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Senator Carlucci, Rockland Community College Host 2nd Annual Rockland Senior Fair

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SUFFERN, NY - Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Westchester), Dr. Cliff L. Wood, President of Rockland Community College, and Rockland County District Attorney Thomas Zugibe today kicked off their long-awaited Rockland Senior Fair for the second straight year in a row. The four-hour event drew hundreds of senior citizens hailing from all corners of the county, many utilizing the venue as an opportunity to become more involved within their local communities. This year, close to 80 vendors and nearly 1,000 seniors participated, with many new organizations eager to introduce their services to scores of attendees.

In addition, the much anticipated Speaker Series also took place, drawing crowds of seniors looking to become more informed about critical issues facing them. This included lectures relating to consumer protection for the elderly, the latest cutting-edge research in the field of

Alzheimer's disease and dementia

"I am absolutely thrilled with the overwhelming enthusiasm and turnout we have witnessed at today's Senior Fair," **said Senator Carlucci**. "The message behind today's event is to bring the community directly to the people we serve. I would like to thank my partners in government, the tremendous staff at Rockland Community College, and all of our vendors for making this an exceptional showing."

District Attorney Zugibe stated, "Sadly, elder abuse is a profound and growing problem in Rockland County. Crimes of physical abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, abandonment and sexual abuse involving this vulnerable population tear at the fabric of our community. Our highly-experienced investigators and prosecutors are committed to recognizing and responding, which will ultimately make Rockland a safer place for our seniors. I am pleased to partner with Senator David Carlucci to help our elderly residents, prevent future victimization and bring the perpetrators of these crimes to justice."

Dr. Cliff L. Wood, President of Rockland Community College said: "Senior citizens are an important segment of our community, and RCC is committed to meeting their needs and interests. We are happy to host this informative and important event to benefit seniors and their families."

According to U.S. Census Data, there are more than 45,000 seniors residing within Rockland County alone. This amounts to nearly 15% of the county's total residential population. The Senior Fair is a unique opportunity for senior citizens to learn about new opportunities related to healthcare services, recreational and educational programming, non-profit assistance, financial services, and more.

Studies have consistently shown that friendships, socialization and an active lifestyle are vital for the health and well-being of people as they grow older. This event is a chance for seniors to continue aging-in-place while taking advantage of the community-based services that make independent living possible.

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