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CN Guidance Dedicates Recovery Residence in Honor of Behavioral Health Pioneer Bill Kranz



L to R Above: CNG Board President, Jim O'Brien; Audie Kranz, Jane Kranz, CNG Board member, Mark Seiden; CNG CEO, Jeffrey Friedman



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Valley Stream, NY - In recognition of **National Recovery Month**, **CN Guidance & Counseling Services** dedicated its Ella Street recovery residence in Valley Stream in honor of the late **Bill Kranz**, a pioneering behavioral health advocate and longtime member of the agency's Board of Directors.

The dedication ceremony, held September 16th, attended by community members, local leaders, and elected officials, including **Nassau County Legislator Cynthia Núñez** and **New York State Assemblywoman Judy Griffin**, celebrated Kranz's decades-long commitment to expanding access to mental health and substance use treatment and advancing recovery support services throughout the community.

For decades, Kranz championed care for individuals and families facing mental health and substance use challenges, helping ensure access to treatment at a time when significant stigma often prevented people from seeking help. A visionary advocate for recovery-oriented services, he recognized the vital role stable housing plays in long-term recovery and was instrumental in the growth of CN Guidance's residential programs, including the acquisition of the Valley Stream property.

Now officially renamed **The Bill Kranz Community Residence**, the home will serve as a lasting tribute to his leadership, compassion, and unwavering belief that every person deserves the opportunity to achieve recovery, stability, and hope. The residence provides a supportive living environment for individuals recovering from substance use and mental health challenges, helping residents build independence, strengthen their well-being, and establish the foundation for lasting recovery.

The dedication highlighted Kranz's profound influence on CN Guidance, the behavioral health field, and the thousands of lives that have been strengthened through recovery support services. Held during National Recovery Month, the event also underscored the importance of recognizing recovery as a reality for millions of Americans and the critical role community-based supports play in helping individuals thrive.

"Housing is part of healing," said **CN Guidance, CEO Jeffrey Friedman.** "A safe, stable place to live changes what's possible by creating the foundation for recovery, health, connection, and hope.

Images and video of the event are attached.

About CN Guidance: *Serving children and adults with mental and emotional disorders since 1972, CN Guidance and Counseling Services delivers NY-State licensed mental health and substance use treatment services working in partnership with county government and other community services. With deep, localized knowledge of Nassau County and Suffolk County communities, a 24/7 crisis center, a mobile fleet, telehealth capabilities, and a NY State Integrated Outpatient Services license, CN Guidance maintains an exemplary track record of delivering outreach and high-quality behavioral healthcare to more than 25,000 individuals per year. For more information, visit https://cnguidance.org/*