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### **SAFE Glen Cove Coalition- Aiding the Community During COVID-19**

The saying “It takes a village” represents today’s world now more than ever during the COVID pandemic. Everyone from local neighbors and friends, have all put their effort into helping others in need.

The SAFE Glen Cove Coalition, through its Parent Committee Chaired by bi-lingual Outreach Worker Mrs. Laurent Caballero and Coalition member Congregation Tifereth Israel (CTI), have been working tirelessly to deliver necessities such as food and other essential items to needy families throughout Glen Cove. 32 families received food donations in the month of April. Mrs. Colocciopa of CTI has been furnishing Mrs. Caballero with the essential foods and items that are preservable for families in need. Mrs. Caballero then delivers these items to the families knowing that these donations are most appreciated.

Rabbi Huberman and Cantor Gustavo Gitlin of CTI have also worked with the Coalition to help educate the community about the opioid epidemic through NARCAN presentations but also worked to identify and develop a youth prevention group. Additionally, CTI has also collaborated with members of the Coalition and Mayors office on a pilot program to shelter the homeless.

Mrs. Caballero has a long standing relationship with the Glen Cove School District, having established a name for herself within the Hispanic community for not only her outreach efforts but for her evidence-based parent prevention, intervention and education workshops and services provided to parents via the Coalition. Mrs. Caballero worked as an aide at the Deasy school for 25 years and was recognized as the PTA Councils annual honoree in 2010. Many Glen Cove teachers have reached out to Mrs. Caballero to help students and their families with food but to also deliver learning packets to children of needy families that do not have access to computers to continue their education during the COVID-19 break.

SAFE is the only not for profit alcohol and substance use alcohol, prevention, intervention and education agency in the City of Glen Cove. Its Coalition is composed of four established Committees, Parent, Youth, School and Community and is composed of the following sectors The Mayor’s office ,Youth, Parents/PTA members, Glen Cove Police Department, Glen Cove School District, Glen Cove Business Improvement District, the Glen Cove Youth Bureau, Congregation Tifereth Israel, SAFE, Charles Evans Center and NY State Office of Addiction Services and Supports.

The Coalition is concerned about COVID-19 and its consequences and would like to connect the public to important resources for individuals, families, youth and health care providers. For more information and resources, please visit the Keeping Glen Cove SAFE COVID-19 page on SAFE’s website at

[www.safeglencove.org](http://www.safeglencove.org) or to learn more about the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition please follow us on [www.facebook.com/safeglencovecoalition](https://www.facebook.com/safeglencovecoalition).