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Local Elected Officials Assist in Reinstatement of \$125,000 Grant to Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc.

New York State Senators Phil Boyle and John Flanagan Secured Money for Organization in This Year's Budget

(Bay Shore, NY) — On September 15, Mary Ann Malack-Ragona, Executive Director/CEO, <u>Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc.</u> (ADRC), was joined by New York State Senators Phil Boyle and John Flanagan to announce that the organization has had its \$125,000 grant restored by the New York State Department of Health. The money would be used to provide much-needed services and programs to those suffering from Alzheimer's disease and their loved ones.

ADRC entered into a five-year contract with the NYS Department of Health in 2008 in which the group would receive funding. But when ADRC disaffiliated itself from the national Alzheimer's Association chapter in 2011, the money instead went to the newly formed Alzheimer's Association Long Island chapter.

In late 2013, Ms. Malack-Ragona contacted Governor Andrew Cuomo's office, demanding that ADRC's funding be reinstated. When Governor Cuomo introduced the budget for this year, Senator Boyle and Senator Flanagan were able to secure the grant for ADRC.

"After a two-year battle, Senator Flanagan and Senator Boyle have been successful in having our program funding restored," Ms. Malack-Ragona said. "What is really significant about this grant is that it now puts back the funding that was lost. This grant will help us continue with the work we do here at ADRC, which is ensuring quality care for our local families who are coping with the challenges of Alzheimer's disease."

{John Flanagan quote}

{Phil Boyle quote}

For more information, or to register, please visit <u>www.adrcinc.org</u>, or call 631-580-5100.

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Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc. — which is headquartered in Bay Shore and has a satellite office in Southampton — is the only local Alzheimer's Disease advocacy and educational facility whose mission is to provide hands-on support and services to families on Long Island and the New York metropolitan area. ADRC works with family members, health care

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professionals and researchers to ensure quality health care and support to those impacted by Alzheimer's Disease through care and consultation, information and referral, training, support groups, and caregiver safety products.