More Affordable Housing Needed On Long Island; Municipalities Need to Do Their "Fair Share"

In testimony before the Suffolk County Legislature's Government Operations Committee, CHI Executive Director Alexander Roberts called for official adoption of the workforce housing goals set in a report to the County called the "Suffolk County Workforce Housing Needs Assessment." The 2008 report set numerical goals for each municipality to meet the need for workforce housing. However, Roberts said, the report presently sits on a shelf and is neither being implemented nor promoted.

Read more.
Hear the story that aired on WCBS Newsradio880.
Read the Newsday story.

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Breakfast with NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli

New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli will be joining CHI for a corporate breakfast on Monday, May 19. "The Housing Affordability Crisis in Westchester: Meeting the Challenge" will examine housing affordability issues in the region, and existing CHI programs that provide homeownership and rental housing opportunities to teachers, laborers, retail workers and other working families and individuals. In March, the Comptroller released a housing affordability study that determined that more than half the renters and more than one-third of the homeowners in the state are paying more than 30 percent of their incomes for housing.

Get the details.

Generous Long Islanders Remember Homeless Children This Easter

Children and families in CHI's homeless facilities didn't go without on Easter thanks to the generosity of local residents. Local Girl Scouts and parishioners and catechism students from St. Thomas More Parish in Hauppauge dropped off Easter baskets and stuffed animals to the homeless children residing in CHI's family center.

CHI social worker Samantha Easters, meanwhile, led an effort to provide 70 Easter baskets to families in supportive housing facilities across Long Island. Easters secured donations from family and friends, including from employees at the Medical Management Group in Bohemia. "It is in my heart to help those in need, and our employees are always willing to assist, as well," said MMG's chief financial officer Joyce Polikoff.

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Better Zoning Guidance in Westchester Can Win Battles

Another complaint about Westchester's failure to live up to the 2009 federal housing settlement promises to stir up more bitterness and rhetoric in the county, and afford opportunities for County Executive Rob Astorino to warn of "federal overreach" as he buzzes around the state seeking the governor's job.

But it's unlikely to move the county closer to finally fulfilling its obligations under the deal. That could soon mean the loss of even more federal grant money to localities that find themselves squeezed by the standoff between the Astorino administration and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Read entire editorial.