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Sixth Annual Women's Expo

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The Women's Expo is a showcase and a marketplace for Long Island women entrepreneurs: artisans, importers, designers and distributors of products such as jewelry, clothing, fine art and more. This year it took place at the Middle Country Public Library in Centereach.

The goal of the Expo is to provide a venue for women entrepreneurs on Long Island to market their products, serving as a vehicle to promote economic development as well as networking in the business and not-for-profit world.

The Expo is a joint initiative of the Long Island Fund for Women & Girls and the Middle Country Library Foundation, two organizations that share the vision of promoting economic independence for women. All proceeds help support the Fund's grant making program and the Library's Miller Business Resource Center.

The lead sponsor was Bank of America, joined by Verizon, Astoria Federal Savings, JPMorgan Chase, People's Alliance Federal Credit Union, LI Development Corp./LISBAC, Community Development Corporation of LI, Stony Brook Small Business Development Center and Jefferson's Ferry Lifecare Retirement Community, Estee Lauder Companies, North Fork Bank and Utopia Home Care. ■



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