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Community Update: 11/9/11

CrimeStoppers Phone-a-thon a Success



On Thursday, I had the opportunity to participate in the Rochester Area [CrimeStoppers](http://www.roccrimestoppers.com/overview.html) (<http://www.roccrimestoppers.com/overview.html>) Phone-a-thon at the Public Safety Training Facility. Entering its 30th year of service to the community, CrimeStoppers works with local law enforcement to help prevent crime and allows any citizen coming forward with crime-related information to remain anonymous.

I joined police chiefs from around Monroe County and other elected officials in answering pledge phone calls. The Rochester Area CrimeStoppers Community Challenge phone drive netted about \$18,000 in donations for the charitable organization. The drive was a success towards helping the group fund its \$60,000 annual operating budget. I am proud to offer my continued support to CrimeStoppers as the organization works to make our community a safer place to live.

CrimeStoppers offers a number of [programs](http://www.roccrimestoppers.com/programs.html) (<http://www.roccrimestoppers.com/programs.html>) including a Tip Hot Line, Felony Fugitive Flyer and SAFETIP Texting Program. Tax-deductible donations can be made any time via the CrimeStoppers website.

Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration



Thanksgiving is quickly approaching! For generations, millions of Americans have enjoyed celebrating this special time of year; together we pause to reflect on the many things we have to be grateful for. To celebrate Thanksgiving Day this year, I am excited to sponsor a Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration for children in grades K-6. The theme of my Thanksgiving Day Celebration is “What are you thankful for?”

Participating students will have the option to submit electronically, via my [website](http://www.nysenate.gov/webform/what-are-you-thankful-year) (<http://www.nysenate.gov/webform/what-are-you-thankful-year>), an original poem, one-page essay or artwork (8.5 X 11 inches) expressing what they are thankful for in the past year. All submissions will be published in an online book, and participating students will receive a certificate. Please submit your essay, poetry or artwork for inclusion in the Thanksgiving Day Showcase by November 28, 2011.

Students are encouraged to not only be creative in their project, but also to convey their appreciation for the people in their lives and their communities. I hope you and your family will participate in this year’s New York State Thanksgiving Day Celebration!

Jobs Express Website Eases Job Search



As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, I would like to share with you “Jobs Express” - a new website launched by the state and designed to help New Yorkers who are seeking employment. “Jobs Express” (<http://www.labor.ny.gov/jobs/regional.shtm>) sorts thousands of jobs by economic sector and region – enabling job seekers to evaluate what industries are growing in their community. There are currently more than 42,000 job openings listed by region, with over 2,000 job postings in the Finger Lakes Region.

The website allows for easy navigation around the site and offers videos and advice through an online job-matching tool known as “Skills Matching and Referral Technology” (SMART). SMART uses resume key words to generate job leads. For more information about services offered by New York State for individuals seeking employment, visit the [New York State Department of Labor](http://www.labor.ny.gov/home/) (<http://www.labor.ny.gov/home/>). “Jobs Express” job postings, which are free, are updated daily by the Department of Labor.



Congratulations to all of the elected officials in yesterday's race. I look forward to working with them as we continue to work for all Monroe County residents. Click [here](http://rocdocs.democratandchronicle.com/election-results) (<http://rocdocs.democratandchronicle.com/election-results>) to view a complete list of Monroe County election results.

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