

The Suffolk County Legislature gathered on November 19, 2024 to recognize Non-Profit Volunteer Appreciation Month. Presiding Officer Kevin McCaffrey proudly honored Joanne Marquardt of the Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition as part of the celebration, and paid homage to her tremendous service to the cancer research community! 🎀

Joanne is a 20-year survivor of breast cancer, and a 13-year survivor of colon cancer, is a determined Advocate for Breast Cancer Research and Access to Care for those in treatment. Her advocacy began in 2009 with the West Islip Breast Cancer Coalition and transitioned to the Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition in 2020. As a Board Member she participated in fund raising to support the services provided to those in treatment.

In 2009 Joanne also became a member of the National Breast Cancer Coalition and presently serves as the NBCC Long Island Field Coordinator. In that role she interacts with the Long Island congressional offices to support legislation for breast cancer research and access to care for those in treatment. She has also served multiple times as a Consumer Reviewer in the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program.

Joanne Marquardt's advocacy has tremendous reach within the cancer research community, and she serves to further the cause by maintaining contact with federal elected officials regarding legislative issues concerning breast cancer research and access to care for patients, serving as a Consumer Reviewer in the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program, working with breast cancer researchers at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and so much more.

The Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition is proud to have Joanne as one of our esteemed board members. Congratulations Joanne!

