



Councilmember Linda Lee Visits Deepdale CARES NORC to Highlight Support for Senior Nursing Services



Pictured with Councilmember Lee are a Deepdale CARES resident; Debbie Stricoff, VNS Health Associate Director of Program Development; Jane Emmerth, VNS Health NORC Nurse; Ebee Grellier, VNS Health Advocacy Manager; Barbara Becker Bruno, Commonpoint Assistant Vice President of Older Adult Services; and Kiaralis Tekin, Commonpoint Program Director of the Deepdale CARES NORC.

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Council Member Linda Lee, Chair of the New York City Council Finance Committee, visited the Deepdale CARES Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) to see firsthand how City Council funding is strengthening nursing services for older adults in Queens. In June, home- and community-based health nonprofit VNS Health received more than \$2 million in City Council discretionary funding to support nursing services at NORCs across New York City. At Deepdale CARES — a long-standing NORC that helps older adults remain safely and independently in their homes — Councilmember Lee met with residents and VNS Health nurse Jane Emmerth to learn how on-site nursing care, health assessments, education, advocacy, and care navigation are helping seniors age in place. The visit was organized in collaboration with Commonpoint, which operates the Deepdale CARES NORC. VNS Health's NORC Nursing Initiative currently provides services at 37 NORCs citywide, reaching communities with a combined catchment area of more than 20,000 Councilmember residents. Council Member Lee's visit underscored the City Council's commitment to expanding supportive services that allow older New Yorkers to remain healthy, connected, and independent within their communities.

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