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### **LEAKE AND WATTS LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM FOR ELECTED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

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Yonkers, NY, February 6, 2007 - - Establishing a meaningful and ongoing dialogue with elected government officials took a successful step forward when Leake and Watts hosted its inaugural briefing for government officials at the municipal, county and state levels. Conducted January 25<sup>th</sup> at Leake and Watts in Yonkers, the briefing included an agency overview by Executive Director Jim Campbell and five presentations addressing agency initiatives by Leake and Watts senior staff.

Government officials in attendance included New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins; New York State Assembly Member Gary Pretlow; Westchester County Legislator and Chair of the County's Family Health and Human Services Committee, Judy Myers; County Legislator William Burton; Yonkers City Council President, Chuck Lesnick; Yonkers City Council Majority Leader, Patricia McDow; Richard Halevy, Yonkers Executive Director of Public Affairs; and Ann Kaiser, Director, Youth Services, Yonkers Parks Department.

“We believe that personal briefings of this nature enable Leake and Watts to share the exciting news of our growth, diversification and accomplishments with our friends in government. We intend to continue these briefings on a regularly scheduled basis,” stated Executive Director Jim Campbell.

Leake and Watts is a 176 year old private not-for-profit corporation dedicated to strengthening resources for vulnerable children and families in the Greater New York region by providing a continuum of high quality community-based programs and specialized residential, educational and therapeutic services.

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