

Here are some of the events that my office sponsored or collaborated on to help make Senate District 19 second to none. If you attended any event, please give us your feedback.

Mobile/Pop-up Offices - I was happy to take my office "on the road" around the district. Whether it was at the train station or the library, we came to you. While we encourage you to visit my district office, my staff will continue to bring the office to you. Please continue to share your issues and concerns so that they can be addressed. We look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Rain Barrel Giveaway - In July I partnered with DEP to promote the giveaway of rain barrels. This is an attempt to help homeowners conserve water and save money. The rain water collected in the barrel can then be used to water lawns and gardens, or for other outdoor chores. This initiative helped over two hundred residents save water. Since the response to this program was so well received, I plan to partner with DEP again in the summer of 2017 and have another Rain Barrel Giveaway.

IDNYC - IDNYC is a NYC government issued identification card available to New York City residents ages 14 and older. In addition to being a valid form of ID, the card also provides a dynamic series of benefits to cardholders, including a free one-year membership at many of the City's leading museums, zoos, concert halls, and botanical gardens. I hosted the program in my district office for three weeks where nearly 500 constituents were able to have their applications processed and ID pictures taken.

B.A.B.E.S. LUCHEON - Bonnets Are Back for Easter Sunday: Constituents from several senior centers from across the district participated in this event. Men and women modeled their best attire and showcased their bonnets and hats. Judging of the contest was done by four judges from the NY State courts. Prizes and trophies were awarded to the top three contestants.

M.A.D.E Men - Making A Difference Everyday: This event was sponsored by HealthFirst Insurance of NY to honor men in East New York and Brownsville for their outstanding contributions to their communities.

Clergy Breakfast - In partnership with Brookdale Hospital, Public Advocate Letitia James and Assembly Member Latrice Walker, this event allowed us to bring together clergy from various faiths to discuss how we can work together to serve the needs of communities.

19th Senate District Annual Educators, Parent Coordinators & Parent Teacher Association Presidents Recognition Ceremony - was designed to recognize the outstanding contributions and dedication of individuals who help in providing quality education and care for students in schools in our communities. Approximately 50 individuals were honored.

Family Movie Night - This pre-Halloween movie screening of *Hotel Transylvania 2* was held on October 29th at P.S. 272 in partnership with NYPD. Everyone in attendance was treated to refreshments provided by Millennium Development and kids were given bags of candy. A fun time was had by all.

Unclaimed Funds - There are in excess of ten million dollars waiting to be claimed by constituents in the 19th district. Is there money waiting for you? Representatives from the Office of the New York State Comptroller joined me to help bring attention to unclaimed funds that are available to New Yorkers. Outreach was conducted at senior centers, NYCHA housing and my district office. So far many claims have been filed and funds returned to constituents. Call my office or go online for information.

Bike NY - On June 25th at Linden Park I was happy to host a free 2-hour bike class for kids who were ready to get on two wheels for the first time. Participants were responsible for bringing their own helmets. There were many happy kids and parents at the end of the session.

Hurricane Matthew Relief - After the devastation of Hurricane Matthew, my office was used as a drop off point for donations of non-perishable goods and first aid supplies to help people in Haiti who suffered significant losses.

Hackathon - In February my colleagues and I joined Codesters to host a Youth Achievement Hackathon at Brookdale Hospital. Codesters is an organization dedicated to teaching computer programming to youth. A Hackathon is an event at which computer programmers and others involved in software and hardware development collaborate intensively on software projects. These tech workshops expose our youth to future career opportunities available in the fields of information technology and computer science.

Domestic Violence Workshop - To highlight October as Domestic Violence Awareness month, I hosted a free workshop entitled "Domestic Violence Affects the Family". Presentations were made by agencies and groups who specialize in this area. Individuals received information, tips and had personal discussions with the organizations about domestic violence awareness. My office will be holding another workshop next October.

Senior Day - Providing our seniors with information is very important in keeping them safe. My office hosted Senior Day in September which was attended by over 500 seniors. We were joined by not-for-profit organizations, State, City and local agencies and many other groups whose services are geared to our senior population. The seniors enjoyed massages, facials, music, lunch, snacks, entertainment and giveaways.

Auxiliary Officers Appreciation Day - Appreciating those who volunteer to keep our communities safer is important. Auxiliary Officers from the precincts that serve the 19th Senatorial District were recognized for their hard work and dedication in serving our community.

Family Fun Day - This event was held in August and was designed to bring the community together for fun interaction. This intergenerational event had over four hundred attendees. NYC Department of Education sponsored lunches for our youth while Millennium Development provided other refreshments. Kids enjoyed many games, face painting, performances by a clown, and hands-on practice inside FDNY's Mobile Fire Safety Experience Trailer. Everyone left with lots of giveaways.

