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*CALARCO TOURS HOME OF HOPE FOR DISABLED*



(left to right): Kim Collins, David Scotto, Leg. Calarco, Stephanie DiClemente, residential supervisor; and Michael Kenny on the back deck of a YAI group home.

***April 30, Bohemia:*** Leg. Rob Calarco took a listening tour of a neighborhood group home to see firsthand how a successful group home operates. Run by YAI National Institute for People with Disabilities, this particular group home's homogeneous grouping consists of younger adults living with Down Syndrome.

"I was impressed with what I saw. The home is very well run with plenty of oversight and genuine care-giving. The residents are happy, healthy and productively engaged in their lives and communities. This is how all group homes should operate," said Leg. Calarco.

Currently, YAI operates 30 programs and 20 group homes on Long Island that cater to individuals living with developmental and learning disabilities and their families. There is a waiting list of 2,000 individuals on Long Island currently waiting for placement in a group home.