

UNITED TOGETHER



HELPING LONG ISLANDERS

Over the past several months, United Way has responded to the needs of Long Islanders experiencing unparalleled hardship. Through United Together: A Response Fund for COVID-19, and with a safety net of community partners, thousands of lives have been impacted, including families, individuals, veterans, young mothers with newborns and healthcare responders. To date:

- Over 6,000 newly unemployed individuals received emergency gift cards to afford critical basic needs of food and household supplies
- Nearly 2,000 families, who are expecting or with newborns, were granted gift cards to purchase baby essentials through Born United
- More than 5,000 frontline healthcare responders were provided with take-home meal kits for their families
- 211 Long Island responded to more than 6,200 calls in 3 months – a 228% increase from the same time duration in 2019
- United Way is launching Safe at Home to assist seniors with supportive services so they can safely shelter in place



United Way of Long Island has received many letters from recipients expressing their sincere gratitude for the help they received:

"Today was difficult for me fighting the hardships of this time. I received my gift card and knowing that there is support is comforting. I want to give thanks to United Way. Thank you!" - Jessica

"We received the United Way gift card today. My wife was crying due to the generosity - me too but sssh :) - We are so appreciative that in this tumultuous time United Way reached out and helped us ALOT! Hopefully we will have better days ahead and be able to reciprocate." - Robert and Susan

"Thank you so very much for your assistance. I cannot tell you what a big help this is for me. I am finding it very difficult to provide for my 4 young teens. The gift card will go a long way to help feed them." - Christine

HELP US HELP FAMILIES IN NEED • GIVE TODAY
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YouthBuild Long Island



On The Right Track

YouthBuild Long Island is a signature program of United Way of Long Island, dedicated to changing the path of Long Island's at-risk young adults by addressing the core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. At YouthBuild, low-income young men and women, ages 18 - 24, work towards their TASC High School Equivalency Diploma while learning essential job skills. Serving young adults from **Brentwood, Central Islip** and **The Incorporated Village of Hempstead**.



Participants can choose from a variety of vocation training paths including:

- Building Trades & Weatherization
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Home Health Aide
- Food Manager Certification
- Manufacturing
- Medical Billing & Coding
- Digital Skills
- Early Child Care

YouthBuild Long Island graduates take away the skills that are necessary to succeed on any career path: • Customer Service • Computer Literacy • Career Readiness



Support of the YouthBuild program gives young men and women a second chance to establish a productive life. www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuildli

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United Way of Long Island is an equal opportunity employer and YouthBuild is an equal opportunity program. The YouthBuild Long Island program offers auxiliary aid, services and activities upon request, to individuals with disabilities. The YouthBuild program is federally funded by the United States Department of Labor.

D.R.E.A.M.S. For Youth



Determination • Realization • Enrichment • Academics • Mission • Service

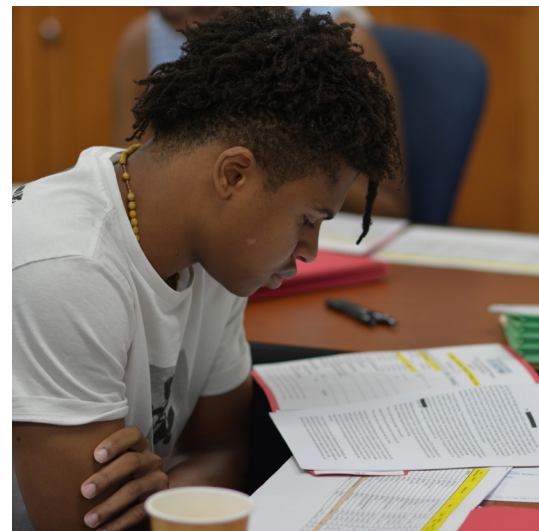


DREAMS Become Reality

The DREAMS for Youth Scholarship Program grants awards in these areas:

- **Academic:** Assists with costs associated with educational goals at a college, university, private or vocational school. Applicants must be in grade 12, demonstrate financial need and show a commitment to community service. Financial awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.
- **Enrichment:** Assists with costs associated with activities that enrich the mind, body and spirit. Examples may include music, singing, dance, art lessons, computer graphics training, acting, photography, fashion design, specialized summer camps, etc. Funds may be used for enrollment fees and/or supplies. Applicants must be in grades 7-12, demonstrate financial need and show a commitment to community service. Financial awards range from \$100 to \$2,500.

Since its inception in 2002, United Way of Long Island has awarded grants totaling over \$1,000,000. The DREAMS for Youth Advisory Board, comprised of grade 7 to college age student volunteers, work under the guidance of United Way staff to make award decisions.



For an application go to: www.unitedwayli.org/dreamsforyouth

Funded by:
• The Dreams R Us Foundation

For more information on DREAMS for Youth or other scholarship programs, contact:

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Project Warmth



Keeping Long Islanders Warm

United Way of Long Island works with nonprofit and corporate community partners to administer **PROJECT WARMTH**, Long Island's only non-governmental emergency fuel fund. **PROJECT WARMTH** provides one-time grants to oil and utility companies during the winter months on behalf of eligible residents facing heating emergencies.

Through a network of partner agencies, struggling Long Island families can apply to **PROJECT WARMTH** for heating assistance and receive information on other local resources to help them address greater financial stability. Last year the program distributed grants to over 930 families. For a referral to a **PROJECT WARMTH** intake site, contact United Way of Long Island's 2-1-1 Call Center by calling 211, seven days a week from 9am-5pm. **PROJECT WARMTH** is a seasonal program from December - March/April .

United Way of Long Island Needs Your Help

United Way of Long Island is bracing for higher-than-usual demand for emergency fuel fund assistance and has authorized an extraordinary effort to raise \$1 million to strengthen **PROJECT WARMTH**'s ability to provide critical safety-net services across the region. These funds will allow **PROJECT WARMTH** to stay open all winter and accommodate thousands of Long Islanders in need.

www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth

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Mission United



Supporting Long Island Veterans & Their Families

MISSION UNITED is a critical funding source for programs supporting United States military veterans and their families as they transition to civilian life. **MISSION UNITED** focuses on case management and emergency financial aid, career training and employment and connection to available local resources. The need for these services is particularly significant on Long Island where more than 115,000 veterans live.

Case Coordination & Emergency Aid to help military personnel and their families. Services provided through our community partner organizations:

- Association for Mental Health & Wellness/Suffolk County United Veterans 631.924.8088 ext. 1503
- Family Service League/Armed Forces Relief and Welfare • 631.650.2182
- Mental Health Assoc. of Nassau County/Vet2Vet • 516.489.2322 ext. 1312
- United Veterans Beacon House • 631.665.1571

VetsBuild Training at United Way's E3 SmartBuild Training Center, a state-of-the-art facility equipped with the latest technology and equipment, provides students with hands-on training in Green Construction, Weatherization and Facility Maintenance.

Veteran Resources are available through 211LI.org, United Way's online resource to find information on a wide array of local services especially for veterans. Together with our supporters, United Way of Long Island's **MISSION UNITED** program is helping our local heroes write the next chapter of their journey, as their service to their country comes to an end. www.unitedwayli.org/missionunited

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