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Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

Addabbo speaks with TSINY reps on respite center named after Howard Beach community leader, Joel Miele, Sr.

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| ISSUE: **ADDABBO, MIELE'S RESPITE, TRANSITIONAL SERVICES FOR NEW YORK, RESPITE PROGRAM**



State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. recently met with administrators from Transitional Services for New York, Inc. (TSINY) to discuss their program, Miele's Respite, named after the revered Howard Beach community leader Joel Miele, Sr.

During their meeting, Larry S. Grubler, Psy.D., Chief Executive Officer of TSINY, and Avé McCracken, Associate Director of Public Affairs & Fundraising at TSINY, explained to

Addabbo that Miele's Respite Program, formerly known as Parachute NYC, is a community-based care service that is part of NYC Crisis Respite, which provides a soft landing for individuals experiencing an emotional or psychiatric crisis.

Miele's Respite uses Intentional Peer Support to provide a warm, calm, and safe alternative to hospitalization as they assist in working with the patient, as well as a mixture of clinicians and peers, on their recovery.

"To learn about such an amazing program that was named after an even more amazing person, was a great experience," Addabbo said. "Joel Miele, Sr. was firmly entrenched in the Howard Beach community, as the Chairman of Community Board 10 as well as Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner. I believe that through the respite program, Joel's name remains associated with helping others in their time of need."

Miele's Respite, located at 80-45 Winchester Blvd Building 20, in Queens Village, offers services including:

- Peer support;
- Optional groups to fit your interests;
- Recreation and socialization;
- Private guest accommodations;
- Access to Wi-Fi (laptops available upon request);
- Walking distance to Alley Pond Park;
- Kitchen and dining area for daily meals;
- Living room with cable television;
- Access to community resources;
- Stay is from 1 – 14 days;

- Self-service laundry facility onsite;
- Close to public transportation; and
- Guest rooms equipped with a telephone.

In order to meet eligibility requirements, a person needs to be 18 years of age or older, have a safe and reliable place to return at the conclusion of their stay, be a resident of NYC, currently experiencing an emotional or psychiatric crisis, is not an imminent danger to themselves or others, medically stable, largely able to care for personal needs such as their hygiene and meals, voluntarily accept Respite services, and have no diagnosis of dementia or organic brain syndrome.

To make a referral to Miele's Respite, an individual should call 718-464-0375.