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COUNTY CLERK PASCALE SUPPORTS THREE VILLAGE KIDS LEMONADE STAND

Suffolk County Clerk Judy Pascale recently attended the 6th Annual Three Village Kids Lemonade Stand in Support of Stony Brook's Children's Hospital.

The Three Village Kids Lemonade Stand is a student run organization focused on raising funds for the Stony Brook Children's Hospital. Started by siblings Maddie and Joseph Mastriano in 2012, the Lemonade Stand has grown quickly and now has over 150 volunteers from grades K-12 from the surrounding Three Village Community who help raise money, sell lemonade or donate supplies.

Over the years, the lemonade stand has raised more than \$36,000 in support of the new Children's Hospital Pavilion, programs and services. Stony Brook Children's Hospital is Suffolk County's only children's hospital serving over 300,000 pediatric patients in Suffolk County. This year all funds will help to support the Child Life Program at the hospital. The Child Life Program at Stony Brook Children's Hospital helps to reduce the stress that pediatric patients and their families may experience when faced with illness, medical procedures and unfamiliar surroundings. The Child Life Program offers an opportunity for children to engage in everyday childhood activities to help minimize anxiety. The program provides therapeutic, educational and recreational activities to meet the unique emotional and developmental needs of children during their hospital stays. Donations raised by the Three Village Kids lemonade stand will help to expand and enhance the activities and services provided by the Stony Brook's Child Life Program.

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