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Ms. Kathy Gruber
Executive Director
Ryan-NENA Community Health Center
279 East 3rd Street
New York, New York 10009

Dear Ms. Gruber:

I am pleased to support the application of the Ryan-NENA Community Health Center, a satellite of the William F. Ryan Community Health Center, for Community Board 3 Consolidated Edison Settlement Funds. Ryan-NENA has been a vital health care resource in Manhattan for 43 years, particularly for the Lower East Side community. These health services are especially needed for the growing number of residents who have little or no access to high quality culturally and linguistically competent primary care and social support services, including chronic care management and treatment.

Since Ryan-NENA currently serves 1,000 patients with asthma, the grant would truly enhance the service delivered by your asthma program and assist to improve the health of residents in CB3 who are afflicted by this ailment and who are residing near ConEd's East River complex .

My district is fortunate to have comprehensive, affordable, and high quality health services which Ryan-NENA provides and I fully support your application to enhance the health services in your asthma program.

Sincerely,

Rosie Mendez
City Council Member

cc: E. Ronald Guy, Chairperson, Board of Directors, Ryan
Barbra E. Minch, President & CEO