



*Congressman Joseph Crowley commends the founders of the Morris Park Bedtime Stories program, DebraAnn Jaffee, Angela Cafaro and Evelyn Miccoli, for their commitment to promoting children's education and reading, and State Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera for her efforts to empower victims of domestic violence*

## Honoring the Contribution of Women

In March, Congressman Joseph Crowley commemorated Women's History Month at the New York Botanical Garden by honoring the Morris Park Bedtime Stories program. Crowley commended the program for bringing the basics of reading back to the community and for growing from nine children one year ago to more than forty children today.

He has been a long-time supporter of early childhood education, participating as a guest reader at local programs and pushing for full funding of Head Start programs as a member of Congress.

## Women's Health is One of Congressman Crowley's Top Priorities

### Breast Cancer

Congressman Joseph Crowley received a perfect score from the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) for his voting record during the 108th Congress. As a strong advocate for expanded care and treatment for breast cancer patients, Crowley supported the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2005, which expands the treatment options for patients. In addition, he was a strong supporter of the Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2005, which provides funding for research on the environmental causes of breast cancer.

"My mother is a breast cancer survivor, and I am grateful that as a member of Congress I can represent her voice and the voices of all of the women who have faced breast cancer. As a vocal advocate for increased funding, research and treatment options for breast cancer, and I am committed to making sure this is a priority in Congress."



*Crowley is joined by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz at a press conference to discuss the fight for increased funding for breast cancer research*

### Cover the Uninsured

Congressman Crowley believes that every American deserves access to fair and affordable health insurance. In May, he co-sponsored three bills that would help cover over one-half of America's uninsured.

- **Medicare Early Access Act** would allow people between the ages of 55 and 64 to purchase Medicare. Currently there are 3.5 million uninsured people age 55 and over who are not yet eligible for Medicare.

- **Family Care Act** would lower costs and expand affordable coverage for working parents, making the parents of children eligible for the State Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid also eligible for coverage.

- **Small Business Health Insurance Promotion Act**

would create a 50 percent tax credit to help small businesses and the self-employed with the costs of health coverage.

# Crowley is Committed to Making Sure Our Kids are Safe

In June, Congressman Joseph Crowley hosted the 1st Annual Bike Helmet Safety Day with PS 178 elementary school to promote bike safety for elementary school children. He partnered with Jacobi Medical Center to sponsor an essay contest and together they awarded bike helmets to the student winners. In a populous neighborhood like Co-op City, Congressman Crowley is committed to not only improving infrastructure and roadways, but also keeping the community safe.



*Congressman Joseph Crowley speaks with elementary school students at PS 178 Elementary School in Co-op City about the importance of wearing a helmet when riding a bike*

After parents in the Bronx expressed concerns about pedestrian safety, Crowley worked with his colleague Congressman Anthony Weiner to secure Federal funding in the multi-billion dollar Transportation Equity Act-A Legacy for Users, which passed and was signed into law this year. **\$250,000 will be spent in the community surrounding PS 194.**

In the months ahead, members of the school administration and parents will work with the New York City Department of Transportation to ensure that the funding is used in the best way possible to improve the safety and livability of the community. Overall, Crowley secured more than \$15 million for transportation projects in the Bronx.

*“As a father of three children, my number one priority is for all parents to keep children safe from harm. I am committed to bringing Federal funding to local programs that will improve the safety of our streets and schoolyards and also better prepare our children for facing the dangers posed by the commute to and from school.”*

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