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Manhasset CASA Joined Community Leaders at National Conference *CASA Receives Award for Lock Your Meds Campaign*

Washington, D.C. – Manhasset CASA's Substance Abuse Prevention Advocates Lisbeth Shibley and Cathy Samuels joined 2,800 substance abuse prevention and treatment leaders from across the country at Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's (CADCA) 21st annual National Leadership Forum. This one-of-a-kind conference was held just outside of Washington, D.C. Feb. 7-10. During the four days, community leaders representing community coalitions from around the world connected with their peers and learned new community problem-solving skills.

In addition to learning the latest strategies to prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, CASA was honored by the National Family Partnership (NFP) for its innovative approach in the prevention of prescription drugs. Before other state wide prevention agencies and businesses, CASA received an award for its Lock Your Meds Be Aware Don't Share Campaign at the 2011 NFP National Awards held in Washington D.C.'s Army and Navy Club.

During the conference, CASA had the opportunity to meet and brief their state's Congressmen and women and Senators on Capitol Hill about the importance of substance abuse prevention funding. They also took part in two Federal Town Hall meetings, featuring experts from various federal agencies. "It was so exciting to be in our nation's Capitol, learning and honing our prevention skills. We've come back reenergized with new strategies under our belt to tackle substance abuse in Manhasset" said Lisbeth Shibley, Executive Director and President of Manhasset CASA.

Since 2001, the Manhasset Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA) has existed as a resource to reduce the illegal, underage use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among youth. CASA strives to reach our youth before they are in trouble by connecting parents, school, and the community as partners in this common goal. For more information regarding Manhasset CASA go to www.manhassetcasa.org or call 516-267-7548.



Shown left to right: Lisbeth Shibley, Executive Director and President Manhasset CASA; Peggy Sapp, President for National Family Partnership (NFP) and Cathy Samuels, Project Director, Manhasset CASA