray, left, presents the 2009 Pathfinder Award for Health Care Services to social worker Maria Fonte of the Family Medicine Center.

Program (where eligible patients without insurance coverage can receive health care services at no charge or a reduced rate); the Healthy Women's Partnership (a free breast and cervical cancer screening program); Women, Infant and

Children's Program; health insurance and prescription drug programs; adult literacy programs; food pantries; and other community resources.

She also works closely with pregnant women and their families through the Center's Prenatal Care Assistance Program. This includes providing monthly prenatal and maternity care seminars in Spanish and visiting new mothers with the resident interns of the center to provide education and support in their homes. She is also involved in the center's on-site outreach initiatives, offering educational programs on daycare, infant care, immigration and health insurance to the underserved communities in the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County.

RN Open House Draws Record Turnout



At nursing recruitment's recent open house, there was standing room only in the conference center.

A record turnout of more than 300

registered nurses attended the event. About one quarter of the applicants were invited back to the hospital for formal interviews, said Donna Pandolfi, R.N., director of nursing recruitment.

South Nassau Holds Free Head and Neck Cancer Screening

South Nassau Hospital recently conducted a free head and neck cancer screening for employees and members of the community.

Rajiv Datta, M.D., chairman of the department of surgery, Louis Rosner, M.D., director of the department of otorhinolaryngology, and Vincent Reid, M.D., associate in surgical oncology, performed the screenings for more than 65 community members, some of whom required a follow-up office visit.

South Nassau plans to hold the event semi-annually, with the next head and neck screening slated for the fall.

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2009 Compliance Questionnaire

Compliance would like to thank all of you for responding to the 2009 compliance questionnaire, which was distributed during compliance week May 18-22. The results of the questionnaire will be published in the next edition of *Intercom*.