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# New Spectrum Health Services Health Center Will Serve a Community in Need

I was honored to speak at the July 12 groundbreaking of the new Spectrum Health Services health center in West Philadelphia. The center will provide health and dental services, as well as education and social services to a community that is largely underserved and low-income.

After 15 years, the new facility will now be able to better serve a community in serious need, a community that has been hard hit by poverty and medical problems. The center creates an ideal space to foster critical health services and education throughout the neighborhood. I was happy to work with Spectrum Health Services to make this facility a reality by securing a portion of state funding for the project.

The center will provide 70 new permanent jobs, helping to boost West Philadelphia's economic development. The facility was designed as a green building and will help keep energy costs down by providing more efficient alternatives.

Projects like the health center provide much-needed services, and will be a catalyst to spur economic development in hard-hit communities.



**BREAKING NEW GROUND IN HEALTH CARE:** Officials gather to break ground for the new Haddington Health Center in West Philadelphia. Pictured (l to r) are Dr. Walter Lomax, Sen. Hughes, Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, Mayor Nutter, Spectrum Health Services Executive Director Phylis Cater, Rep. Vanessa Lowery Brown, Rep. Dwight Evans, and Regional Administrator of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Joanne Grossi.



## Haddington Health Center

- \$14 million health center bolstered by \$6.1 million in state and local funding — including a \$1.7 million state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant
- 36,000 square-foot facility will service 30,000 more clients over the next five years
- Located at 5201 Haverford Avenue
- 70 new permanent jobs

*Over 100 people joined the groundbreaking in sweltering heat to welcome this new and important addition to our community.*



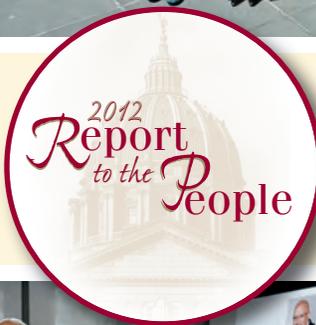
# 7th Senatorial District Report to the People & Community Service Awards Breakfast

On June 9, I hosted my Report to the People and Community Service Awards Breakfast. I'd like to thank the event sponsors PECO and COMCAST, and partner, Haddington Multi-Services for Older Adults, Inc. for helping put the event together and Inglis House for hosting our event.

This event provided an opportunity to reflect and update the community on the recent legislative work I have done in Harrisburg and review the issues that are top priorities. It was also a chance to honor folks in our community who continue to do extraordinary things to improve the quality of life and bring positive change in our neighborhoods.

I recognize that the work that I do here in Philadelphia and in Harrisburg would be impossible without the input, support and commitment of others who share the same goals.

I want to once again congratulate all the Community Service Award Honorees. You are all vital to the strength of our communities. Please continue the great work that you do.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEES

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| AARP               | Marsha Johnson      |
| Sean Alfred        | Elaine Jones        |
| Dr. Robin Alston   | Louise Jones        |
| Regina Arrington   | Rich Laster         |
| Michael Basher     | John Leathberry     |
| Michael Bing       | Mary E. May         |
| Rasheeda Boatright | Sharon Miles        |
| Carolyn Boswell    | Sharon Mitchell     |
| Michael A. Brown   | Yvette Mitchell     |
| Robin Brunson      | Wilhelmina Monroe   |
| Valerie Bullock    | Thomas Nesbitt      |
| Anne Rice Burgess  | Sue Pringle         |
| Maria L. Bynum     | Donald Ringgold     |
| Debbie Cooper      | Joann Rone          |
| Tara Colquitt      | Harriet Sanders     |
| Barbara Cooke      | Lillian Smith       |
| Michael Cruz       | Sharonda Smith-Sims |
| Douglas Culberth   | Pat Stanley         |
| Anthony Davis      | Barbara Stephens    |
| Julie Denise Diggs | George Stevens      |
| Sonia Elliot       | Shaleah Sutton      |
| Shirley Ellis      | Barbara Tait        |
| Marguerite Faison  | Maurice Talley      |
| Wanda Felder       | Glynis Tart         |
| Barbara Gindhart   | Elizabeth Tarwick   |
| Janet Glenn        | Claudette Taylor    |
| Sherie Graham      | Rochelle Thomas     |
| John Harris        | Whitney Thomas      |
| Karen Harvey       | Eileen Tucker       |
| Monique Hines      | Shelia Washington   |
| Brian Hudson Jr.   | Robert Williams     |
| Barbara Johnson    | Jocelyn Wims        |
| Cynthia Johnson    |                     |



*Hughes addresses attendees at the 7th Senatorial Report to the People and Community Service Awards Breakfast.*



*ABOVE: Awardees Michael Brown and Tara Colquitt.*



*RIGHT: Senator Hughes and Councilman Curtis Jones Jr. salute some of the awardees in attendance.*

## ▶ 2nd Annual Age Strong, Live Long Expo

In May, I was pleased to host my 2nd Annual **Age Strong, Live Long** event, a day of activities and information geared to individuals aged 50 and older, in partnership with the Haddington Multi-Services for Older Adults, Inc.

Workshop topics included legal, finance, insurance, housing, employment and healthy living. Other activities included entertainment and health screenings as well as yoga, Zumba, spin and line dancing classes.

Special thanks to our sponsors—Gateway Health Plan, AETNA, Bravo Health and the Kroc Center, who also hosted the event.



For information on programs and services available for older adults, contact the **Philadelphia Corporation for Aging** at 215-765-9040 or visit their website at [www.pcacares.org](http://www.pcacares.org)



Attendees and presenters at the Age Strong, Live Long Expo added to the success of the program. Sen. Hughes is pictured (center and upper right) with individuals who contributed their thoughts at the event.



Hughes calls for HEMAP funding at a news conference in February.

step in continuing this successful program and helping families deal with mortgage issues.

HEMAP has a 30 year history of successfully helping homeowners stay in their homes.

## ▶ Senator Hughes Lauds Reinstatement of HEMAP

In February, directly on the heels of the announcement of a national settlement with lenders involved in servicing mortgages, Senate Democrats wrote the state Attorney General asking that funds from this agreement be set aside immediately to help those who were subject to foreclosure.

As part of the \$25 billion national settlement, Pennsylvania will receive \$266 million overall and a direct payment of \$69 million. Senate Democratic advocacy efforts paid off when Senate Bill 1433 was signed into law. The legislation reinstates the Home Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP), which was forced to close on July 1, 2011 after the Corbett administration slashed its funding.

The closing of this program created dire situations for many families throughout Pennsylvania. Before its closure, HEMAP received annual funding of between \$10 and \$11 million for many years. Since HEMAP was established in 1983, 46,000 Pennsylvania families have been helped.

The new law will fund mortgage assistance measures and is a great first

**For more information, visit [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org) or call HEMAP at 1.800.342.2397.**

## ► Dedication of the William Jeanes Memorial Library and Nicholas & Athena Karabots Center for Learning

*I was pleased to join Nicholas and Athena Karabots, library staff, the Friends of the Library, supporters, fellow public officials and the board of directors to celebrate the dedication of the William Jeanes Memorial Library and Nicholas and Athena Karabots Center for Learning. The Center provides public library services to residents of Whitmarsh Township and surrounding communities. The expansion will add 7,000 square feet to the existing library structure.*



For more information, visit [www.jeaneslibrary.org](http://www.jeaneslibrary.org)

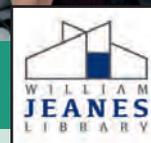


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## ► Hughes Congratulates Todd-Jamal Warren Waters



“Home Town Hero” Todd-Jamal “T-J” Warren Waters will be attending the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) located on Naval Station Newport in Newport, Rhode Island.

The mission of the NAPS is to enhance midshipman candidates' moral, mental, and physical foundations to prepare them for success at the Naval Academy. As part of the physical development program, NAPS offers a varsity athletic program that competes against other preparatory schools, junior colleges and college junior varsity teams.

Todd-Jamal Warren "T-J" Waters, a 6'4", 225-pound guard and middle linebacker graduated from West Catholic High. He was ranked among the top 50 students in his class and served as a treasurer for the student council. He is an active member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

I would like to congratulate “Home Town Hero” Todd-Jamal Warren Waters for outstanding achievement and dedication to academics, sportsmanship, and his community, along with his commitment to serve his country as part of the United States Naval Academy.

## ► Over-the-counter Home-use Rapid HIV Test Approved

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first over-the-counter home-use rapid HIV test kit. Produced by the Pennsylvania-based company, Ora Sure, the rapid test provides HIV testing results in 20 minutes.

**GET INFORMED. • GET TESTED. • GET TREATED. • GET INVOLVED.**

**Sept. 18 – National HIV/AIDS & Aging Awareness Day**

**Sept. 27 – National Gay Men’s HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**

**Oct. 15 – National Latino AIDS Awareness Day**

**Dec. 1 – World AIDS Day**

**Visit [www.testtogether.org](http://www.testtogether.org)  
or call 1-215-985-AIDS**



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## ► Senator Hughes Salutes Comcast for Commitment to Providing Internet Access to Low-Income Communities

Comcast Cable is providing discounted internet services to families with children who receive free or reduced price lunches as a part of the National School Lunch Program.

With Comcast's Internet Essentials program, families who qualify can enjoy the essential services that the internet provides – for email, homework, job searches, paying bills online and so much more – at a reduced price of \$9.95 a month. There are no price increases, activation fees or equipment rental fees.



The Internet is a gateway to knowledge and learning and all students should have access. In an increasingly interconnected world, students will need to be comfortable navigating the Web and using the information in a school or work setting.

In order to prepare our students to be the leaders of tomorrow, economically-reasonable access to the Internet is an important and necessary feature of a well-rounded education. That is what makes Comcast's program so special.

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