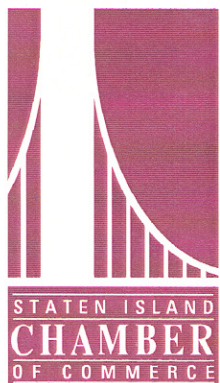


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## FOCUS ON...ALLEN C. BENTSON INSURANCE AGENCY

By Michele Shapiro

**F**ounded in 1948 by Allen C. Bentson, Sr., the Allen C. Bentson Agency has grown to be a successful insurance company due to the diligence of brothers Allen Jr., Robert, and Donald. “It is in our blood,” explained Robert (Bob) Bentson. All three graduated from the College of Insurance. Family has always been an important part of their lives, according to Bob Bentson, and they have forged, “a quality, working relationship in addition to their friendship.”

A full-service insurance business offering all forms of insurance for both large and small businesses, as well as families and individuals, the Allen C. Bentson Agency also offers income tax preparation, sale of annuities and office financial services. While most of their clients are on Staten Island, the Bentsons are also licensed, and do business, in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. As one of the leading providers of insurance services for many years, the agency prides itself on integrity, quality of work, honesty, and personalized service.

“We represent and have access to many different insurance companies and markets to be able to provide our customers with the best available coverage at the most competitive pricing,” said Bentson.

With the need for more efficient space and room to grow, the agency recently moved to its brand new location at 653 Forest Avenue. According to Bentson, “it was the perfect fit for our organization. It meets our needs and the needs of our customers very well.” Built in an open design, the new office allows for teamwork and the ability to give priority service to customers.

Although the physical location of the office has changed over the years, what hasn’t changed is the similar values the Bentsons share – their faith in God, commitment to family, work, and service to the community.

As community minded individuals, all serve in various capacities in the churches they attend, as well as other community service organizations. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Bob has served in many capacities; including a member of the finance committee, Board of Directors, Treasurer of the Chamber and the Chamber Foundation, and most recently, Vice Chair of the Executive Board with oversight of Special Events. ■



The Bentson brothers pose for this photo in front of their brand new office on Forest Avenue. From left to right are Allen, Jr., Robert, and Donald. ■