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Verizon opens Jamaica store and aids battered women

Verizon Wireless opened a new store at 161-21 Jamaica Ave. on Jan. 15 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a \$5,000 grant to Safe Horizon, a provider of domestic violence services. Safe Horizon operates programs in Queens, offering shelter and assistance for battered women, prevention programs, special services for children and counseling for high-risk families.

Celebrating the opening and the grant were representatives of Verizon and Safe Horizon, as well as the Queens borough president's office. Joining in the ribbon-cutting were Mary Reda, left, Mike Hedge, Tamkia Currie, John McCarthy, Melva Miller, director of economic development for the borough president's office, Yolanda Peters, Tony Campbell, Gale Green and June Jee.

"We are excited to officially open our newest store in Queens and invest in one of the communities we serve by supporting a cause that we are passionate about," said Pat Devlin, New York metro regional president for Verizon Wireless. "For more than a decade, Verizon Wireless' HopeLine program has put the network to work in the community by turning unused wireless phones into support for victims of domestic abuse."

"We are so grateful for this grant from Verizon Wireless and the support that it can help provide individuals in this community who have been affected in some way by domestic abuse," said Joanna Colangelo, corporate development manager for Safe Horizon.