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**Vocational Learning Program for Disabled Adults Finds
Home on Prospect Avenue in New Cassel**
*Supervisor Bosworth & Council Member Russell extend welcome
to new business*

New Cassel, NY –An organization – ABL Community Services (ACS) that teaches developmentally-disabled adults independent living skills will be calling Prospect Avenue in New Cassel its new home and will be recruiting support staff from the local community. The training program will have approximately 15 employees on staff. The 3,500-square-foot space was previously vacant.

Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Judi Bosworth and Council Member Viviana Russell, who represents the New Cassel area, welcomed ACS to 709 Prospect Avenue on March 9, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Supervisor Judi Bosworth and Council Member Viviana Russell were honored for their efforts and support with this new project. In addition, notable electeds: Assemblyman Charles Lavine, Assemblyman McDonough, and Colin Sauvigne from Senator Elaine Phillips, all supported and attended this great event.

There is also a similar program for high school students with developmental disabilities at a high school operated by the School for Language and Communication Development in Richmond Hill. “The revitalization of Prospect Avenue continues,” said Supervisor Bosworth. “We are so pleased to welcome ABL Community Services to the Town and look forward to seeing the positive changes it will bring to that downtown area.” ACS to the Gateway to New Cassel development,” said Sara B. Herbstman of The Bluestone Organization. “We are certain that their presence and contribution will be greatly appreciated by all of our tenants and the entire New Cassel-Westbury community.”

“Over the past several years the revitalization of New Cassel has seen the addition of a new supermarket, a laundromat, a restaurant, dentist office and other local businesses,” said Council Member Russell. “This adult program will be providing a wonderful service to the community while also bringing new life to the Avenue.”

ABLE Community Services chose the New Cassel site after working closely with Town Planning Department Commissioner Michael Levine, the North Hempstead Community Development Agency (CDA) Executive Director Dermot Kelly and the owners of the building, the Bluestone Organization. The CDA will also be offering assistance to ACS in the form of a \$2,500 grant for a sign or awning. The lease was approved by the New York State Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

ACS also received a \$200,000 Grant from New York State to build out the adult services space. Approximately 24 adults will be involved with this new site based program..

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