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a year in review



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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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CELEBRATE EARTH DAY THE NET ZERO WAY

APRIL 22, 2024



United Way of Long Island's Entenmann Family Center for Hope serves as the headquarters and flagship location where industry, labor, and government partners come together to bridge divides, embrace diverse voices, and find innovative solutions to regional challenges.

Using renewable energy is a major part of the technology for achieving net zero. "We are excited that United Way completed our solar installation on Earth Day. These 577 solar panels, along with state-of-the-art technology enables the sun to heat, cool and ventilate our all-electric building, ultimately providing power to run the operations," said Rick Wertheim, SVP Development, Sustainability & Training, United Way of Long Island. He added, "This is a demonstration project for the region and all of NY State for sustainability and insuring the future of our children and grandchildren."

The NET ZERO transformation of the organization's 31,000 sq. ft. headquarters has four goals:

- Saving more than \$65,000 per year in energy cost
- Re-investing the savings to support United Way's mission work to create opportunities for Long Islanders to live healthier, safer, and financially stable lives
- Creating a Workforce Development Training Academy for next generation careers
- In times of natural disasters, the NET ZERO building will stand ready as a command center to serve the public.

A landmark in energy efficiency, the NET ZERO project sets an example for organizations across the country. "For the next generation to have the opportunity to thrive on a healthy planet, organizations and institutions must take bold steps, of which United Way of Long Island is one," said Robert B. Catell, Chairman, Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC) at Stonybrook University.

The \$2.5 million project is also a training facility for Workforce Development programs offered for free to young adults, veterans, and others interested in renewables and green construction. Students will learn solar panel installation and wind turbine drone inspection methods,

among many required technical, functional, and soft skills that lead to employment.

Femi, a graduate of United Way's YouthBuild program, installed the electrical components of the new solar system. He never dreamed of a meaningful career in a Labor Union, but quality in-classroom and hands-on training through United Way led to a Journeyman position with one of New York State's leading commercial solar carport installers.

"My time with YouthBuild was transformative," said Femi. "Three principles from YouthBuild changed my life; know what you want, articulate what you want, and go after what you want with a burning desire. Now I've come full circle as part of United Way's NET ZERO team and mentoring others who want to follow in my footsteps."

"This Earth Day, we are reaffirming our commitment to a net zero future through the NET ZERO Energy Building project that creates a training ground for next generation careers and also protects our environment," said Theresa A. Regnante, President and CEO, United Way of Long Island. "We are grateful for cross-sector collaborations and support on this project, and our dedicated community partners who help us build a stronger, more resilient Long Island community."

The NET ZERO project is funded with a lead grant from the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) and a naming gift from the Family of William Entenmann, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), the Robert B. Catell Family, Brookhaven Science Associates, Bethpage Federal Credit Union, the Town of Babylon, Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., Suffolk County, National Grid, PSEG Long Island, Wallace Eannace, Long Island Federation of Labor, Local 338 RWDSU/UCFW, and Flushing Bank. The Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) and Bank of America have contributed through their support of United Way's Workforce Development Training Academy. In-kind support has also been received from the Haugland Group, Cameron Engineering, and EMCOR Services NY/NJ.

To learn more, visit: www.unitedwayli.org/energychallenge.

United Way of Long Island



NET ZERO

Energy Challenge



Phase One of the NET ZERO Energy Building Campaign saw the successful installation of energy recovering ventilators (ERV's) on the roof. The demolition of old, existing air distribution duct work was replaced with new slim duct work and refrigeration piping was set to all outdoor condensing units and completed energy saving measures on the building.

Phase Two has completed powering the building with hi-efficient electric air source heat pumps providing superior comfort and ventilation.

Currently in Phase Three, the installation of the 577 panel solar array that generates as much electricity as the building uses and is anticipated to finish in early May. Graduates of our signature Power Up! Wind, Solar & Renewables training program are among the highly skilled professionals on site completing the work.

Phase Four will be completed in June with EV chargers and a renewable energy training mock-up with stair assembly to the roof.





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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





The Long Island Insurance Community (LIIC) continues to uphold its fundamental priority of supporting those in need through its annual gala, a cornerstone event showcasing the community's generosity and dedication.

Over 300 guests attended the 28th Annual Gala at The Mansion at Oyster Bay, raising over \$220,000 to benefit United Way of Long Island, Guide Dog Foundation, Long Island Insurance Education Foundation, and Color Me Cancer Free! Foundation. Since 1995, the LIIC has contributed more than \$7 million to local nonprofit organizations.

The Annual Gala honors industry and business leaders whose commitment to the community has significantly improved the quality of life for their neighbors. This year's distinguished honoree was Charles E. Makey III, President and CEO of Merchants Insurance Group.

"I have traveled throughout the country over the past 28 years, and I have never seen an insurance community like the Long Island Insurance Community. That is evident from the charitable contributions of over \$7 million over the years," said Charles E. Makey III. "Cammy Belser, one of the founders of this event and one of the most influential Merchants executives, would have been very proud to see the success of this event. She mentored me, and being here tonight is extra special."

This year's Platinum Sponsors were Merchants Insurance Group and Hudson Valley Agency Alliance; Gold Sponsor: Risk Placement Services; Silver Sponsors: Acrisure, Affiliated Agency Inc., AIG, CNA, HUB International, NEC Specialty, and SterlingRisk Insurance.

(L-R: Linda Nicolino, Chief Legal Counsel at Bethpage Federal Credit Union and United Way of Long Island Board Chair; Theresa Regnante, President & CEO of United Way of Long Island; Gloria Gargano, Small Business National Sales Executive Director and LIIC Board Co-Chair; Mary Mondrick, Senior Sales Executive Select Account Division at Travelers and LIIC Co-Chair; Maria Thomas, VP of Brokerage Sales & Client Relations at Friedlander Group, Inc. and LIIC Board Co-Chair) at right Charles E. Makey III.







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

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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.

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FOR YOUR SUPPORT & DEDICATION OF LONG ISLAND VETERANS



For the eighth year in a row, United Way of Long Island was selected as a charity partner for the 2024 TCS New York City Marathon, which took place on Sunday, November 3rd. United Way's Team Mission United runners raised over \$44,000 in support of U.S. military veterans and their families on Long Island. The runners came together for an appreciation dinner at United Way headquarters a week before the race. Since 2016, Team Mission United has now raised more than \$250,000. The TCS New York City Marathon covers all five boroughs of the city, while attracting over 50,000 participants and finishers. The commitment this team has shown as they raise funds to benefit Long Island's veterans is inspiring.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT

For countless families across Long Island, the financial strain can make celebrating the holidays seem like a distant dream. Fortunately, there are organizations like the Make It Count Foundation and United Way of Long Island dedicated to helping those in need during this special time of year. Organized in partnership with Housing Help Inc., this annual holiday program brought joy to 25 children.

Parents were more than grateful for the giving. "Thank you United Way and Make It Count Foundation for making this possible for the kids, said one family. "It's a blessing, especially being laid off for about six months now, just getting back to the swing of things."

The children's faces lit up with smiles with the gift of a new toy. According to Theresa A. Regnante, CEO & President of United Way of Long Island, "You have to remember, most of these children have only the basic necessities and rarely do they have the opportunity to get things that bring them true joy. Their families are working hard to give them the best life possible, and this event allowed those parents and guardians to brighten the holiday season just a bit more."



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United Way of Long Island's newest U.S. Department of Energy Award-Winning home has been sold to income eligible homebuyer, Ulysess Bedell, age 30.

Ulysess has been part of the United Way family for nine years when he first participated in YouthBuild, earning essential vocational skills in the building trades. Immediately following graduation, United Way connected Ulysess to Opportunities Long Island and union construction. Ulysess has been employed by Local 580 ever since. Throughout his career, Ulysess has worked on Hudson Yards, one of the most expensive real estate developments built in the United States and hospital and healthcare construction projects at two leading NYS health systems.

"Because of the path that I took with YouthBuild, I was able to enter the construction industry and gain financial stability. I now have a place to call home that brings my family closer together and am excited about being part of the future with a net zero energy ready house." – Ulysess Bedell

United Way has built more than 125 homes over 30 years serving individuals and families in need of safe and affordable housing. These state-of-the-art homes are good for the environment and promote the well-being of those living in the home itself. In addition, students in United Way's Workforce Development Training Academy contribute to building the homes, providing real-world experience and careers in the renewable energy industry.





ENERGIA ACTIVA!

Formación profesional en energía eólica, solar y renovables



United Way of Long Island's workforce development program, 'Power Up! Wind, Solar & Renewables', first Spanish-speaking cohort graduated in March. This free training generously supported by Bank of America is focused on creating a foundation and pathways to secure careers in the renewable energy industry for Long Islanders.

In partnership with Pronto of Long Island, the course was held over five-weeks, covering: Hands-on Training for Next-Generation in Construction, Building Science Principles, Assistance with Job Placement, and OSHA 10. More than 120 individuals registered for the inaugural cohort, 32 were selected, and 27 graduated.

According to the New York State Department of Labor, over 10,000 new industry jobs will be available in New York State by 2030. The 2020 Census reported that Hispanic residents represented 20.2 percent of Long Island's population, growing by more than a quarter within a decade.

"Your language is your gateway," said Theresa A. Regnante, President & CEO of United Way of Long Island. "Investing in a program that connects Spanish-speakers with training, networking and mentorship opportunities, and employer/job connections is not only the right thing but also the smart thing to address these communities' energy and employment needs while also protecting the environment."

"I've been in the construction trade for 19 years and currently a foreman overseeing 14 front-line workers," said Manuel. "I didn't know what to expect from the program and the knowledge that I gained was invaluable."

Yvette enrolled in the program for "...an opportunity to grow professionally." She added, "I'm confident in the training and skills that I learned and excited about a job that pays me to help save the world."

Since 'Power Up! Wind, Solar & Renewables' inception in 2022, there have been nearly 300 graduates. Approximately 60% have gained employment and are on the way to financial stability and careers in the energy industry through connections made in the workforce program. Many other graduates have gone on to achieve advanced training.

Power Up! graduates are proficient in the installation of clean heating and cooling technologies, high-efficiency HVAC, heat pumps, solar panels, EV Charging and the benefits of renewable energy. The program is made possible by Bank of America, New York Empire State Development, and National Grid Ventures.

The Power Up! program is open to youths, veterans, unemployed workers and those seeking new careers leading to employment in the renewable/sustainable, smart grid, and green construction industries. To learn more and/or to apply, visit www.unitedwayli.org/powerupcareertraining.



According to United Way's latest ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report*, there are more than 285,179 hardworking Long Islanders struggling to afford life's basic needs. One out of three families don't earn enough to make ends meet or heat their homes during the bitter winter months.

"We extend our heartfelt congratulations to United Way and all the partners involved in achieving the ambitious goal of reaching over 1,900 families this year. We take immense pride in being a key supporter of the Project Warmth fuel-

neutral relief program. This initiative plays a crucial role in assisting Long Islanders during their most vulnerable moments," said Aaron Choo, Vice-chair of the United Way Board of Directors and Vice President of Gas Field Operations at National Grid. "Having the privilege of serving on the United Way Board, I've witnessed firsthand the profound impact this extra support has on our neighbors. National Grid and the Foundation have a rich history of community engagement and understands the critical needs within our communities. We want our neighbors to be rest assured knowing that we are here to lend a helping hand."

"Many hardworking families make financial trade-offs during the winter months. Assistance with an oil delivery, heat-related utility bill or other heating source, means people have room in their budgets to cover essentials like food or medication. Because of National Grid Foundation's extraordinary generosity, United Way was able to ensure that Long Islanders' homes remained heated in a safe manner," said Theresa A. Regnante, President & CEO of United Way of Long Island.

We are grateful to our many funders, including Northville Industries, for supporting Project Warmth. According to Gene Bernstein, Chairman of Northville Industries and Chair of the Project Warmth Fuel Fund Committee, "For 70 years Northville Industries has been keeping Long Islanders warm through its business, and we are delighted to also be helping through our philanthropy. We salute our co-supporters at Project Warmth and encourage other local businesses to join our effort."

1,910 Families Helped

1,088 Seniors Helped

1,483 Children Helped

2,604 Adults Helped

74 Veterans Helped

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NATIONAL GRID FOUNDATION MILESTONE \$500,000 GRANT KEEPS LONG ISLANDERS SAFE AND WARM



Long Islanders seeking help to keep the heat on in their homes were bundled in winter coats and hats to apply for assistance during United Way of Long Island's "A Day of Warm Hearts & Warm Homes" at the offices of their community partner agency, the Wyandanch Village. Eligible applicants included residents who are behind in their utility payments, have a low or empty oil tank, received a disconnection notice, and/or demonstrate financial hardship.

"This contribution helps celebrate the Foundation's 25 years of service in our communities and highlights our core principle: Giving people the tools they need to build hope is an essential ingredient in the development of individuals, families and building stronger communities," said Eileen Cohen, Chair, National Grid Foundation. Cohen continued, "We have a long history of serving as a community partner, understand the critical need in our communities, and want our neighbors to know we are here for them. We are so grateful to organizations like United Way of Long Island as they help deliver so many much-needed services during these trying economic times."



Long Islanders like Gladys of Brentwood, pictured left with National Grid's Aaron Choo, received a one-time grant to help pay for her home heating costs. Gladys, 53, is a mother of four and home health care aide who lost her job. When the house burned and the fire damage restoration costs were too high, the family moved into a trailer. Two of her children are still in school and one of her sons is enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. Gladys fell far behind in her energy bills and couldn't receive the assistance she needed. Thankfully, Project Warmth was there to help.

"Because of National Grid Foundation, I was able to pay my gas and electric bills and now have peace of mind," said Gladys Martinez, a Project Warmth grant recipient. "The emergency assistance has gotten me through a very difficult time in my life and allowed me to keep a roof over my family's heads this winter."

"The National Grid Foundation has not only reached a significant milestone in its own journey but will also help us keep over 1,000 families safe and warm," said Theresa A. Regnante, President & CEO, United Way of Long Island. "The foundation's visionary approach to philanthropy continues to inspire and set a precedent for others to follow."

Since 1994, Project Warmth has provided more than \$13 million to assist over 31,000 families. It is one of the country's oldest non-government fuel funds, serving as a model across the United States. Project Warmth is available during the winter months and remains open until the funds are exhausted.

Project Warmth works with 18 local agencies and more than 90 parish outreach centers that provide intake and case management services. The case management process ensures needed services are provided to the client to resolve existing problems and reduce the need for future assistance. The process is so successful that 80% of previous years clients did not request further assistance.

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*United Way and its partners will conduct Project Warmth
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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.

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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.

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

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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:



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For additional information contact Biena Depena at 631.940.3719

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At risk families were provided with financial counseling, job training and support services thanks to the Family Support Program



Elementary school students received school supplies through the Stuff-A-Bus campaign



Graduating high school students were awarded United Way D.R.E.A.M.S. for Youth Scholarships or other academic monetary awards

Families were assisted with emergency heating grants through Project Warmth



Young adults and veterans acquired career skills and credentials for better jobs by participating in the Workforce Development Training Academy

72,816 referrals for help were answered by the 2-1-1 Long Island Call Center



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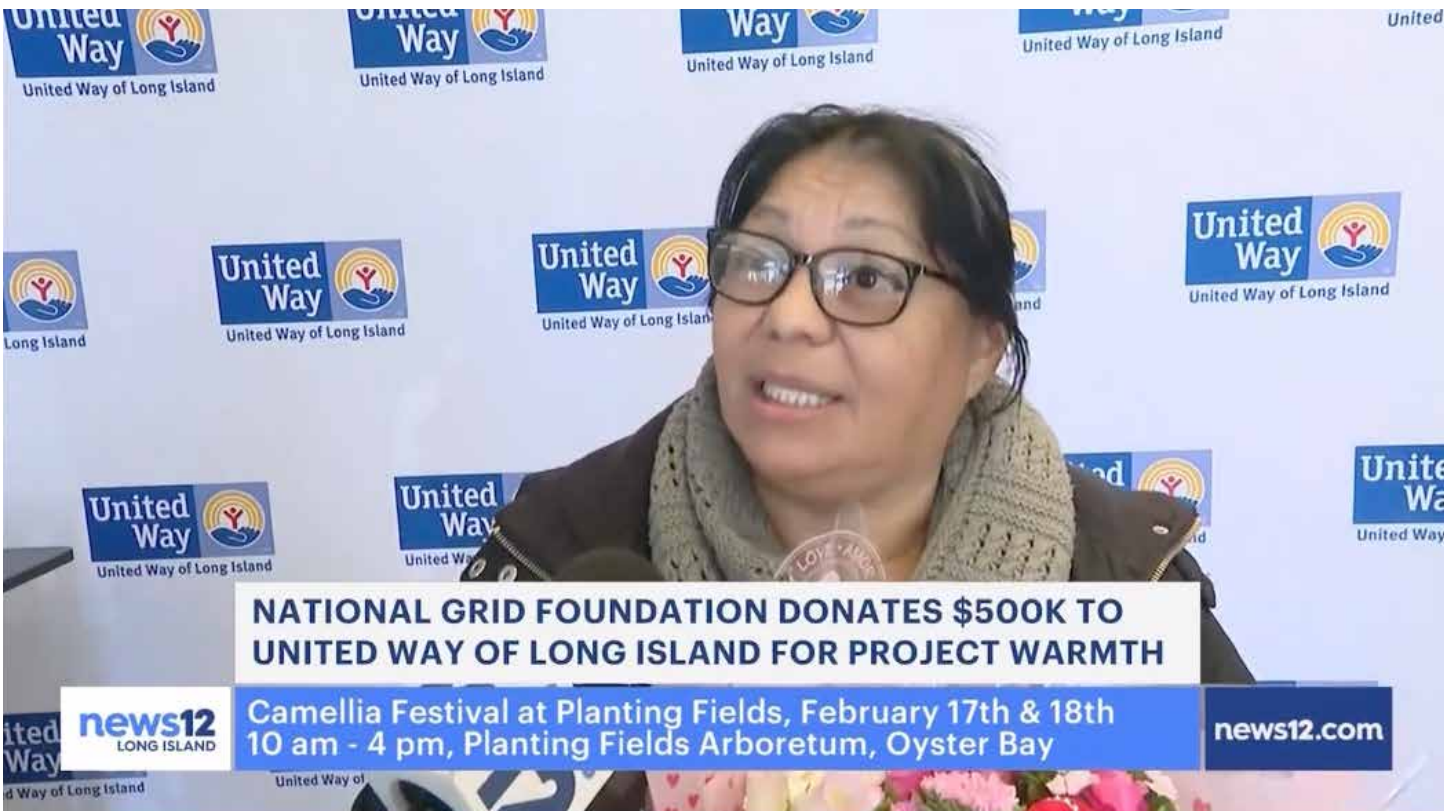
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The United Way of Long Island's D.R.E.A.M.S. for Youth scholarship helped eliminate roadblocks for Kristyne and allowed her to focus on her education. Knowing that people cared about her success, she spent time getting involved on campus in organizations aligning with her passion for psychology. She graduated in 2022 and is on her path to open her own practice focusing on trauma-informed therapy.

"Thank you to everyone who contributed to my success" – Kristyne



Contact 211 Long Island for information and referrals related to health and human support services. Dial 2-1-1, or outside of Nassau and Suffolk Counties 1-888-774-7633 and visit 211longisland.org



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

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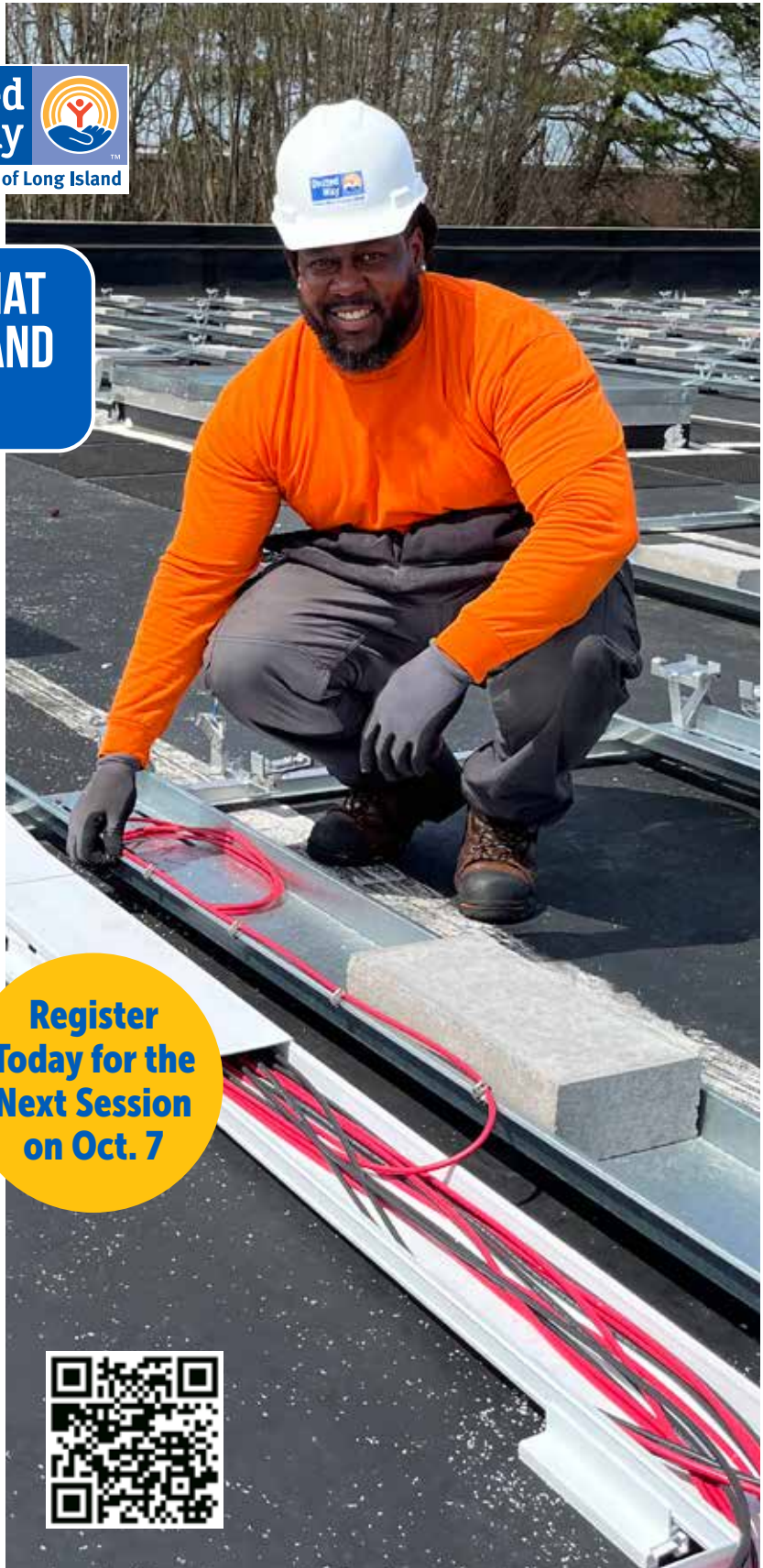
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Students at Loretta Park Elementary School, Brentwood, NY



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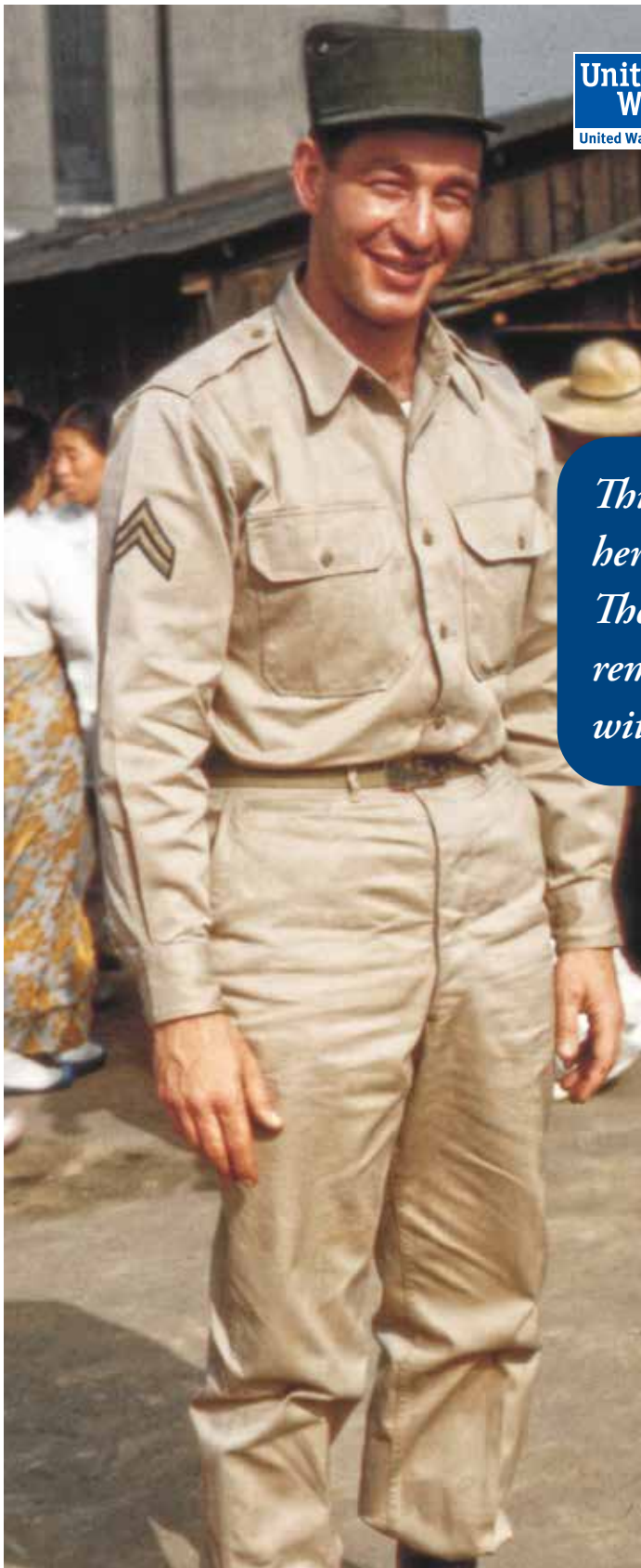
United Way of Long Island is in its 16th year of providing essential school supplies to children across Long Island. Since Stuff-A-Bus began, we have collected and delivered over 1,000,000 school supplies to over 50,000 students.

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.

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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.

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Stephanie, Power Up! Graduate



"Retrofitting United Way to be 100% Net Zero and disaster resilient makes you wonder why buildings are built any other way."

— Robert B. Catell, Chairman, Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC) at Stony Brook University



United Way of Long Island's "211 Long Island" service connects Long Islanders in need of assistance with career, educational programs and services they need. Just dial 2-1-1 or visit 211longisland.org. Outside of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, dial 888-774-7633.

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Building a better future for Long Islanders

United Way of Long Island's NET ZERO Energy Building is well underway. This state-of-the-art project provides essential hands-on skills training while setting a new standard in renewable energy for non-profit organizations throughout the region.

The building design creates an innovative solution to eliminate energy consumption and protect the environment. The NET ZERO transformation of United Way's 31,000 sq. ft. headquarters has four goals:

- Saving more than \$65,000 per year in energy cost
- Re-investing the savings to support United Way's mission work to create opportunities for Long Islanders to live healthier, safer and financially stable lives
- Creating a Workforce Development Training Academy for next generation careers
- In times of natural disasters, the NET ZERO building will stand ready as a command center to serve the public

Join our Workforce Training program and become a NET ZERO Hero, visit: www.unitedwayli.org/WDTA

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Jennefer achieved her dreams of pursuing a career in science. She was the first high school graduate in her family and the first to be accepted into university. Jennefer had no one to turn to about the college experience and no means to pay for her education.

With the help of United Way of Long Island, Jennefer earned a bachelor's in mathematics and computer science and a master's in applied mathematics and is now a Senior Applications Analyst at the Collider Accelerator Department within **Brookhaven National Laboratory**.

"I remember receiving the D.R.E.A.M.S. for Youth Scholarship award letter in the mail and jumping up and down in my driveway," said Jennefer. "I will forever be grateful to United Way."

More than \$1,000,000 in academic and enrichment scholarships have been awarded to students. If you or someone you know is in need of educational financial assistance visit: unitedwayli.org/scholarships.



I opened my heart to you and now I feel like a weight has been lifted.

– United Way of Long Island 211 Client



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Connecting You... When You Need Us Most

When you find yourself struggling, the last thing you want to do is dig through a mountain of resources to get the help you need.

United Way of Long Island's 2-1-1 is the 24/7 go-to resource for information, assistance, and referrals to local services as quickly as possible.

Every day, we connect people to resources in the communities where they live. **Call, text, click, connect!**

United Way's 211 Call Center is a 24/7/365 non-emergency information resource, helping Long Islanders with free, comprehensive connections to over 10,000 essential services. For more information visit 211Longisland.org or call 2-1-1 or text 898-211.



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Help Us Be A Lifeline To Families This Winter

The Iorio Family were new homeowners when hard times suddenly hit and they found themselves struggling to pay for health insurance, utility bills, and put food on the table. Thankfully, Project Warmth was there to help.

"Project Warmth is a lifeline, especially for those of us who have encountered a tough situation and just don't know what to do or where to go," said the Iorio Family.

One out of three hardworking families can't afford their basic needs. Together, we can help. Give the gift of warmth this winter through Project Warmth.

www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth

Project Warmth is made possible in part by signature grants from National Grid Foundation, PSEG Long Island, Northville Industries, and National Grid.



For assistance with a critical heating emergency, dial 2-1-1 (or 1-888-774-7633) Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. For more information on Project Warmth visit: www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth

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- Certificación en Principios de la Ciencia en la Construcción.
- Certificación en OSHA 10

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Home / periodical / article / NYPA Board of Trustees Approves Funding for Clean Energy Workforce Training Initiatives

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The New York Power Authority Board of Trustees recently approved the release of \$2.55 million in funding to seven community-based organizations that will implement clean energy industry workforce development initiatives throughout New York State.

The funding stems from a NYPA commitment in the 2023-24 Enacted State Budget to support the efforts of the state's Office of Just Energy Transition (OJET).

The New York State Department of Labor established OJET last year to connect workers to opportunities for jobs in the clean energy economy through upskilling and training with a focus on serving those in under-resourced communities.

"The Power Authority is doing more than simply supplying workforce development programs with funding; it is full partner in the mission to provide New Yorkers with the training needed to succeed in the State's clean energy economy," said NYPA Chairman John Koelmel. "As part of its commitment to strengthen the pipeline of skilled workers for the clean energy industry, NYPA will continue to collaborate with local job training initiatives in communities across New York."

In May, the NYPA Trustees approved \$2 million to support workforce development initiatives that provide employment training and employment opportunities for residents in disadvantaged communities located in the vicinity of NYPA power projects.

The NYPA Trustees approved an additional \$550,000 at their October meeting in furtherance of its commitment to create job opportunities in the clean energy field.

In this tranche of spending, \$2.55 million will be allocated to seven firms that responded to a request for proposals issued by the Power Authority in July seeking partnership opportunities. As a result of this funding award, NYPA will be helping to provide support to nearly 1,500 New Yorkers in the form of employment training in the clean energy industry.

The seven recipients are:

- ITEC Training & Education Center in Rochester
- NYC District Council of Carpenters Training Center in Manhattan
- The Resilience Education Training and Innovation Center in Brooklyn
- Soulful Synergy in Queens
- St. Nick's Alliance in Brooklyn
- United Way of Long Island in Deer Park
- Urban Green Council in Manhattan

NYPA will collaborate with the training providers to develop technical training opportunities, hands-on experience, paid internships and full-time jobs for people entering the workforce and advance training opportunities for those traditional utility workers to ensure that both new and current employees have the requisite skills and qualifications to participate in New York's clean energy field.

"The New York Power Authority funding awarded to these seven firms will support nearly 1,500 New Yorkers with upskilling and training for the clean energy jobs of tomorrow," said NYPA President and CEO Justin Driscoll. "Just as NYPA is committed to securing and supporting a reliable supply of renewable energy for New Yorkers, it is also preparing New Yorkers for careers that will help the state achieve its climate action goals."

As part of its workforce development priorities, NYPA has already committed \$12.65 million in funding to create, expand and support workforce training initiatives in partnership with local organizations and NYSDEL.

In addition to its new workforce training commitments, the 2023-24 Enacted State Budget provided NYPA with enhanced authority to develop, own and operate renewable energy generation and storage projects, either alone or in collaboration with other entities.



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ON OUR ISLAND



Courtesy of United Way of Long Island

United Way of LI distributes \$50K worth of school supplies

United Way of Long Island celebrated its 16th Annual Stuff-A-Bus school supply distribution in partnership with Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., delivering over \$50,000 worth of essential school supplies to elementary students across Nassau and Suffolk counties. This initiative ensures students from all communities are equipped with the required tools for academic success.

United Way's Young Professionals Network raised \$20,000 to support the program through its Cornhole Tournament and Networking Event. In addition, throughout August, United Way of Long Island, alongside local companies, collected essential school supplies for local students.

Since 2008, Stuff-A-Bus has delivered over 1 million back-to-school supplies to children. By providing vital supplies, the program aims to set students up with the proper tools for academic success, while increasing the economic opportunity of students' families.

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Miles de estudiantes reciben útiles escolares a través del programa Stuff-A-Bus de United Way of Long Island

Noticia Long Island

10 octubre 2024



Más de \$50,000 en útiles escolares esenciales fueron donados a organizaciones comunitarias y a los distritos escolares de Brentwood, Central Islip, Copiague, Hicksville, Patchogue-Medford, Uniondale, Valley Stream y Westbury. Foto: Unitedwayli.org

United Way of Long Island celebró su 16vo. año de distribución de útiles escolares Stuff-A-Bus en asociación con Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., entregando más de \$50,000 en útiles escolares esenciales a estudiantes de primaria en los condados de Nassau y Suffolk.

Esta iniciativa garantiza que los estudiantes de todas las comunidades estén equipados con las herramientas vitales que necesitan para el éxito académico.

Este 2024, el evento tuvo un gran éxito, gracias especialmente a la Red de Jóvenes Profesionales de United Way, que recaudó \$20,000 para apoyar el programa a través de su Torneo de Cornhole y Evento de Networking anual.

Además, durante todo el mes de agosto, United Way of Long Island, junto con empresas locales, recogió útiles escolares para los estudiantes locales.



El 13 de septiembre de 2024, voluntarios de National Grid y Zebra Technologies donaron generosamente su tiempo para llenar autobuses escolares con cajas llenas de útiles, incluidas mochilas, bolígrafos, lápices, marcadores, carpetas, fichas, barras de pegamento y más, y los entregaron a los estudiantes de los distritos escolares de Brentwood y Central Islip.

Su ayuda con la distribución aseguró que miles de alumnos de Long Island estén preparados para el año escolar que comienza.

«Cuando proporcionamos útiles de calidad a nuestros estudiantes, aliviarnos las cargas financieras y les permitimos concentrarse en el aprendizaje. United Way está sumamente agradecida con todos nuestros seguidores y colaboradores que ayudan a hacer realidad Stuff-A-Bus», dijo Theresa Regnante, presidenta y directora ejecutiva de United Way de Long Island.



Por su parte, Victor Vientos, director de ingeniería de National Grid, señaló, «En National Grid, servir a nuestros clientes y a la comunidad es algo natural, pero trabajar con United Way y asociarnos con Stuff A Bus para poder ayudar a los estudiantes a comenzar el año escolar de la manera correcta es realmente un honor».

Varias organizaciones y distritos escolares recibieron suministros de United Way de Long Island para preparar a los estudiantes para este año académico, entre ellos:

ABBA Leadership, Community Development Corporation of Long Island, Caritas, Youth, Hicksville Boys & Girls Club, Housing Help, Mineola Ministries, Nassau County Office of Youth Services, Pride for Youth, Front of Long Island, Rescue Angel, Restoration Revival, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, SCO Family Services, The Retreat, Wings of Empowerment, Wyandanch Homes & Property, YouthBuild Long Island, y los distritos escolares de Brentwood, Central Islip, Copiague, Hicksville, Patchogue-Medford, Uniondale, Valley Stream y Westbury.

Stuff-A-Bus contó con más de 40 empresas contribuyentes y patrocinadores principales, entre los que se incluyen:

Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc.; Esquire Jenic Local 330 RWDIGU UFCW; Green Acres; National Grid; National Grid Ventures; RTR; Merchants Insurance Group; and Sheehan Accountants & Advisors.

Los principales patrocinadores de Stuff-A-Bus de la Red de Jóvenes Profesionales son Dulovas Restoration Inc.; Dethpage Federal Credit Union; The Mosquito Guide; Cas Tec Plumbing and Heating; BK Real Care; Riskin Moscu Faltisnek, P.C.; Flushing Bank; Clear View Building Services; Dong Insurance Agency & Associates; y G-Rock Handovers Inc.



Thank you to everyone, companies, volunteers, and individuals, who helped make Stuff-A-Bus 2024 a success. We couldn't have done it without you! 🙌
Companies like Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., & National Grid's commitment to our community is inspiring.
#UnitedWay #StuffABus #Education

El programa Stuff-A-Bus de United Way of Long Island es parte de un esfuerzo más amplio para fortalecer la educación, un pilar clave en la misión de la organización de promover la estabilidad financiera y las oportunidades para todos.

Desde 2008, Stuff-A-Bus ha entregado más de 1 millón de útiles escolares a los niños. Al proporcionar suministros educativos vitales, Stuff-A-Bus tiene como objetivo proporcionar a los estudiantes las herramientas adecuadas para el éxito académico y, al mismo tiempo, aumentar las oportunidades económicas de las familias de los estudiantes.

Para más información sobre esta loable iniciativa visite <https://www.unitedwayli.org/stuff-bus>.



Stuff-a-Bus Success! Cordello Receives 200 Boxes of Supplies



STUFF-A-BUS SUCCESS! CORDELLO RECEIVES 200 BOXES OF SUPPLIES



September 13, 2024

Cordello Elementary School was the recipient of nearly 200 boxes filled with school supplies for students to successfully complete their school assignments.

The United Way of Long Island, Zebra Technologies, and Suffolk Transportation Service teamed up to provide the school items under their Stuff-a-Bus initiative. Students, under the guidance of Cordello Elementary School Principal Dr. Nathaniel Marner, unloaded the bus filled with boxes of supplies for school officials to appropriately distribute to students in the school community.

News 12 Long Island was on hand to provide coverage of the event. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sharon A. Dungee acknowledged the generosity of the United Way of Long Island, Zebra Technologies, and Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. for their extremely generous donation of which the students of Cordello Elementary School will be the beneficiaries.

This marks the 16th consecutive year in which Cordello Elementary has been the beneficiary of the Stuff-a-Bus initiative.

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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 Merik

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

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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.

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

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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.



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

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

By Lauren 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 1977, 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 wellbeing 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)

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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.

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

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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 las agencias comunitarias 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; 6. 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 Armynt, 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.

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Falling Through the Cracks

The Calls for Help Coming From Above the Poverty Line

By Rachel Wolfe
April 6, 2024

The operators taking America's distress calls say they hear from more people who earn too much to qualify for many social services.

ROCKY Hill, Conn.—Some of the country's savviest economic trend predictors spend all day answering call-center phones.

Operators at 211 emergency helplines raised alarm bells about a baby formula shortage ahead of the headlines about empty shelves. And they knew that families were defaulting on their mortgages before the subprime collapse in 2008.

Now, even as the economy looks healthy by many measures, 211 workers say they are hearing something concerning: more people living very close to poverty than the federal poverty line might suggest. The disparity aligns with polls showing high levels of consumer malaise despite recent good news like cooling inflation, low unemployment and strong hiring in March.

In Hartford, 38% of households live above the poverty line but don't make enough to get by, according to United Way.

United Way, the nonprofit that operates about half of the country's 200-plus 211 centers, and other poverty researchers blame that disconnect partly on the federal poverty line, which they say hasn't kept up with the real cost of living.

The share of households below the census-designated federal poverty line has barely budged since 2010. Meanwhile, poverty researchers say a large and fast-growing group of people are earning too much to qualify for social services and not enough to afford the basics where they live.

"We wonder why there's so much anger in public discourse today, and it's in part because of the stress people feel to just keep themselves and their families afloat," says Lisa Tepper Bates, president of United Way of Connecticut. "People feel like the system is not serving them."

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Yocasta Duran, center, and colleagues connect 211 callers in Connecticut to thousands of service providers.

United Way calls this population ALICE, or Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. The organization says about 36 million American households, or 29%, met the criteria in 2021, the most recent year for which data is available. That is up 18% from 2010. Preliminary data show the same trend continuing through 2022.

In nearby Hartford, where the cost of living outpaces the national average, 38% of households fit that description. Call centers operate locally, and Connecticut's center hears from residents all over the state.

Not many answers

During years of underemployment as a single parent, Theo Bonet got help from services—and later applied to work as a United Way contact specialist to help families who also needed assistance. The 42-year-old didn't expect to tell so many callers that they earn too much for assistance.

"It's heart-wrenching to have to say to someone who's struggling, 'I'm sorry, you're not eligible,'" says Bonet, adding that the frequency of these calls has risen sharply.

Callers tell Bonet that they are embarrassed to ask for help and that they are often doing so for the first time after working throughout adulthood. "I always remind them it takes strength to make a call," Bonet says.

Trained to route callers to thousands of outside resources and service providers, United Way operators say those available to ALICE families struggling to pay their bills are often limited to food pantries and a smattering of religious and government programs without income restrictions. Theo Bonet has seen an uptick in 211 calls coming from people above the poverty line.

The federal poverty level for a family of four stands at \$31,200. United Way of Connecticut estimates the bare-minimum survival budget for a family of four with two young children in the state to

be as high as \$126,000. United Way uses the local cost of housing, groceries, child care, healthcare, transportation, technology and taxes to come up with ALICE survival budgets for every U.S. county.

Defining poverty

Bonet recently spoke with a man who said he earned \$10,000 a month and was looking for low-cost medical facilities because he couldn't afford health insurance.

"I just was kind of in disbelief to hear someone who makes that much struggling," Bonet says. United Way of Connecticut President Tepper Bates doesn't mince words: "The federal poverty line is garbage." The official poverty line for individual adults is \$15,060.

Although the Census Bureau raises the poverty line each year in step with the Labor Department's consumer-price index, some poverty experts say the underlying math doesn't reflect many financial realities. The core assumption that families spend a third of their total income on food, they say, is inconsistent with the fact that on average, housing consumes the largest share of household budgets. And the metric doesn't adjust for differences in the cost of living across the U.S., which hurts residents of high-cost states such as Connecticut.

The Census Bureau released its own supplemental poverty measure in 2011 that provides a more nuanced calculation. The official poverty line of \$15,060 for one adult in 2024, however, remains the baseline for determining most public assistance. Among the benefits: Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the National School Lunch Program.

A group of Democratic congressmen introduced a bill in December that would change the poverty line calculation more drastically than the supplemental measure and likely qualify more families for benefits. It hasn't received a vote.

Pandemic-era benefits cushioned families during the early period of rapid inflation, says Marianne Page, director of the Center for Poverty and Inequality Research and an economics professor at the University of California, Davis. Without those programs, more families are struggling, she says.

"People are worse off now," Page says. "There are a lot of other measures by which we might think the economy is doing OK. But at the end of the day, things like inflation and benefits being clawed back have an impact on a family's ability to purchase the goods and services that it needs."

The Department of Health and Human Services and Commerce Department, which both play roles in federal poverty calculations and benefit allocation, directed the Journal to each other or to publicly available information.

Little left over

Samantha Daley and Jonathan Harewood have full-time jobs, she as a high school administrative assistant and he as a machinist at an aerospace engineering firm.

Their family of four has health insurance and a combined yearly income of \$95,000. Still, a \$500 emergency-room visit for one of their young sons wiped out most of their savings. After they pay monthly expenses, including rent for their two-bedroom condo in Windsor, Conn., utilities, groceries and gas, there's rarely anything left over, she says.



Jonathan Harewood, Samantha Daley and sons Logan, in shorts, and Peyton. PHOTO: SAMANTHA DALEY

The combined \$14,000 the family received from pandemic stimulus payments and 2021's enhanced child tax credit allowed them to keep the fridge well-stocked and pay for summer camps. Without it, they are not sure where this year's camp money will come from.

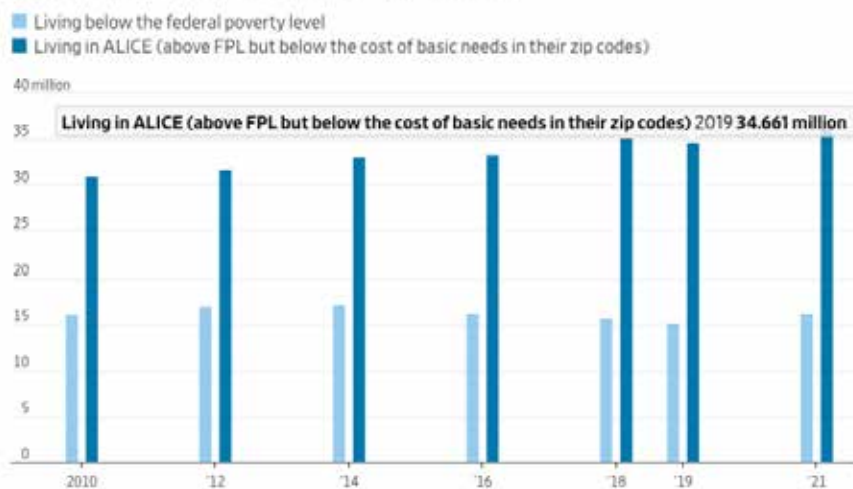
The family previously applied for child care assistance under Connecticut's Care 4 Kids program so that Daley could return to work before the children were old enough for school. They were repeatedly denied. She's called 211 in the past to find mental-health resources. Daley experienced a miscarriage this past November. On day six of recovering at home, she received a \$2,500 bill for her hospital stay.

"Literally as I'm reading this bill, I'm like, 'Well, I'm going back to work tomorrow. There's just no other option,'" Daley says. "I'm getting the extra-heavy sanitary pads ready so I can walk into work as half a human." Yocasta Duran says she feels for ALICE families ineligible for programs that could help them.

Back at the 211 call center, contact specialist Yocasta Duran says she hears stories like Daley's all the time. "If a program doesn't exist, you can't just make one up," Duran says. "It feels horrible. Just knowing that someone is in a crisis and they won't be able to get assistance."

Just Over the Line

U.S. households on both sides of the poverty line, by income levels



Note: ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed
Source: United for ALICE



Courtesy of United Way of Long Island

National Grid Foundation awards \$500K to United Way of Long Island

Adina Genn // February 23, 2024 // 2 Minute Read



National Grid Foundation has awarded a \$500,000 grant to Deer Park-based **United Way of Long Island** for its Project Warmth program.

The program provides emergency heating assistance for Long Islanders who do not qualify for federal assistance because of income guidelines. Without it, some families would lack the resources to keep the heat on when the weather turns cold, United Way said.

More than 285,179 hardworking Long Islanders struggle to afford life's basic needs, according to United Way's most recent ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report. One out of three families don't earn enough to make ends meet or heat their homes during the bitter winter months.

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Through Project Warmth, residents in need receive a one-time grant for oil, gas, and fuel-related electric. Payments are made directly to oil and utility companies on behalf of eligible residents who are struggling financially and have exhausted other options. For the thousands of families United Way helps each year, assistance with an oil delivery or utility arrears means they have room in their budgets to cover essentials like food or medication.

"This contribution helps celebrate the foundation's 25 years of service in our communities and highlights our core principle: Giving people the tools they need to build hope is an essential ingredient in the development of individuals, families and building stronger communities," Eileen Cohen, chair of National Grid Foundation, said in a written statement.

"We have a long history of serving as a community partner, understand the critical need in our communities, and want our neighbors to know we are here for them, Cohen said. "We are so grateful to organizations like United Way of Long Island as they help deliver so many much-needed services during these trying economic times."

Launched in 1994, the program has raised more than \$11 million to provide emergency heating assistance, helping more than 30,000 families. That assistance is often critical at the end of the year when other programs to address year-long needs might be depleted, leaving families with nowhere else to turn for help, according to United Way.

And the support is critical for many households, experts said.

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Warm fuzzies: **United Way of Long Island** is commending a chunky **National Grid Foundation** grant that helped more than 1,900 energy-insecure Island homes stay warm this winter.

The \$500,000 gift to United Way’s **Project Warmth Emergency Fuel Fund**, billed as “the only Island-wide non-governmental emergency heating fund,” was distributed in partnership with 20 local agencies and 300-plus parish outreach centers, according to UWLI. And with the agency’s latest **Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed Report** citing more than 285,000 Long Islanders fighting to cover basic needs – including one out of three LI families struggling to heat their homes during the winter – the grant was a godsend, according to United Way of Long Island President and CEO Theresa Regnante, who applauded the National Grid Foundation’s “extraordinary generosity.”

The foundation has now provided more than \$13 million to assist 32,000-plus Project Warmth families since 1994. “We take immense pride in being a key supporter of the Project Warmth fuel-neutral relief program,” noted Aaron Choo, National Grid’s vice president of Gas Field Operations and vice-chairman of the UWLI Board of Directors. “This initiative plays a crucial role in assisting Long Islanders during their most vulnerable moments.”

Town of OB & United Way launch Youth Build program for aiding vocational skills



The Town of Oyster Bay is partnering with United Way of Long Island to launch YouthBuild, a program designed to help young adults between the ages 16 and 24 learn vocational skills that will lead to meaningful employment and success.

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communities,” said Supervisor Joseph Saladino. “YouthBuild not only offers vocational programs for in demand industries such as construction, health care, information technology, and hospitality, but it also includes community service and civic engagement so students may share their valuable perspectives with elected officials and community leaders.”

YouthBuild is now accepting applications for the Class of 2024. Classes begin on March 3. The program is open to individuals between the ages of 16 and 24 who reside in the Town of Oyster Bay, the Town of North Hempstead, or the City of Glen Cove.

Visit www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuild-long-island for more information, and to learn more about this training program, or call (516) 485-5000 ext. 1352.

National Grid Foundation Kicks Off 25th Anniversary with 1.5 Million Dollar Gift in support of three fuel-neutral emergency heating funds in Massachusetts and New York.



By Deborah Drew

The recipient organizations are United Way of Massachusetts Bay, United Way of Long Island and Catholic Charities Diocese of Albany. This special donation supplements the Foundation's "traditional" annual heating fund grants and combines support of these emergency programs at a record-breaking \$1.5 million level; each organization has received a total of \$500,000 in support of its heat fund program.

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Cohen, Chair, National Grid Foundation. "As so many are experiencing the rising cost of living, and our neighbors and communities are strained by tough economic times, we are pleased to once again be able to help and support these fuel-neutral emergency heating and utility funds." Cohen continued, "We have a long history of serving as a community partner, understand the critical need in our communities, and want our neighbors to know we are here for them. We are so grateful to organizations like United Way and Catholic Charities Albany as they help deliver so many much-needed services during these trying economic times." 🏡



Photos: United Way of Long Island

LI partners provide clean-energy training, en español



Speaking the language: The United Way of Long Island and friends have trained a Spanish-speaking cohort of learners on the finer points of renewable energy installation and maintenance.

FEBRUARY 27, 2024
By GREGORY ZELLER

Ellos hablan español ... and now, they're fluent in renewable energy technologies, too.

"Power Up! Wind, Solar & Renewables" – a workforce-development program created by United Way of Long Island and supported by National Grid Ventures, the Empire State Development Corp. and North Carolina-based Bank of America – has graduated its first-ever Spanish-speaking cohort.

In partnership with Bay Shore-based Pronto of Long Island – a nonprofit organization providing food, furniture and gently used clothing and household goods to Long Islanders in need – the five-week program included hands-on construction instruction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration training and specialized classes in building-science principles exclusively for Spanish-speaking learners, with job-placement services at the ready.

Installation tools and techniques for high-efficiency HVAC systems, the latest solar-panel technologies and electric-vehicle charging stations were all in the syllabus, along with refreshers explaining the overall benefits of renewable energy.

More than 120 people applied for the first "Power Up! Wind, Solar & Renewables" Spanish-speaking cohort, with 32 selected to participate and 27 ultimately completing the month-plus course. Since launching in 2022, the workforce-development program has now graduated nearly 300 learners, with 60 percent landing jobs in the energy industries – many via connections made through the "Power Up!" effort, according to United Way of Long Island.

Cohort graduate and construction-industry veteran Manuel Muniz, already a front-line construction foreman, said his new renewable-energy comprehension both lengthens and deepens his professional expertise.

"I've been in the construction trade for 19 years," Muniz noted. "I didn't know what to expect from the program, [but] the knowledge that I gained was invaluable."

Theresa Regnante: Removing language barriers. Further cohorts for both Spanish- and English-speaking learners are on the way, and not a moment too soon. The national energy workforce added more than 300,000 jobs in 2022, the latest year measured by the U.S. Department of Energy, while New York State is expecting to add 10,000 new jobs – in the offshore-wind industry alone – over the next five years.

Noting an inexorable link between this rapid evolution of the clean-energy industries and community service, United Way of Long Island President and CEO Theresa Regnante applauded the first Spanish-speaking cohort and the program partners who supported the new graduates.

"Your language is your gateway," Regnante said Tuesday. "Investing in a program that connects Spanish-speakers with training, networking and mentorship opportunities – and employer/job connections – is not only the right thing but also the smart thing.

"[It] addresses these communities' energy and employment needs while also protecting the environment," the CEO added.



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Focus On Good Jobs in the State's High-Growth Sectors



Project: United Way of Long Island's Power Up! Wind, Solar and Renewables

Region: Long Island

Target Industry: Cleantech and Renewable Energy

As New York State becomes a leader for the nation in cleantech, additional investments in talent are necessary. Green collar jobs – those careers that increase sustainability and decrease waste, energy, and pollution – are growing, and additional standards, skills, and certifications must be established.

Amid record investment in offshore wind and solar development on Long Island, United Way of Long Island developed a free program providing basic training in wind, solar, and drone operation and an industry-recognized national building science credential. These credentials provide a wide range of potential job opportunities following completion, from clean heating and cooling technologies, high-efficiency HVAC, heat pumps, solar panels, EV-charging, and maintenance and weatherization to technical jobs providing assessments for real estate owners – allowing trainees options in their career path.

As buildings remain one of the biggest emitters of greenhouse gas, the program also teaches families how to green their own homes, helping to reduce energy costs. Launched in 2023, graduates from the program are beginning to find placements at a range of jobs in the region, including TRC, a leading engineering and construction management firm, and Building Performance Institute (BPI), a certification and standard-setting organization for home professionals.

Key Metrics:

- 60 certified trainees in nationally recognized credentials
- 90% of participants identify as people of color (in an industry where only 10% identify as Black)



Power Up! trainees looking at solar panel readings from mobile phone.



Power Up! graduates

“Removing Barriers is Step One,

Training and Continued Support is Step Two,

Placement and Meaningful Career Pathways is Step Three.

Thank you for delivering all these for Long Islanders!”

*Amber Rangel Mooney
Vice President and Director of Workforce Development, Empire State Development.*

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Youth vocational training program to be offered

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- **The gift, along with its annual heating fund grants, combines to support emergency heating programs at record \$1.5 million level**
- **Since heating fund inception, National Grid Foundation provided more than \$7 million in heating aid**

HICKSVILLE, N.Y., Jan. 17, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- The National Grid Foundation today kicked off its 25th Anniversary with a \$550,000 gift in support of three fuel-neutral emergency heating funds in Massachusetts and New York. The recipient organizations are United Way of Massachusetts Bay, United Way of Long Island and Catholic Charities Diocese of Albany.

This special donation supplements the Foundation's "traditional" annual heating fund grants and combines support of these emergency programs at a record breaking \$1.5 million level; each organization has received \$500,000 in support of its heat fund program.

"This gift helps celebrate the Foundation's 25 years of service in our communities and highlights our core principle: Giving people the tools they need to build hope is an essential ingredient in the development of individuals, families and building stronger communities," said Eileen Cohen, Chair, National Grid Foundation. "As so many are experiencing the rising cost of living, and our neighbors and communities are strained by tough economic times, we are pleased to once again be able to help and support these fuel-neutral emergency heating and utility funds." Cohen continued, "We have a long history of serving as a community partner, understand the critical need in our communities, and want our neighbors to know we are here for them. We are so grateful to organizations like United Way and Catholic Charities Albany as they help deliver so many much needed services during these trying economic times."

"Congratulations National Grid Foundation on your 25th Anniversary! The difference that you have made in these years with and for people who struggle is extraordinary! Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany will tangibly change people's lives with your grant of \$500,000! We are so grateful and on behalf of the thousands of people who will benefit – a heartfelt thank you," said Sr. Betsy Van Deusen, CSJ – CEO of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany.

"Income disruption and financial emergencies can happen to anyone, impacting the ability of individuals and families to pay for their housing, childcare, food and utilities," said Bob Giannino, President and Chief Executive Officer at United Way of Massachusetts Bay. "We also know that small amounts of emergency assistance in a time of financial crisis can prevent families from losing their homes, going without heat, experiencing food insecurity or going without other essential needs. We're grateful for the National Grid Foundation and their critical, longstanding partnership that enables United Way to deploy resources swiftly to our network of community-based organizations and to individuals and families throughout our region."

"United Way of Long Island is deeply appreciative of the grant made by National Grid Foundation. This is the largest foundation grant ever received by our organization," said Theresa A. Regnante, President & CEO United Way of Long Island. "There are 285,179 ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families on Long Island who each day face tremendous hardship. This grant will help 1000 families to get on track and heat their homes this winter."

This announcement follows multiple statements last year that National Grid has committed to providing millions of dollars in support of existing partners and networks across Massachusetts and New York to help customers and communities meet their needs during this financially challenging time. As part of that, National Grid provided the National Grid Foundation a special donation of \$5 million that will broaden and deepen emergency heating programs in the two states. The remaining funding will be gifted to additional organizations over the coming months.

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United Way of Long Island Celebrates 35th Anniversary of World AIDS Day L to R: Ernest Burke, Survivor; Debra Brown, Senior Education Specialist, Stony Brook School of Health Professions; Tyrone Banister, Trainer, Leadership Training Institute; Dorise Ragsdale, Survivor.



AHRC Suffolk 63rd Annual Candlelight Ball Raises \$200,000 at Larkfield Manor in East Northport L to R: Artie Morin, AHRC Suffolk Legacy Honoree; Barbara Pflieger Morin, Honoree; Phil Boyle & Jesse Garcia, Chairman of the Suffolk County Republican Committee.

The cover of the LIBN Business News "Forecast for '24" issue. It features a hand holding a glowing crystal ball with a line graph overlaid on it. The text "LIBN LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS" is at the top, and "Forecast for '24" is in large yellow letters. At the bottom, it says "Long Island leaders reveal their predictions for the year ahead » Page 4".

Long Island leaders reveal their predictions for the year ahead

LIBN Staff // January 4, 2024 //



Theresa Regnante

President and CEO

United Way of Long Island

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United Way Long Island invita a capacitación sobre construcción con eficiencia energética

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La organización United Way Long Island, en asocio con Pronto Long Island y otras entidades privadas y gubernamentales, está invitando a la comunidad laboral a que se inscriba en el programa gratuito de capacitación en construcción energéticamente eficiente.

"Este programa ayudará a los participantes a iniciar una carrera en la creciente industria de la construcción de viviendas y edificios eficientes energéticamente, saludables y duraderos", dicen los organizadores del curso.

El programa que tendrá una duración de entre 4 y 5 semanas, incluye:

- Terminología en inglés y en español, relacionada con la ciencia de la construcción
- Demostración de cómo los componentes de una casa interactúan y afectan la eficiencia energética de la casa, la salud, la comodidad, la seguridad de los ocupantes y la durabilidad de la vivienda.
- Entender por qué mejorar la eficiencia de energía de la casa, debe ser el primer paso hacia la energía solar, geotérmica o cualquier forma de energía renovable.
- Certificado de entrenamiento en principios de la ciencia de la construcción, otorgado por el Instituto de Rendimiento de la Construcción, BPI.
- Ayuda con búsqueda de oportunidades laborales
- Acceso a certificación OSHA 10.

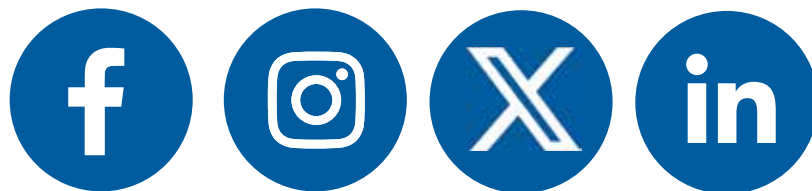
El curso será presencial y se dictará por primera vez en español, en las instalaciones de Pronto Long Island, los martes y jueves, de 6 de la tarde a 8 de la noche, comenzando el próximo 23 de enero. Los organizadores han dicho que el cupo es limitado, por lo que se exhorta a la comunidad a inscribirse cuanto antes, [haciendo click aquí](#).

La capacitación es posible gracias al apoyo de Bank of America Charitable Foundation, National Grid Ventures, Stanley Black & Decker, el Departamento de Trabajo, Licencias y Asuntos del Consumidor del Condado de Suffolk y el Departamento de Recursos Ocupacionales de la ciudad de Hempstead.

También cuenta con el respaldo de otras entidades que pondrán a disposición de los participantes, las vacantes laborales existentes, como PSEG Long Island, National Grid, Eversource, Empower Solar, SUNation Energy, American Energy Efficient Remodelers (AWS), Petro Home Services, Compañías TRC, Suffolk County Community College.

Pronto Long Island está localizado en el 128 de Pine Aire Drive, en Bay Shore.

SOCIAL MEDIA





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Thank you to everyone, companies, volunteers, and individuals, who helped make Stuff-A-Bus 2024 a success. We couldn't have done it without you! 📦🚚 Companies like Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., & National Grid's commitment to our community is inspiring.

#UnitedWay #StuffABus #Education



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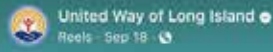
The 28th annual Long Island Insurance Community Gala honoring Charles Makey III was a huge success! Thank you to all the sponsors and network of friends who continue to lend support year after year. To read more about it, visit l-i-i-c.org/2024-liic-annual-gala/.

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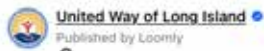
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Flushing Bank helped transform our Community Garden over the summer. Employees volunteered to roll up their sleeves and grab shovels to make this space into one that everyone can enjoy. Thank you, Flushing Bank!

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August 14 at 12:11PM

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



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August 27

"I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to raise money for our veterans and Team United. I can't wait to see everyone this fall!" To support our 2024 runners, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tmu2024>. #missionunited #liveunited

MEET JOSEPH

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Joseph is the assistant vice president of Suffolk Transportation Services, a family-owned company that operates school buses, fixed route transit, and provides paratransit services. He ran cross country in high school and after a brief hiatus, in his senior year of college he met a girl and he rediscovered his love for long distance running. He ran his first half marathon that year with her and now, exactly two years later, he is grateful for the amazing opportunity to run with his girlfriend in the New York City marathon!



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JOSEPH'S WHY:

"YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE LIFE WILL TAKE YOU. SAY YES TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES, CONTINUE CHALLENGE YOURSELF MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY, AND NEVER TURN DOWN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE."



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September 3

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

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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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United Way of Long Island

August 15 at 4:05 PM

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!





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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.



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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 #networking #liveunited



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](#)



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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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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 #ALIC... See more

“Food these days is really expensive. Everything is expensive...gas...”



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. #UnitedWayLI



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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 to see the impact of your support and our honorees.



Congratulations to our very own, Jenette Adams, YouthBuild USA Leadership Fellow 2024-2026 cohort. Twenty leaders from programs around the globe will gather to focus on Leadership and Professional Development; Self-Care; and Peer Support and Community Building. Learn more about YouthBuild Long Island: www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuild-long-island.

#UnitedWayLI #YouthBuild



YouthBuild Long Island was in Albany for YouthBuild Advocacy Day. YouthBuild participants met with elected officials to speak about their experiences in YouthBuild and why YouthBuild funding should be continued throughout the state. Thank you NYS Assemblywoman Taylor Darling and NYS Senator Kevin Thomas for being strong advocates of YouthBuild Long Island.

#UnitedWayLI #YouthBuild



United Way of Long Island is proud to be a grant recipient from the National Grid US Foundation! We are grateful for their continued support in keeping over 1,000 Long Islanders safe and warm through our Project Warmth Program. Thank you, National Grid Foundation!

#UnitedWayLI #NGFLovesGiving_25Years



"Because of National Grid Foundation, I was able to pay my gas and electric bills and now have peace of mind," said Gladys Martinez, a Project Warmth grant recipient.
"The emergency assistance has gotten me through a very difficult time in my life and allowed me to keep a roof over my family's head this winter."

THANK YOU
National Grid Foundation



As Women's History Month comes to a close, we take a moment to appreciate the female community leaders on our Board whose passion for United Way of Long Island's work is instrumental in driving results. Thank you for making a difference.

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The warmth you need is just a phone call away. Thanks to the National Grid Foundation Project Warmth helps Long Island families suffering from recent financial hardships, regardless of fuel type. For more information visit: www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth.
#UnitedWayLI #NGFLovesGiving_25Years



"Project Warmth is a lifeline, especially for those of us who have encountered a tough situation and just don't know what to do or where to go," said the Iorio Family.

Apply to YouthBuild! An ever-growing number of young individuals are not getting the most basic education, a high school equivalency diploma, meaningful employment, and are struggling with other barriers to success. YouthBuild helps break down those walls. Visit www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuild-long-island to learn about the Oyster Bay, North Hempstead & Glen Cove YouthBuild Class of 2024 that begins March 3rd.

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- A resident of Oyster Bay, North Hempstead or Glen Cove
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Brookhaven National Laboratory welcomed United Way of Long Island's YouthBuild participants to their headquarters for an immersive tour of the facility and an overview of the environment and climate science work. Thank you, BNL, for helping YouthBuild participants gain valuable experience as interns, secure meaningful employment, and putting them on the path to a prosperous future.



We are excited to welcome our new board members, Jerome Bost, Rosalie Drago, William Misita, Jaime Stojanowski, and Kerry Thomas. They bring valued skill to the organization, and we look forward to working with them to advance the common good on Long Island.

#UnitedWayLI #LiveUnited #Welcome





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As Long Island's only non-governmental, island-wide emergency fuel fund, Project Warmth provides a one-time grant for oil, gas, and fuel-related electric. Thank you, National Grid Foundation, for your long history of serving as a community partner, understanding the critical need in our communities, and wanting our neighbors to know we are here for them. #NGFLovesGiving_25Years



"The National Grid Foundation has not only reached a significant milestone in its own journey but will help us keep over 1,000 families safe and warm this winter. Their visionary approach to philanthropy continues to inspire and set a precedent for others to follow."

Theresa A. Regnante, President & CEO, United Way of Long Island

THANK YOU National Grid Foundation



United Way of Long Island

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Thank you, PSEG and its dedicated employees, for the unwavering support of our veterans. Because of you, Guillermo found assistance through United Way's Mission United, which provides services and resources to veterans in emergency financial aid, VetsBuild career training, and employment assistance. To learn more, www.unitedwayli.org/mission-united



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Congratulations to our very own Biena DePena for being recognized among Long Island Business News's 40 under 40. We are proud of all that you do in making our communities a better place to live and work.

#UnitedWayLI #LiveUnited #Congratulations



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BIENA DEPENA DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY IMPACT



United Way of Long Island

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At the start of each year, Long Island Business News consults with key leaders in the community to gather perspectives on the year ahead. Our President & CEO, Theresa Regnante, offers her thoughts about what lies ahead.

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Theresa Regnante President and CEO, United Way of Long Island



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Rush your gift; it's not too late to make an impact this year. One out of three households on Long Island don't earn enough to make ends meet or heat their homes. Help us support hardworking families during the bitter winter months. Visit: www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth #UnitedWayLI #ProjectWarmth



United Way of Long Island

Published by Loomly January 5 at 3:16 PM

Like many older adults, Robert wanted to stay in his home as he ages. The good news is that with United Way of Long Island's Older Adult Home Modification Program, there's help to do just that. For more information and to find out if you qualify, contact our Housing Department at 631.940.3721.

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United Way of Long Island

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We are grateful to everyone who helped families get through difficulties and hardships and make the Holiday season a little lighter. A big thank you to Brookhaven National Laboratory, Merchants Insurance Group, the Make it Count Foundation and volunteers from Tauro University.

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