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MCPL and United Way recognized

In an effort to make residents aware that there is a seamless way to obtain referrals for service, United Way of Long Island joined a nationwide effort in recognizing Feb. 11 as 2-1-1 Day. State Senator John Flanagan (R-East Northport) recently honored staffers of Middle Country Public Library and United Way of Long Island for their roles in the 2-1-1 service.

Dialing 2-1-1 on Long Island provides access to a myriad of human services and health-related resources that can make a critical difference in the lives of callers. It is a program of both the Middle Country Public Library and United Way of Long Island. Highly skilled information specialists, who can communicate in more than 170 languages, help callers navigate through a resource database of 10,000 services available to assist with their most acute needs.

Senator Flanagan commented on the

importance of 2-1-1. "Both Long Island and New York offer some of the most comprehensive human service programs in the United States. To make sure Long Islanders connect with those effective programs and benefits, United Way's 2-1-1 helps increase awareness, closes the gaps and gets people connected to the help they truly need."

The 2-1-1 database is continually updated throughout the year by the Middle Country Public Library through communication with the participating agencies.

"The Middle Country Public Library is proud to partner with the United Way of Long Island on the 2-1-1 Initiative. It's imperative for Long Islanders to have access to these much needed resources in their daily lives and during times of crises," said Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, director of Middle Country Public Library.



Photo from Sen. Flanagan's office

From left to right, Sandra Mahoney, Elizabeth Eberhardt, Sen. John Flanagan, Sophia Serlis-McPhillips and Lori Abbatepaolo