



**Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) Foundation
Announces Financial Support for R.E.A.C.H. Program**

NCPD Foundation helps fund innovative program that aids those with cognitive disorders

(Garden City, New York) April 2, 2013 – In support of the Nassau County Police Department Return Every Adult & Child Home (R.E.A.C.H.) Program, the NCPD Foundation donated \$6,000 to purchase 5,000 wristbands, lanyards and identification cards to help officers identify individuals registered in the program.

County Executive Mangano stated, “The R.E.A.C.H. Program is vitally important as it assists the Nassau County’s Police Department in its efforts to ensure that each adult or child with a cognitive disorder will be returned to their families at a safe and secure location. Together, we can provide the families of this vulnerable population with the tools necessary to safely return their loved ones. I commend the Police Foundation for their generosity and commitment to public safety,” said County Executive Mangano.

The R.E.A.C.H. Program was created by the NCPD in 2010 to provide law enforcement officials with information and photos of individuals who suffer from a cognitive disorders (e.g. Alzheimer’s disease, Dementia, Autism, etc.) should they go missing. Individuals registered with the R.E.A.C.H. Program have their information stored in a secure database created by the NCPD so that when law enforcement is notified of a missing loved one, the NCPD can disseminate a photo and pertinent information through the NCPD’s Real Time Intel system.

“We are very grateful for the support of the NCPD Foundation in helping us re-launch this important program that provides a proactive approach to keeping our most venerable citizens safe,” said Police Commissioner Thomas Dale. “These wristbands, lanyards and ID cards are easily identifiable and will help us quickly locate missing individuals with special needs and return them safely to their families.”

The wristbands, lanyards and identification cards will be distributed to those individuals who are registered in the R.E.A.C.H. program so that law enforcement officers can recognize them as members of the program more easily should they go missing.

“We are thrilled to support such a wonderful program that protects members of our community. These R.E.A.C.H. identification items will not only help our law enforcement personnel, but they will give families of loved ones who suffer from cognitive disorders additional protection and peace of mind,” said Eric Blumencranz, Chairman of the NCPD Foundation.

The NCPD will be hosting a R.E.A.C.H. Program registration drive on April 20th to distribute the wristbands, lanyards and identification cards purchased by the NCPD Foundation.

About the Nassau County Police Department Foundation

The Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was established to provide financial support to the analytic, operational and outreach components of the Nassau County Police Department's mission to serve and protect the people of Nassau County and to provide safety and an improved quality of life in our communities through excellence in policing. The NCPD Foundation has raised almost \$4.5 million dollars to support the efforts of the NCPD to date. To learn more about the NCPD Foundation, visit www.ncpdfoundation.org.

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