



An Honorable Distinction Worth Mentioning

Kudos to Jose Veliz, our Family Development Program Director, who was an honoree at the Town of Babylon's 22nd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Festival. Jose was recognized for his dedication to the Babylon community through his work at EOC of Suffolk.

Over the course of the last decade, Jose and the Family Development team have assisted hundreds of individuals and families to realize their economic potential and achieve self-sufficiency. With an office and on-site food pantry located at Amityville's Ace Family Development Center, this program helps clients pursue their individual goals including employment, entitlements, and financial literacy, to name a few. In addition, Jose oversees the application process for the agency's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. ESG is a Housing & Urban Development (HUD) program designed to assist qualified applicants who are at risk of becoming homeless obtain or maintain stable housing by providing financial assistance for rental arrears and/or rental assistance.

Jose was quite humble when asked about his feelings on being recognized for his contributions to the community in such a public way:

"I am truly honored. When I got into human services, recognition was not something I sought, but it does feel special. However, this is more than an individual accomplishment; it's a team effort. I am lucky to work alongside individuals who are just as passionate about helping others as I am, and I share this honor with them. I thank the Town of Babylon for this recognition as well as EOC of Suffolk for giving me the opportunity to assist individuals and families on their journey to becoming self-sufficient."

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