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Please learn about two important health issues at these websites:

Find a facility that can help people battling eating disorders at:
<http://columbiapsychiatry.org/eatingdisorders/directions>

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<http://donatelife.net/?s=new+york>

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NYC First Lady Chirlane McCray visited Red Hook with me to announce \$30 million in funding for Community Based Organizations through the Connections to Care program. This federal social innovation grant represents a major step forward for the Red Hook Initiative that will now be able to help train staff and better identify young people between 16 and 24 who are in need of mental health counseling. This is a need that we've waited over a decade to address and can now properly fund.



I am pleased to team up again with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on Saturday, March 19th to offer free TB health screenings to address the growing concern about TB in our communities. The event coincides with World TB Day on March 24th.

The Community Health Fair will take place at P.S. 169 at 4305 7th Avenue, Brooklyn and is open to the public from 12:00pm-4:00pm. Numerous agencies and community-based organizations will participate at the event to share important resources for individuals and families.

After one more tragic death and a criminal conviction, I am calling for better and improved CPR training for police officers. Former NYPD Officer Peter Liang's recent admission that he was not properly trained to perform CPR demonstrates one more time how our police officers are poorly trained and ill prepared to administer CPR when it counts the most. I spoke with the Ojeda Family last week to discuss my legislation, Briana's Law, (A.8232). Briana's Law was introduced in response to the tragic death of Briana Ojeda in 2010. The legislation calls for biennial CPR retraining for police officers.



I visited our St. Nicholas Home in Bay Ridge to announce the allocation of \$250,000 I was able to obtain in Capital Funding for the home. The funds will be used towards necessary utility upgrades and to renovate the ground floor and cellar.



The NYS Latino delegation conducted a successful Legislative Educational day in Albany last week. I was pleased to meet with the delegation to discuss important issues including the Hepatitis C epidemic and opioid overdose prevention.



We welcomed a delegation of business and government officials from Jiangmen City.



Working with the Women's Builders Council to increase opportunities for MWBE contracts.