



## Nassau – Suffolk Hospital Council

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Area Resident Honored for Work with Uninsured**

(Hauppauge, NY . . . May 30, 2007) West Babylon resident, Stacy Villagran, received the Proud to Serve Award from the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS), where she serves as the Director of the Facilitated Enrollment Program for HANYS' Long Island regional affiliate – the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC).

Villagran was selected for the honor for her leadership and outstanding achievement in expanding the Hospital Council's Facilitated Enrollment Program. This program is operated through a New York State Department of Health grant and provides assistance to eligible Long Islanders in obtaining state-subsidized health insurance through either Medicaid, Child Health Plus, or Family Health Plus.

Villagran has directed the Hospital Council's Facilitated Enrollment Program since 1999 and, since that time, has overseen the processing of more than 18,000 applications, representing 34,000 Long Islanders. The NSHC is the organization that represents Long Island's 24 not-for-profit and public hospitals.

The NSHC Facilitated Enrollment Program is among the top five in the state, regarding the quality and volume of applications, according to the state health department. NSHC enrollers staff open houses at public libraries, churches, civic centers and at other community settings, even during off peak hours, making the enrollment process accessible and easy. Ongoing enrollment is also held at their Hauppauge location (700 Veterans Memorial Highway) and at seven hospitals.

Villagran, who holds a bachelors degree in psychology from SUNY Stony Brook, will receive her masters in social policy with a concentration in health care policy from Empire State College this fall.

For more information about these insurance programs, how to apply and where, contact the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council at 631-656-9783 or 631-435-3000 or go to [www.nshc.org](http://www.nshc.org) and click on Facilitate Enrollment.

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From left: Stacy Villagran, Director of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council's Facilitated Enrollment Program, accepts the Proud to Serve Award from Hospital Council President/CEO Kevin Dahill for her work with helping Long Island's uninsured.

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