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**MANGANO CONGRATULATES DSS ON BEING NAMED AGENCY
OF THE YEAR BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL
WORKERS, NASSAU DIVISION**

Mineola, NY – Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano today announced that the Nassau County Department of Social Services (DSS) has been named the recipient of the 2017 Agency of the Year Award by the National Association of Social Worker's (NASW) Nassau Division. The award will be presented at a ceremony on Thursday, June 8th at Piccola Bussola restaurant in Mineola.

"I congratulate the entire Department of Social Services team for their hard work and dedication to those in need," said County Executive Mangano. "DSS provides services to nearly 300,000 Nassau residents every year, has been an ongoing model of programmatic and financial efficiency and an active participant in the New York Public Welfare Association, advocating for legislative reform in the provision of social services programs."

The NASW Agency of the Year Award is provided to an Agency that demonstrates a strong commitment to social work education and to the profession, as well as continues to improve the quality of life in the community. According to the NASW Nassau Division, Nassau DSS continues to far exceed expectations for human services organizations, continually striving to implement innovative approaches that can improve the quality of life for the residents of all Nassau County communities.

"We are deeply honored and humbled by the designation of DSS by Nassau NASW as Nassau County's 2017 Agency of the Year," said DSS Commissioner Dr. John E. Imhof. "This success is primarily due to the Department's greatest resource—the more than 900 men and women working at DSS whose efforts each day save, enrich and transform lives and communities, creating positive ripple effects that are felt not just today or tomorrow, but also for years to come. I also wish to thank County Executive Mangano and the entire County Legislature for their unwavering support of DSS."

"Outreach to the community is ongoing, with DSS having meaningful relationships with more than one hundred non-profits, educational, and health and human service agencies," said Dr. Elissa Giffords, Chairperson of the DSS Advisory Council. "Activities such as the Job Fair, and DSS Volunteer Services, engage the public and DSS clients themselves attest to its strong commitment to their community. Nassau County DSS has made significant contributions emulated by other counties statewide. Recently the New York State Office of Children and Family Services highlighted Nassau's DSS as successfully reducing the disproportionate minority representation of youth in Foster Care."

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