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## Senator Addabbo's Free Health Fair in Ozone Park Draws 80 Area Residents

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Queens, NY, September 28, 2010 – On Sunday, September 26, Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., sponsored a free Health Fair at the Nativity B.V.M. Church basement, 101-41 91st Street, Ozone Park. A vast array of free services were provided by 21 vendors, ensuring that individuals have the tools they need to lead healthy and active lives, and included: Queens Hospital Center, Pearle Vision, EPIC, Jamaica Hospital, AIDS Center of Queens County,

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Food Bank of NY, Ozone Park Kiwanis, Cross Bay Chemist, and Dr. Musnik, chiropractor. Eighty residents from the surrounding area attended the event. New York Life Insurance made ID cards for children and Pearle Vision provided each participant with a free coupon for a comprehensive eye exam.

Free services provided included: bone density and eye check-ups, blood pressure and glucose check-ups, chiropractic exams, as well as a private HIV/AIDS/STD screening. In addition, information was available on smoking cessation, nutrition, bed bugs, cancer, food stamps. Community health professionals were also on hand to answer general questions and provide information on applying for Medicare, Medicaid, EPIC, Child Health Plus, and Family Health Plus.

"This event benefited families and people of all ages by providing them with the vital healthcare services and information they need," said Senator Addabbo. "It is necessary that individuals have access to quality, affordable and essential healthcare services. Too often, lack of access to routine services and information can lead individuals to neglect their health. I hope this event highlighted the numerous resources in the community to help individuals and families provide for their well-being."

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