

Living Water for Women implements smoke free policy

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Bringing in the New Year on a healthy note, Living Water for Women, in Glen Cove, has established a proactive precedent in implementing a Smoke Free Ban for its homes. Executive Director Lisa Cohn recently adopted the policy to safeguard the health and well-being of the residents. Living Water's mission is to help formerly incarcerated and disenfranchised women overcome their weaknesses and nurture their strengths so that they may become vital members of the community.

As executive director and property manager Cohn felt the responsibility to protect the residents from these dangerous toxins.

Carol Meschkow-Manager for the Tobacco Action Coalition of LI approached Cohn with Dr. Sharon Harris, the executive director of SAFE, to collaborate on this vital initiative.

Meschkow is an active member of the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition and has partnered on many environmental strategies throughout the Glen Cove community. TAC is one of 25 community partnerships funded by the New York State Tobacco Control Program advancing tobacco free communities. The coalition has been successful working with property owners and managers, helping them to adopt smoke-free housing policies and tobacco free outdoor bans. The growing trend for



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ANNELI SISNO, FAR left, Lisa Cohn, Carol Meschkow and Sharon Harris support smoke free homes. Living Water for Women has implemented a Smoke Free Ban for its homes.

smoke free living across the state fuels necessary collaborations of this nature.

For more information about Living Water for Women please visit livingwaterforwomen.org. To learn more about Smoke Free Living, please visit: www.smokefreehousingny.org. For Quit Help please contact the NYS Quit Line at 1866 NYS Quits.

For more information about the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition visit SAFE at www.safeglencove.org or

visit the website at <http://www.safeglencove.org> or Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/safeglencovecoalition>.

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