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**QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CELEBRATES  
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that his office will be sponsoring a community awareness program on Thursday, April 26, 2007, as part of the 27<sup>th</sup> annual commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom K7 of the Queens Criminal Courthouse, located at 125-01 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens. National Crime Victims Rights' Week, which honors the victims of crime and pays tribute to those who provide services and support to such victims, runs from April 22 - 28, 2007. The theme of this year's Rights Weeks is Victims' Rights: Every Victim, Every Time.

District Attorney Brown said, "It is fitting that this year's program is held in the Queens Criminal Courthouse where victims of crime come seeking justice and the guilty are held accountable for their wrongdoing. National Crime Victims' Rights Week also allows us the opportunity as individuals and as a nation to take a moment to reflect on the devastating impact that crime has on its victims and their families. Today, we salute them for their courage and determination in stepping forward out of the shadow of fear and isolation, and honor the many victim advocates and volunteers who assist them in their journey."

Speakers at this year's event will include District Attorney Brown, Supreme Court Justice Randall T. Eng, Administrative Judge of the Criminal Term of Queens County Supreme Court, Mira Shapiro, Senior Director of the Queens Child Advocacy Center, and Samantha Ennett, a 16-year-old student whose older brother Lawrence was murdered at a Queens barbershop.

Students from Public School 106 will kick off the program by leading those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a vocal selection by Jerriese Johnson of the East Village Gospel Choir and musical and theater performances by students of P.S./I.S. 268 and P.S. 106. Mary Overton, a Eucharistic Minister, will deliver the closing Benediction.

District Attorney Brown will also present \$50 saving bonds to the four Queens fifth-grader who were chosen winners of a poster contest in which they were to create an artwork which reflected support and lending a helping hand. The winners are Najee Prophete, Anniesa Baldeo, Olufemi Agoha, and Nyla Biggs, of Public School 106.

Resource and information tables containing literature on various service providers will be available to the public, as well as gift bags for guests.

The event is being coordinated by Natasha Morales, Director of the District Attorney's Crime Victims Advocate Program, with the assistance of Crime Victim Advocates Jennifer L. Esposito, Maria C. Masaya and Sylvia Reid.

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