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## Addabbo tours Richmond Hill facility that employs the visually impaired

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State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. recently took part in a site visit at Alphapointe in Richmond Hill to see their operations and hear about their plans for the future.

Alphapointe is the largest employer of visually impaired individuals in New York State, and for more than 111 years has sought to empower these individuals to achieve their goals and reach their full potential. Their Queens location employs approximately 200 people, with

about 135 of them being blind.

At their 130,000-plus square foot space, they create a wide range of products, such as janitorial supplies like mops and brooms, and clothing items which involve skills like sewing, knitting and assembly, for numerous local vendors and small businesses across the state. Additionally, they fulfill contracts with New York City, New York State, and the federal government including the military branches by making top-of-the-line medical and tactical gear.

“Getting to experience the amazing work happening at Alphapointe firsthand really makes you appreciate the scope of their operation,” Addabbo said. “The fact that they took a formerly dormant space and turned it into a fully operational factory and distribution center is remarkable. I was able to meet with some of the dedicated employees who, despite their impairment, are able to manufacture military apparel and products for our city. I wish Alphapointe the best of luck moving forward and will work to help make their vision for the future a success.”