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# Featured Stories



## Lending a Helping Hand to a Retired Tradesman and Veteran

Peter, an 86-year-old Navy veteran, worked for Local 25 for 50 years. As the years went by, Peter's home had its fair share of potential safety concerns. After being introduced to United Way of Long Island's Older Adult Home Modification Program and due to the generosity of The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Peter received a new front porch railing, smoke alarms, bathroom and tub grab bars, as well as a ventilation fan. In addition, kitchen renovations included the installation of GFI receptacle outlets, new cabinet door and drawer handles and fire extinguishers. "As a retired tradesman, I appreciated how all the work was performed in a professional manner with a very satisfying result," said Peter. "Bravo and thank you."



## There is a Home Sweet Home

When Superstorm Sandy struck in 2012, it upended thousands of lives, including Lily's. She was a dedicated 20-year veteran of the New York City Police Department and a first responder on 9/11. Lily worked hard to pave the way for her children's future.

The massive storm's fierce winds and immense flooding destroyed their house. To further complicate Lily's situation, she dealt with contractor fraud, putting her in debt and without a permanent roof over her family's heads. She was discouraged when United Way of Long Island stepped in to help.

United Way provided financial assistance to Lily, supporting construction costs and aiding in finding reputable contractors to rebuild. Over a decade later, Lily and her family were finally able to walk through a front door that they could call home.



# Events





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Sands New York



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Sheet Metal Workers Local 28

United Way of Long Island celebrated the dedication and support of individuals, organizations, corporations and labor unions at its annual UNITED IN PURPOSE Celebration Luncheon at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury on June 11. With over 600 guests, supported by longtime Presenting Sponsor Bethpage Federal Credit Union, and many other generous sponsors and contributors, the fundraising event raised \$750,000 for United Way of Long Island and its community impact partners.

*“What a pleasure to celebrate this day with all of you! Heal the World... Make it a Better Place. Everyone pulling in the same direction. You truly have the heart, compassion and willingness to be a part of making our world here on Long Island a better place for thousands of families.”*

*- Theresa Regnante,  
President and CEO of United Way of Long Island*





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Thank you to Bethpage Federal Credit Union for your continued support and for inviting United Way of Long Island to participate in this year's Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach.

United Way was on the boardwalk raising funds to support our veterans and active military families. For a small contribution, attendees spun the wheel to win prizes. Through the generosity of those in attendance, over \$4,000 was raised.

There are over 80,000 veterans living on Long Island, and a significant portion are seniors who have become especially vulnerable in recent years. Additionally, nearly 2,000 veterans are attending colleges, many of which have young families and are struggling to get by.

Thank you, Bethpage Federal Credit Union for helping us support our local heroes!



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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

# NETWORKING E ♦ V ♦ E ♦ N ♦ T

## & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 | 6PM - 9PM BLUE POINT BREWERY, PATCHOGUE

### IN SUPPORT OF UNITED WAY OF LONG ISLAND'S STUFF-A-BUS

We are thrilled to announce that the inaugural YPN Networking Event and Cornhole Tournament was a tremendous success, raising \$20,000 for United Way of Long Island's Stuff-A-Bus program and nearly 200 people in attendance.



A heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors, the Young Professionals Network Committee, and everyone who attended. Your participation made this evening truly special.



THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS







# 28th Annual Gala

Thursday, September 19, 2024  
5:30pm

The Mansion at Oyster Bay  
1 S Woods Rd, Woodbury, NY 11797



Honoring

**Charles E. Makey III**

*President & CEO  
Merchants Insurance Group*



## **Our Mission:**

We continue to support our mission to make a difference here on Long Island, bringing the insurance community together to change the lives of many Long Islanders in need, as well as making a difference in the communities where we live and work.

Support the  
**CAMILLA G. BELSER**  
**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



2024 Camilla G. Belser Memorial Scholarship Fund recipients Jimmi Coronado from Freeport High School is attending Nassau Community College, majoring in Accounting, and Erica Bell from Academy Charter School in Hempstead is attending Nassau Community College, majoring in Nursing.

**\$10,000 PRIZE**

Second Prize: Lottery Tickets Package (\$150)

Drawing to be held September 19, 2024  
(Winner need not be present)

Raffle Tickets are \$100 each  
**Buy Three Get One Free**  
300 Tickets Offered



Scan the QR code to enter or visit  
[www.unitedwayli.org/LIICRaffle](http://www.unitedwayli.org/LIICRaffle)



Cammy Belser (1950-2010) was a mission-driven founder of the LIIC. She manifested a great impact through her passion and commitment to education and the insurance industry. When she passed the LIIC established the Camilla G. Belser Scholarship Fund in her memory. For more than 10 years this fund has afforded over 20 students the opportunity to attend college because of your generosity. Thank you!





**Support Team Mission United as they  
run in the 2024 TCS New York City Marathon  
to benefit Long Island Veterans**

**[unitedwayli.org/teammissionunited](https://unitedwayli.org/teammissionunited)**

**RUNNING FOR A CAUSE**



**Team Mission United** is a dedicated group of runners who are committed to supporting United Way of Long Island's Mission United in the 2024 TCS New York City Marathon in support of Long Island's veterans.

Long Island has one of the largest veteran populations in New York State and one of the highest concentrations in the United States. Mission United provides critical programs to veterans as they transition back into civilian life including employment services, education, financial services, health and housing support.





# Programs



# Stuff-A-Bus

## The Success of Our Students... Starts With YOU!



Now in its 16th year, United Way of Long Island's annual Stuff-A-Bus program provides elementary school students with new school supplies, preparing them for their academic studies, building their self-esteem, and setting them up for success.

United Way is partnering with Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. to deliver the supplies generously donated by companies, organizations, and individuals across Long Island.





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# POWERUP!

Dé su primer paso hacia una carrera en edificación y construcción con eficiencia energética.

Inscríbete hoy en **Power Up!** un programa de capacitación GRATUITO de United Way de Long Island y Pronto de Long Island que abre un camino para que los participantes comiencen una carrera en construcción energéticamente eficiente.

## Nuestro programa de 4 semanas incluye

- Capacitación práctica para edificios energéticamente eficientes
- Certificación de Principios de Ciencias de la Construcción.
- Ayuda con la inserción laboral
- OSHA 10

Este programa es  
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son limitadas. Por eso,  
**¡INSCRÍBETE HOY MISMO!**



Escanea el código QR para registrarte  
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Este programa está financiado por la Fundación Benéfica de Bank of America



# VOLUNTEERING

Together we can make meaningful lasting change across Long Island. Throughout the summer several companies volunteered their time at some of our community partner agencies as well as at our own community garden here at United Way. Thank you to all of our volunteers.





# DREAMS FOR YOUTH

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



**In 2024 the DREAMS for Youth Advisory Board awarded 35 scholarships to students across Long Island going to college for the first time.**

### **Nine Memorial scholarship were awarded**

Chin Ying Scholarship (2 recipients)

Robert B. Read Memorial Scholarship (1 recipient)

Thomas F. Cruso Scholarship (1 recipient)

Anthony J. Stupore Memorial Scholarship Fund (1 recipient)

Patricia Michels Memorial Scholarship Fund (1 recipient)

Camlla G. Belser Memorial Scholarship Fund (2 recipients)

Doreen Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund (1 recipient)

**DREAMS FOR YOUTH**  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



# D.R.E.A.M.S. Scholarships

**DETERMINATION. REALIZATION. ENRICHMENT. ACADEMICS. MISSION. SERVICE.**



Since its inception in 2002, United Way of Long Island has awarded scholarships and/or grants, in the areas of Academics & Enrichment, totaling more than \$1,000,000. The D.R.E.A.M.S. For Youth Advisory Board, comprised of 7th graders to college students, works under the guidance of United Way staff to make award decisions. The Dreams R Us Foundation provides support for D.R.E.A.M.S. For Youth scholarships.

**Academic Awards** assist with the costs associated with educational goals at a college, university, private or vocational school. Applicants must be in grade 12, demonstrate financial need and a commitment to community service. Financial awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,000.



D.R.E.A.M.S. For Youth Scholarship applications open for the 2025 academic year on October 1, 2024.

For more information or to download an application visit:



[unitedwayli.org/DREAMS](https://unitedwayli.org/DREAMS)

**For additional information contact Biena Depena at 631.940.3719**





**BANK OF AMERICA**



## **BANK OF AMERICA STUDENT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**



Since 2014, United Way of Long Island has administered the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) generously funded by Bank of America, providing high school and college students with paid internships and hands-on career training. 27 students, ages 15-21, were employed for six-weeks with 20 non-profit host agencies in communities throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. For more information visit: [www.unitedwayli.org/SYEP](http://www.unitedwayli.org/SYEP).



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# Broadcast



To view the coverage visit: [www.unitedwayli.org/ypn](http://www.unitedwayli.org/ypn)

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## READY TO START A CAREER THAT OFFERS GROWTH, STABILITY, AND SUSTAINABLE IMPACT?

United Way of Long Island's Workforce Development Training Academy provides **FREE** specialized education in clean tech and renewable energy, preparing participants for the in-demand roles that are shaping the future of our planet.

Our training academy is designed to meet the evolving needs of eco-friendly employers, while also setting trainees on the path to a financially secure and sustainable career.

Take the first step toward a greener future with United Way's Workforce Development Training Academy. Classes are available in English and Spanish.

To register use the QR code or visit [www.unitedwayli.org/WDTA](http://www.unitedwayli.org/WDTA)

**Register Today for the Next Session on Oct. 7**

*Femi, YouthBuild graduate and now a Union Journeyman member of IBEW Local 25*

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211 Long Island is a free, confidential phone service and searchable online database that is available 24/7/365 and connects you to local health and

human services agencies when you need help. Dial 2-1-1 to connect to a caring call specialist or call toll-free at 1-888-774-7633 outside Nassau and Suffolk Counties.





The Success of Our Students...  
Starts With YOU!

Students at Loretta Park Elementary School, Brentwood, NY



[unitedwayli.org/stuffabus](http://unitedwayli.org/stuffabus)

Contact 211 Long Island for information and referrals related to education and support services.



Dial 2-1-1, or outside of Nassau and Suffolk Counties 1-888-774-7633 and visit [211longisland.org](http://211longisland.org)

## Support Stuff-A-Bus Today!

United Way of Long Island is in its 16th year of providing essential school supplies to children across Long Island. Since Stuff-A-Bus began, we have collected and delivered over 1,000,000 school supplies to over 50,000 students.

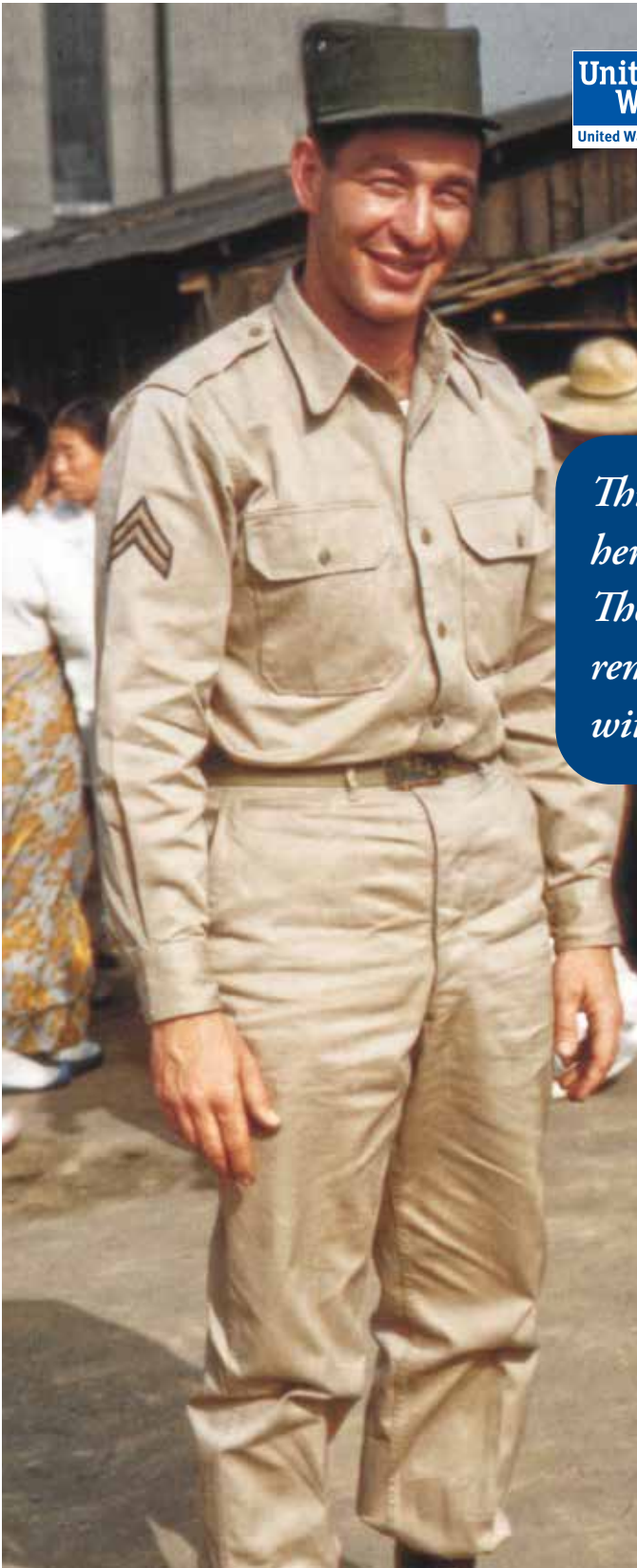
Help us ensure that when a student walks into the classroom with the tools to succeed, they can focus on what really matters – learning!

To donate to the Stuff-A-Bus program contact United Way at 631.940.3734 or visit [www.unitedwayli.org/stuffabus](http://www.unitedwayli.org/stuffabus).

Special Thanks to our Lead Supporters







## Saluting Our Local Heroes By Honoring Their Legacies.

*This Memorial Day, we pay tribute to the heroes who gave everything for our nation. Their courage and sacrifice will always be remembered. Wishing everyone a day filled with reflection and appreciation for our heroes.*

United Way of Long Island honors and remembers our United States military service members through a Memorial Fund that provides support to veterans and their families. Funding helps provide services and resources in career training, employment assistance and emergency financial aid. The need is particularly significant on Long Island as there are more than 80,000 veterans living in Nassau & Suffolk Counties.

Veteran support services and resources are available through 211 Long Island - a free, non-emergency information service that connects Long Island residents to health and human resources, Dial 2-1-1, or outside Nassau and Suffolk Counties 1-888-774-7633, or visit [211longisland.org](http://211longisland.org).

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# Suffolk County Legislator Englebright hosts back-to-school drive

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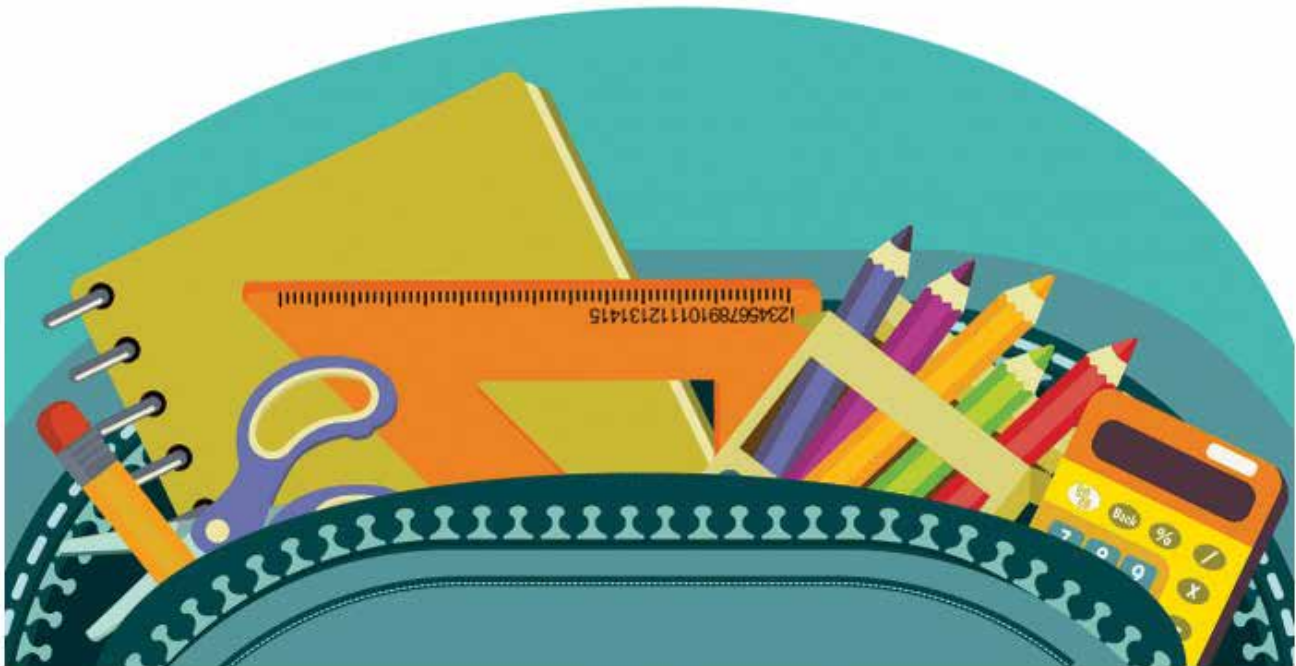
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Suffolk County Government

by Press Release

August 22, 2024

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Suffolk County Legislator Steven Englebright (D-Setauket) invites residents to join him in helping to ensure local elementary school students have the essential supplies they need for the upcoming academic year. Donations for a back-to-school drive will be accepted at the legislator's office, 306 Main Street, Port Jefferson, until Sept. 15. Supplies will be donated to United Way of Long Island.

Items needed for students in first to fifth grade include backpacks, lunch boxes, notebooks, pencils, crayons, Post-its, index cards and more. Donated items must be new and can be dropped off at the legislator's office from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, email [brenna.spillane@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:brenna.spillane@suffolkcountyny.gov) or call 631-854-1650.





## On Our Island 8/23/2024

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### United Way of Long Island YPN raises \$20K at networking event

United Way of Long Island's inaugural Young Professionals Network (YPN) held a networking and cornhole tournament event at Blue Point Brewery in Patchogue. Sponsored by Bulovas Restoration, the event was attended by approximately 200 young professionals from diverse industries across Long Island for an evening of fun, networking and philanthropy.

Raising over \$20,000 to support United Way of Long Island's Stuff-A-Bus program and educational initiatives, this effort provides essential school supplies to children across Long Island, ensuring they are equipped for academic success regardless of economic background.



Scene & Seen

# Blue Point Brewpub in Patchogue Hosts United Ways' Young Professionals Network Inaugural Event

By Long Island Press

Posted on August 5, 2024



Robert Suarez, Thalia Olaya, Theresa Regnante, CEO of United Way Long Island, Lauren Grasso, Angela Fioretti & Justin Merk

Ed Shen

LONG ISLAND PRESS

United Way of Long Island's Young Professionals Network hosted their inaugural event at Blue Point Brewpub in Patchogue on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

The Young Professionals Network began the event with messages of sincere gratitude to the nearly 200 attendees raising more than \$20,000 benefitting the United Way of Long Island's Stuff-A-Bus program. The program provides school supplies to elementary school children and ensures they have access to the necessary tools for academic success regardless of their economic status. The Young Professionals Network invited a few children who excitedly accepted new backpacks filled with supplies as the academic year approaches.

The Networking Event included a donation collection, raffles, and a double-elimination Cornhole Tournament. The thirty-two teams involved in the tournament fared off over the course of the evening, with the winning team taking home a cash prize. Thank you to the community, supporters, and all sponsors including Title Sponsor, Bulovas Restorations Inc., Platinum Plus Sponsor, Bethpage Federal Credit Union, and Platinum Sponsor, Mosquito Guide.



United Ways' Young Professionals Network Inaugural Event



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Cheri Ann Rouquier & Marcela Van Tassel



# LONG ISLAND MEDIA GROUP



## United Way Of Long Island Raises Over \$750k At Annual Luncheon

By LIMG    July 16, 2024    79



United Way of Long Island welcomed over 600 attendees, including individuals, corporations, labor unions and organizations to its annual UNITED IN PURPOSE Celebration. Thanks to the generosity of Presenting Sponsor Bethpage Federal Credit Union and other supporters, the event raised over \$750,000, making it one of the largest yearly philanthropic fundraisers on Long Island.

The event, held on June 11, 2024 at the Crest Hollow Country Club honored leaders who have demonstrated continued generosity and commitment to advance the organization's mission, especially in the area of workforce development. Honorees included Sands New York – Corporate Impact Champion; Haugland Group – Workforce Investment Champion; and the Sheet Metal Workers Local 28 – Labor Champion.

Theresa A. Regnante, President & CEO of United Way of Long Island, when addressing the attendees remarked on the impact that the 2024 award recipients, as well as all of the generous supporters have made: "What a pleasure to celebrate this day with all of you! Heal the World...Make it a Better Place. Everyone pulling in the same direction. You truly have the heart, compassion and willingness to be a part of making our world here on Long Island a better place for thousands of families."

### Honorees:

**Sands New York** – Corporate Impact Champion. Ron Reese, Senior Vice President of Global Communications and Corporate Affairs at Sands New York, said, "United Way has given Sands great counsel and insight on how to engage with this community. We are very humbled to accept this award. We know what it means in this community to be recognized by United Way." Sands New York enters the region to make key investments and impact the futures of young people, allowing them opportunities in education and careers based on Long Island in the building development and hospitality industries.

**Haugland Group** – Workforce Investment Champion. Billy Haugland II, Chief Executive Officer of Haugland Group, said, "We are grateful to United Way for breaking down barriers to work in our industry. The power of our partnership demonstrates a cascading effect on the resiliency of Long Island, creating economic opportunity hyperlocal in our communities while introducing cleaner, green energy, improving life for all Long Islanders." Haugland Group is making a difference in people's lives for generations to come through energy and career opportunities.

**Sheet Metal Workers LOCAL 28** – Labor Champion. Brian Nigro, Business Representative for the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 28, said, "Thank you, United Way for this opportunity to display what my local does and what the trades can do. I found in my time in this trade that it's really not about the metal that keeps us all working, but it's about the partnerships and relationships you build over the years and helping other people to move up through the ranks." The organization works tirelessly with United Way of Long Island to offer career training and placement opportunities within union labor, thereby supporting the local economy.

UNITED IN PURPOSE Celebration leading Sponsors include: Presenting Sponsor Bethpage Federal Credit Union, Premier Veterans Sponsor Sands New York, Excellence in Education Sponsor Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., Workforce Investment Sponsor Haugland Group LLC, Health & Wellness Innovators Sponsor MagnaCare, Diamond Sponsor National Grid, Platinum Sponsors Flushing Bank and USI. Gold Sponsors AT & T Services, Inc., PSEG Long Island, Sheet Metal Workers of NYC & LI, and Local Union 28. Energy Efficiency Sponsor Bird Bus Sales. Silver Sponsors Bank of America, Deloitte, EMCOR, Eversource, Island Wide Remodeling, Leal Peterbilt of NYC LLC, Main Street Financial Group, Newsday, Nawrocki Smith, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C., Sunrise Power Solutions, TriState Capital Bank, and UOTech. Bronze Sponsors M&T Bank, MSC Industrial Supply Co., Star Group LP, TWU Local 252, Webster Bank, and Wegmans.

To learn more about the UNITED IN PURPOSE Celebration, all its sponsors, and other ways to support United Way of Long Island, visit [www.unitedwayli.org/UIP2024](http://www.unitedwayli.org/UIP2024).

**NEWS**

**United Way of Long Island raises \$750K at its annual luncheon**

United Way of Long Island raised more than \$750,000 at its June "United in Purpose" luncheon, the organization said Monday.

More than 600 people—from corporations, labor unions and organizations—attended the annual event, held at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury.

The event had a number of sponsors, including presenting sponsor Bethpage Federal Credit Union and others, supporting the event. Honorees included Sands New York, Haugland Group and Sheet Metal Workers Local 28.

"What a pleasure to celebrate this day with all of you," Theresa Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island, told supporters, according to a news release about the event. "Heal the world... make it a better place. Everyone pulling in the same direction. You truly have the heart, compassion and willingness to be a part of making our world here on Long Island a better place for thousands of families."

Sands New York was recognized as the "Corporate Impact Champion." The company's entry into the region aims to make key investments and impact the futures of young people so that they find opportunities in education and careers on Long Island in the building development and hospitality sectors, according to the news release.

"United Way has given Sands great counsel and insight on how to engage with this community," Ron Reese, senior vice president of global communications and corporate affairs at Sands New York, said in the news release. "We are very humbled to accept this award. We know what it means in this community to be recognized by United Way."

**HAUGLAND GROUP WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE "WORKFORCE INVESTMENT CHAMPION" FOR ITS ENERGY AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.**

Haugland Group was recognized as the "Workforce Investment Champion" for its energy and career opportunities.

"We are grateful to United Way for breaking down barriers to work in our industry," Billy Haugland II, the company's CEO, said in the news release. "The power of our partnership demonstrates a cascading effect on the resiliency of Long Island, creating economic opportunity hyperlocal in our communities while introducing cleaner, green energy, improving life for all Long Islanders."



*Courtesy of United Way Long Island*

**Femi Ayodele, IBEW Local 25 journeyman; and Bill Haugland, CEO of Haugland Group.**

Sheet Metal Workers LOCAL 28 was recognized as the "Labor Champion," and has worked with United Way of Long Island to offer training and placement opportunities in union labor—a boost for the local economy.

In thanking United Way for the recognition, Brian Nigro, business representative for the Sheet Metal Union said that the award offered an opportunity to "display

what my local does and what the trades can do. I found in my time in this trade that it's really not about the metal that keeps us all working, but it's about the partnerships and relationships you build over the years and helping other people to move up through the ranks."

A full list of sponsors is available on United Way of Long Island's website.

— ADINA GENN



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Photo: United Way of Long Island

## United Way of Long Island launches Young Professionals Network

June 20, 2024 The Long Island Times

United Way of Long Island has launched its Young Professionals Network (YPN), a new initiative aimed at engaging the next generation of leaders in community service and philanthropy.

The network's inaugural event will be a Networking Event and Cornhole Tournament held at Blue Point Brewery in Patchogue at 6 p.m on Thursday, August 1, sponsored by Boluvas Restoration.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the United Way of Long Island's Stuff-A-Bus program, which provides essential school supplies to elementary-age children regardless of their economic status, ensuring they have the tools for a successful academic year.

The Young Professional Network includes members from diverse sectors such as banking, insurance, legal, accounting, and transportation, reflecting a broad commitment to United Way's mission of improving education, financial stability, and health across Long Island, according to a United Way statement.

"We are excited to launch the Young Professional Network as a platform for young leaders to make a positive impact on families who live on Long Island," Theresa A. Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island, said in the statement. "Our kickoff event not only brings people together for a great time but also supports the education pillar of our mission to help students succeed."

Lauren Grasso, co-chair of YPN, said the group of young professionals are eager to make a tangible difference in the community. "The event is just the beginning of what we can achieve together as we support United Way's mission to improve education and ensure that every child has the tools they need for a successful academic journey," she said.

YPN Co-chair Brendan Bateman said the network is an opportunity to drive positive change and support meaningful causes. "We're looking forward to building a strong network of dedicated young professionals who share a passion for giving back and making Long Island a better place for everyone," he said. To register for the Networking Event and Cornhole Tournament or learn more about the Young Professional Network, visit: [www.unitedwayli.org/YPN](http://www.unitedwayli.org/YPN).



CN Guidance received funding from the United Way to improve children's emotional well-being with Sesame Street in Communities. Photos courtesy of CN Guidance of Facebook.

## Hicksville Guidance Center Receives Funding To Improve Children's Emotional Well-Being

By Likens Feldman | June 21, 2024

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), mental health disorders are on the rise. These conditions are not just affecting adults, either. NAMI reports that 1 in 6 children between the ages of 6 and 17 in the U.S. experience a mental health disorder. Thankfully, Long Island hosts a plethora of resources to support individuals and families afflicted, and support for these organizations has only grown in recent months.

CN Guidance of Hicksville is one such organization, dedicated to addressing the emotional well-being of all Long Islanders. The center was recently awarded funding through the United Way of Long Island to incorporate Sesame Workshop's resources into their daily programming directed toward children and families. An event to celebrate grant winners was held at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury on June 11.



CN Guidance is a Hicksville-based nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the emotional well-being of all Long Islanders.

Serving children and adults with mental and emotional disorders since 1972, CN Guidance delivers NY-State licensed mental health and substance use treatment services – especially to economically disadvantaged individuals and families, including many communities of color – working in partnership with county government and other community services. With deep, localized knowledge of Nassau County and Suffolk County communities, a mobile fleet, telehealth capabilities, and a NY State Integrated Outpatient Services license, CN Guidance maintains an exemplary track record of delivering outreach and high-quality behavioral healthcare to more than 30,000 individuals per year.

Sesame Workshop creates free research-based media and kid-friendly resources for families to help meet children's most pressing needs. For over 50 years, the organization has worked at the intersection of education, media, and research, with the goal of "creating joyful experiences that enrich minds and expand hearts." With a mission to help children everywhere grow smarter, stronger, and kinder, Sesame Workshop reaches families in more than 150 countries with playful early learning to empower each generation to build a better world. Sesame's beloved characters, iconic shows, outreach in communities, and more are rooted in deep expertise and designed to meet children's most pressing needs.



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The organization states prominently on their website, "From building school readiness to encouraging playful problem-solving, from supporting emotional well-being to promoting positive self-identity, Sesame Workshop is here for children and families – as every caregiver's valued partner and every child's trusted friend." Sesame Workshop's resources focused on emotional well-being help parents and community providers to support children to develop a foundation for future emotional well-being for years to come. These comprehensive resources include videos, worksheets, activities, songs, games, sample social media posts and many more.

# The Nassau Observer

This much-needed Sesame Street in Communities funding will enhance and advance the vital work CN Guidance is already doing to address child and youth trauma, depression, anxiety and substance use through programs such as the federally-funded National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI), as well as youth-focused Assertive Community Treatment and Mental Health Awareness training.

CN Guidance CEO, Jeffrey Friedman, said, "We are so grateful to the United Way for their support that will enable us to utilize the wonderful resources from the iconic Sesame Street brand to help children and families in our community."

United Way of Long Island works to advance the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on three key building blocks: health, education and financial stability. It is their priority to create equity across Long Island by investing in partnerships, helping the most vulnerable and at risk through organizations and programs that demonstrate raising the bar for fairness and equal access to services. The organization provides a united solution and impact, fighting for families across Long Island.



Plans to incorporate Sesame Workshop resources at CN Guidance are underway.



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Brentwood Long Island Robotics Workforce Club thanks PSEG Long Island for funding its high school team. (Photo: PSEG Long Island)

## Brentwood High School STEM club excel in robotics competition

May 23, 2024    Jared Scott

Spring marks the inaugural competition season for the Long Island Robotics Workforce Club, a STEM-based program offered through a partnership between PSEG Long Island, Brentwood Union Free School District and United Way of Long Island.

Students in the program learn to analyze and solve problems through the engineering design process, helping them to develop technology literacy skills.

"Our students' engineering accomplishments wouldn't be possible without PSEG Long Island's vision, incredible generosity, and support," said Dr. Vincent Leone, coordinator of funded programs, compliance and chief information officer, Brentwood Union Free School District. "The partnership with PSEG Long Island and United Way helps to materialize core Brentwood values, including cultivating students' strengths, preferences, and interests; and, ensuring that each child leaves school equipped for college, career, and civic readiness."

As part of the program, two teams of Brentwood High School students were tasked with designing and building robots to participate in a competition. Both teams made it to the semi-final round of the competition, and were only one round shy of qualifying for the state tournament.

The students in the club became a resource for all things robotics in the district, and have even developed a hands-on lesson for elementary school teachers in the district to learn how to teach the topic to their students.

The students have also introduced weekly robotics lessons to students with special needs in the Life Skills program and after-school Friendship Club. To learn more about United Way of Long Island's impact, visit: [www.unitedwayli.org](http://www.unitedwayli.org).

# United Way otorga subvenciones a agencias para apoyar la salud mental de los niños

Noticia Long Island

18 agosto 2024

## Noticia



Foto de izquierda a derecha: Representantes de socios comunitarios de Pal-O-Mine Equestrian, Girl Scouts of Nassau County, CAST, Central Nassau Guidance, North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center, Ascent School, ACDS. Foto: Unitedwayli.org

United Way of Long Island llevó a cabo recientemente su celebración anual UNITED IN PURPOSE (UIP) en el Crest Hollow Country Club, recaudando más de \$750,000 y lo convirtió en uno de los eventos de recaudación de fondos filantrópicos más grandes de Long Island, gracias a la generosidad de los patrocinadores de la organización, incluida Bethpage Federal Credit Union.

Bethpage no solo demostró su continua generosidad y compromiso con la organización sin fines de lucro como patrocinador principal del evento, sino que también proporcionó fondos para subvenciones especializadas que incorporan recursos gratuitos de Sesame Workshop para apoyar el bienestar emocional de los niños y las familias.

Siete de los socios comunitarios de United Way recibieron las subvenciones durante el evento UIP.

1. Central Nassau Guidance;
2. North Shore Child and Family Guidance;
3. Girl Scouts of Nassau County;
4. CAST (Center for Advocacy Support & Transformation);
5. ACDS (Ascent School);
7. Pal-O-Mine Equestrian.

«Estamos comprometidos a ayudar a las familias de Long Island a construir una base sólida para sus hijos», dijo sobre este evento Linda Arwyn, presidenta y directora ejecutiva de Bethpage Federal Credit Union.

«La selección de socios comunitarios de United Way, junto con el uso de los recursos gratuitos de salud mental de Sesame Workshop, son una combinación ganadora para obtener resultados positivos», añadió.

«Gracias a Bethpage Federal Credit Union por su profundo cuidado y preocupación por garantizar el bienestar de nuestras familias regionales», declaró por su parte Theresa Regnante, presidenta y directora ejecutiva de United Way de Long Island. Agregó:

«Felicitaciones a todos los beneficiarios de nuestras subvenciones, esperamos ver su progreso para ayudar a los niños de Long Island a prosperar».

Cabe destacar que Sesame Workshop crea medios educativos gratuitos basados en investigaciones y recursos aptos para niños para familias con el fin de ayudar a satisfacer las necesidades más urgentes de los niños.

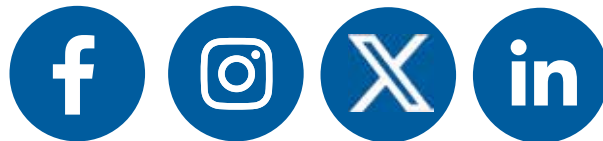
United Way alentó a los beneficiarios a utilizar los recursos integrales que incluyen videos bilingües, hojas de trabajo, actividades, canciones, juegos, ejemplos de publicaciones en las redes sociales y mucho más.

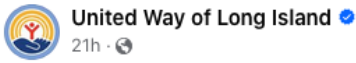
United Way agradece estos recursos, que permiten promover su misión de apoyar a los niños y las familias en nuestras comunidades.

Para más información sobre la celebración UNITED IN PURPOSE, los socios comunitarios, todos sus patrocinadores y otras formas de apoyar a United Way of Long Island, visite [www.unitedwayli.org](http://www.unitedwayli.org).



# Social Media





Abby says "I know the impact that being in the U.S. military can have on not only an individual, but on an entire family, and I am privileged and honored to give back in any capacity that I can!" To support our 2024 runners, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tmu2024>. #missionunited #liveunited

# MEET ABBY

**MEET ABBY**


Abby's dad has been a runner for her entire life. When she was 10, she ran her first 5k with him and won the "13 and under" category. She became more serious about running during her freshman year of college and has run four half marathons and one full marathon since. She has always said if she had the chance to run the New York City marathon, she would come out of "retirement." Abby is excited to give back to our veterans and their families while achieving a bucket list item. Running has been life changing for Abby because she found something that allows her to overcome mental health struggles and the voice in her head telling her "you can't do it."



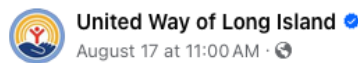
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**ABBY'S WHY:**

"I WANT TO SHOW PEOPLE THAT YOUR ONLY LIMIT IS YOUR MIND. IF YOU WORK AT SOMETHING AND BELIEVE YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH IT, YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AT HOW MUCH YOU CAN DO."



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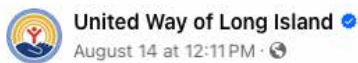
Today, we celebrate everyone who aims to advance the common good!

We want to thank all our contributors, board members, and supporters. We wouldn't be able to create such a significant impact in our community without YOU.

We hope to receive your continued support in the future and create opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on health, education, and financial stability.... See more

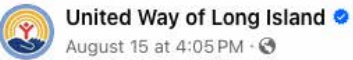


Celebrating  
National Non Profit Day



Utica National Insurance Group is making a positive impact by supporting their community. They volunteered at our partner organization, [Pronto of Long Island](#), contributing their time at the food pantry and community thrift store. A big thank you to Utica!


#Volunteer #UnitedWayLI



The next PowerUp! class is starting soon! The Workforce Development Training Academy covers a range of roles, from office staff and warehouse positions to on-roof technicians and beyond, ensuring everyone gains the skills they need to excel in green energy careers. Learn more at [www.unitedwayli.org/POWERUP!](http://www.unitedwayli.org/POWERUP!)






**United Way of Long Island**  July 30 at 3:45 PM · 

Help support Long Island students by participating in Stuff-A-Bus! For more information, visit [www.unitedwayli.org/stuff-bus](http://www.unitedwayli.org/stuff-bus).




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**United Way of Long Island**  4 days ago · 

Our Young Professionals Network's inaugural event was a success, raising over \$20,000 for Stuff-A-Bus and education initiatives. Thank you to everyone for coming out and supporting! [www.unitedwayli.org/ypn](http://www.unitedwayli.org/ypn) #networking #liveunited





**United Way of Long Island**  3 days ago · 

Thank you, [Bank of America](#), for providing the tools to help tomorrow's leaders succeed. We are proud to join you to help prepare a pipeline of community-minded students to be useful in the workforce.

#UnitedWay #LiveUnited #ThankYou



**United Way of Long Island**  1h · 

Congratulations to all our "Sesame Workshop" grant awardees, courtesy of [Bethpage Federal Credit Union](#), we look forward to seeing your progress in helping Long Island children thrive. The program will address the significant impact of COVID-19 on families, particularly children who faced separation, detachment, and disruption to their routines.



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June 24

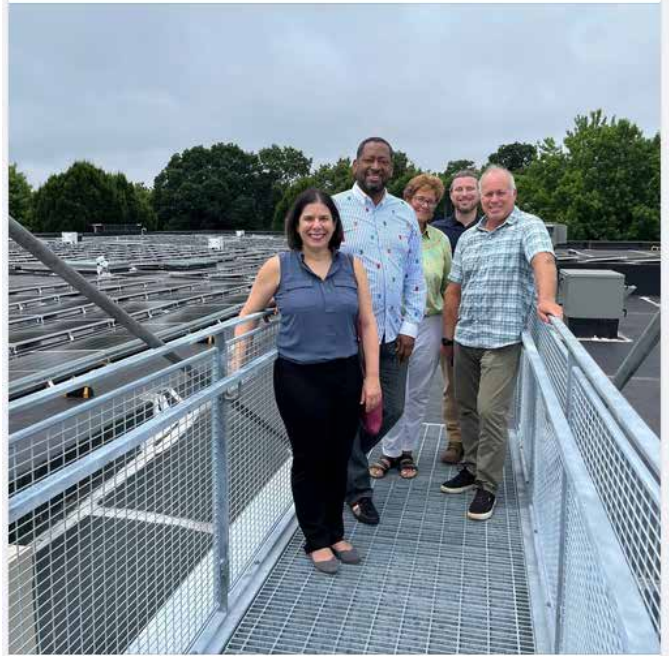
Congratulations to our Workforce Training Development Academy #PowerUp graduates! Thank you Bank of America for helping shape the future of employment in Long Island's energy sector. Visit [www.unitedwayli.org/WorkforceAcademy](http://www.unitedwayli.org/WorkforceAcademy) to learn more about the next cohort.



United Way of Long Island

July 17 at 11:15 AM

The Power Forward Communities, a coalition that includes United Way Worldwide, was recently awarded a \$2B seven-year grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote affordable, energy efficient residential homes across the U.S. with a specific focus on underserved and marginalized families. As a leading organization in High-Performance home building, as well as our expanding Workforce Development Training initiatives, UWW team members Byron V. Garrett, Execut... See more



United Way of Long Island

July 18 at 3:39 PM

United Way of Long Island's annual Stuff-A-Bus is back! For more information, visit [www.unitedwayli.org/stuff-bus](http://www.unitedwayli.org/stuff-bus).

#UnitedWay #LiveUnited #StuffABus



United Way of Long Island


July 26 at 12:12 PM

Zebra Technologies is giving back to their community and lending a helping hand. They volunteered at our community partner, Pronto of Long Island, in the food pantry and community thrift store. Thank you Zebra!

#UnitedWay #LiveUnited #Volunteer






 **United Way of Long Island** •  
May 22 •

#Oneyearlater, ALICE's journey continues. ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families are caught in the crosscurrents of higher wages and costs, diminishing public supports, and other economic forces. How has financial hardship shifted on Long Island? Dive in with #UnitedForALICE for "ALICE in the Crosscurrents: An Update on Financial Hardship in New York," with findings and trends that emerged over time. Read the Update: [www.unitedwayli.org/ALICE2024](http://www.unitedwayli.org/ALICE2024) #ALIC... See more

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“Food these days is really expensive. Everything is expensive...gas...”  
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 **United Way of Long Island** •  
June 5 •


Happy #GlobalRunningDay! In a few short months, our dedicated Team Mission United runners will compete against thousands in support of our veterans at the annual TCS New York City Marathon. Help them cross the finish line and reach their goals. Visit: [www.justgiving.com/campaign/tmu2024](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tmu2024) to meet our runners!



 **United Way of Long Island** •  
May 28 •

The Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show was a success! We had a blast at Jones Beach all weekend long. Thank you Bethpage Federal Credit Union, our volunteers, and our veterans for reminding Long Islanders what Memorial Day Weekend is all about. #liveunited #unitedtogether #missionunited #memorialday



 **United Way of Long Island** is with Sands New York and 5 others.  
June 13 •

Thank you to our champions, sponsors, contributors, clients, partners, and labor leaders for making our event unforgettable. You continue to show us that when we're #UnitedInPurpose, we can make a difference. Because of you, our work continues to change the lives of thousands of Long Islanders every day. Visit [www.unitedwayli.org/UIP2024](http://www.unitedwayli.org/UIP2024) to see the impact of your support and our honorees.







United Way of Long Island

May 2

Leadership from [Empire State Development](#) visited our E3 SmartBuild Training Center to learn about the different training amenities offered to our PowerUp! students. We are grateful for their investment to support the underemployed to launch their careers in renewables and the clean tech industry, leading to financial stability with room to grow.



United Way of Long Island

May 20

Another class in the books! Congratulations to our latest PowerUp! students on graduating from the program. We are excited about the next steps of your journey as you advance in your careers.

#UnitedWay #LiveUnited #PowerUp! Bank of America



United Way of Long Island

May 3

Thank you, Alanna Russo, for your service and dedication to the Project Warmth Fuel Fund Committee. Over the years, you, the National Grid Foundation, and [National Grid](#) have helped keep Long Islanders safe and warm. We welcome Brian Sapp of National Grid as our newest member of the committee.



United Way of Long Island

April 29

As we close out Volunteer Month, we thank our board members, advisory committees, and young professional network for all you do to make our communities a better place to live and work. To learn more about our board of directors, visit: [www.unitedwayli.org/board-directors](http://www.unitedwayli.org/board-directors). #UnitedWayLI







**Thank You**