



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Padavan Partners With Hopeline Program For Used Cell Phone Collection Drive

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Continuing his partnership with the Hopeline program, New York State Senator Frank Padavan (Queens) announced today that his Bellerose district office will be once again collecting used cell phones and related accessories for domestic violence victims throughout the entire month of October. The collection drive is a part of national and local efforts to increase awareness of domestic violence during “National Domestic Violence Prevention Month.”

“In the past our community has donated hundreds of unused cell phones to the Verizon Wireless Hopeline program,” Padavan said. “Based on that success, I am once again partnering with the folks at Verizon Wireless during National Domestic Violence Prevention Month to help collect unused phones and put them back into use. I urge anyone who has an old unused cell phone to donate them at my district office. Your donation will provide a safe means of communication for domestic violence victims and will make great strides in the fight against domestic violence.”

Starting on Thursday October 1, Senator Padavan will be collecting any unused cell phones, batteries or accessories at his district office located at 89-39 Gettysburg Street in Bellerose. At the conclusion of the drive, all donated items will be sent to Verizon Wireless for use in their Hopeline wireless phone recycling program.

All phones are refurbished, recycled or sold with the proceeds donated to domestic violence advocacy groups or are used to purchase wireless phones and services for domestic violence victims and survivors. Phones that cannot be refurbished will be disposed of in an environmental friendly manner.

Hopeline collects cell phones regardless of manufacturer and wireless carrier as a part of their recycling efforts. Any and all personal data is deleted and “scrubbed” from any cell phone donated to the Hopeline program. Over its years of existence, the Hopeline program has put millions of phones back into use and has helped countless domestic violence victims.

Queens residents will have until October 30 to drop off their unused cell phone, batteries or accessories at Senator Padavan’s district office at 89-39 Gettysburg Street in Bellerose. The office hours are from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.