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news12 footage at: www.unitedwayli.org/CarsandCoffee2022
United Way of Long Island’s Stuff-A-Bus program, now in its 14th year, provides Long Island students with supplies that enable them to confidently begin their school year and prepare them for success.

Join us and make a difference in the life of an elementary school student. Supplies of all kinds are needed, including backpacks, colored pencils, binders, composition notebooks, lunch boxes, and crayons.

To donate school supplies to the Stuff-A-Bus program contact United Way at 631.940.3734 or visit www.unitedwayli.org/stuffabus.

Thank you to Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. for your long-standing support of Stuff-A-Bus.
staying safe at home...

With the help of the Older Adult Home Modification Program, Long Islanders can age in place.

Nearly 30 years ago, Lorenza and Carolyn bought their Shirley home. Due to recent health issues, it has been difficult to keep up with basic home maintenance, while also taking care of their son with special needs.

United Way of Long Island was able to step in to help the family with home modifications through the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Older Adults Home Modification Program. These modifications included shower grab bars, a medical-grade air purifier and some much-needed front porch railings and stairs, allowing Lorenza, Carolyn and their son to remain in their home.

If you are 62 or older and own your own home visit: www.unitedwayli.org/HUD2022 for more information and to fill out an application.

To contribute to United Way of Long Island visit www.unitedwayli.org/give

unitedwayli.org/HUD2022
Contact 211 Long Island for information and referrals related to finances, health and support services.

Dial 2-1-1, or outside of Nassau and Suffolk Counties 1-888-774-7633 and visit 211longisland.org
Join United Way of Long Island and make a difference in the life of an elementary school student. Supplies of all kinds are needed, including:

- Backpacks   • Binders   • Colored Pencils   • Crayons
- Composition Notebooks   • Pens   • Lunch Boxes
- Washable Markers   • Pencil Cases   • Highlighters

To donate school supplies to the United Way Stuff-A-Bus program contact us at 631.940.3734 or visit www.unitedwayli.org/stuffabus.

Thank you to Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. for your long-standing support of Stuff-A-Bus.
Danielle Ann McCoy of Huntington has been hired as assistant principal at Southampton Elementary School. She was K-5 school counselor at P.S. 175 The Lynn Gross Discovery School in Rego Park, Queens.

Dave Lyons of Westbury, interim president and chief operating officer at PSEG in Uniondale, was elected to the board of directors at the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Emilio Cooper of West Chester, Pennsylvania, has been hired as senior vice president of retail banking at Bethpage Federal Credit Union in Bethpage, working remotely and going into the office. He was chief deposit officer at First Bank in Hamilton, N.J.

Jennifer A. Spellman of Farmington, Connecticut, has been hired as an associate attorney at Davis & Ferber in Islandia. She was an associate attorney at Kujawski & Kujawski in Deer Park.

Musadiq Hassanali of Buffalo has been hired as senior vice president of technology at Bethpage Federal Credit Union in Bethpage, working remotely and in the office. He was vice president and strategy and operations head at M&T Bank in Buffalo.

Silas W. Kelly of Copiague, case management social worker at Concern Housing in Amityville, has been elected vice president of the National Association of Social Workers in Albany.

— DIANE DANIELS
Helping Provide The Tools to Help Tomorrow’s Leaders Succeed

Signature Bank of America Program awards five Long Island high school students with paid internships and leadership training

Bank of America today announced five Long Island high school seniors were selected as Student Leaders*, a unique eight-week summer program that awards community-minded students with paid internships at local nonprofits and participation in a national leadership summit. Working with EAC Network and Island Harvest, two longstanding Bank of America partners serving Long Islanders, these students are gaining workforce skills and first-hand experience in serving their communities. They will also participate in a virtual Leadership Summit with Student Leaders from across the country. As part of the program, they will earn $17 per hour and receive a Chromebook.

“Connecting students to career development opportunities is a priority for Bank of America here on Long Island and across the country,” said Marc Perez, president, Bank of America Long Island. “Our Student Leaders program is even more meaningful because the students work alongside two of our nonprofit partners, EAC Network and Island Harvest, learning from them and helping them support our Long Island community.”

The Class of 2022 Long Island Bank of America Student Leaders are:

Melody Luo of Commack, a recent graduate of Commack High School, interning with Island Harvest

Namit Kapoor of New Hyde Park, a senior at Herricks High School, interning with EAC Network

Pearce Bernstone of Manhasset, a senior at Manhasset Secondary School, interning with EAC Network

Anika Shah of Syosset, a senior at Syosset High School, interning with Island Harvest

Katherine Sun of Great Neck, a senior at Great Neck High School, interning with EAC Network

These five students were selected for their leadership, background, passion, and commitment to community.

- Luo has served as president and vice president of the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors, and is passionate about cultural exchange and the capacity for education to cultivate understanding. She will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

- Kapoor is the co-founder of Herricks Camp Connected, which provided summer activities for children whose families faced economic hardship following the onset of the coronavirus. He is deeply involved in local and national politics, and hopes to work on Capitol Hill.

- Bernstone is a committed volunteer and Student Ambassador for Community Solidarity, a food pantry based in Hempstead. He is also the founder of no1-hungry, which hosts an annual fundraiser to benefit food pantries in Nassau County.

- Shah is the president of the Young Women’s Forum, co-president of Women in STEM, and vice president of Student Council at Syosset High School. She is also the executive director of Social Media at Teens Teach Technology, a youth-led nonprofit that teaches digital skills to isolated nursing home patients. Sun is the first female president of the Great Neck High School debate team and serves on the Girl Leadership Council for the Girl Scouts of Nassau County, with whom she helped organize a mental health awareness event for those impacted by the coronavirus.

- Started in 2004, the Student Leaders program recognizes 300 community-focused juniors and seniors from across the U.S. annually. The Bank of America Student Leaders Leadership Summit delivered in partnership with the Close Up Foundation,
IN THE GARAGE

By David Fluhrer

THE CAR AND ITS OWNER
1979 Checker Marathon A12 taxi owned by Doug Petersen

WHAT MAKES IT INTERESTING
Checker Motors, an automaker that marched to a different drummer, produced taxi cabs and even sold some as private cars for 60 years, starting in 1922. Older New Yorkers can’t help but be nostalgic over the last models as they rattled down pockmarked city streets and offered riders plenty of room to stretch out. The last one was officially retired in 1999, but Petersen estimates something under a thousand are still on the road, including his A12. “It has a working fare meter set to 1979 pricing,” he says, “which is also reflected on the correct TLC (Taxi and Limousine Commission) stickers on the doors.”

HOW LONG HE’S OWNED IT
Since 2016

WHERE HE FOUND IT
A friend had seen it for sale in California, where it was parked by the retired owner, and he picked it up for Petersen.

CONDITION
“The body and frame were solid, thanks to the California sunshine,” he says, “but it took a lot of TME — time, money and efforts — from rebuilding the engine, to having the exterior painted, replacing all the wear elements and finding parts. I had a few good friends who lent their expertise.”

TIPS FOR OWNERS
“Like any car that is decades old, it is a labor of love and requires patience,” Petersen advises. “The Checker sourced its engine and drivetrain from Chevrolet in 1979 and other parts from other manufacturers, so talking to other owners of cars from the 1970s helped. Of course, the Internet has helped greatly and becoming a member of the Checker Car Club of America was invaluable.”

VALUE
“I have no idea,” he says, “as I have never thought about selling it. I get calls for photo shoots and can get $1,000 a day.” Hagerty, the classic car insurer, values similar Checkers at up to $23,400 in top condition.

THE BOTTOM LINE
“I can remember in college six of us piling into one after getting off the LIRR in Penn Station to avoid the rain,” says Petersen. “It’s awesome to drive and display at a car show. It’s not flawless and that’s why I like it. It’s a taxi. The car invokes great memories of the past.”

PIT STOP

SUNDAY, AUG. 7:
Cars & Coffee hosted by Hartford Funding Ltd. to benefit United Way; 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; RXR Crossways Corporate Parks, 100 Crossways Park Drive W., Woodbury;
LI Insurance Community raises over $13,000 for veterans

United Way of Long Island partnered with Long Island Insurance Community to raise more than $13,000 for the nonprofit Mission United program. Contributions raised by the LIIC, combined with donations from Bethpage Federal Credit Union, prepared 1,000 Care Kits to be distributed to vets across Long Island.
Events
United Way of Long Island held a Panel-Raising Ceremony on Thursday, July 21 to announce the newest high-efficiency housing development project in its growing portfolio. The 1,100 sf, 3BR, 2BA home is now under construction, employing exceptional building designs and technologies, including a first-in-the-nation deployment of the Etopia Build System, facilitating high-quality, resilient, all-electric, low-carbon housing in Britain and beyond.

United Way acquired the property located at 78 south 30th Street in Wyandanch from the Suffolk County Landbank. United Way will develop and sell the property to an income eligible homebuyer.

Throughout the construction process, United Way will be engaging its students and alumni to teach first-hand knowledge of new, high-performance building technologies and modern methods of construction. Training will occur in the field at the project site, as well as at the organization’s E3 SmartBuild Training Center in Deer Park. Through this and other projects, and United Way’s partnership with NYSERDA, the E3 SmartBuild Training Center is providing tomorrow’s workforce with the skills needed to build a Long Island community of the future that leaves a lighter footprint on the environment and structures that are built to last. Read the press release at: www.unitedwayli.org/projectendurancepressrelease

For more information visit www.unitedwayli.org/projectendurance
For information on the home sale visit: www.unitedwayli.org/78S30Wyandanch
“United Way’s innovative leadership continues to raise the bar in the housing industry. This project, made possible in part by the Suffolk County Landbank, is yet another example of what is possible in our community for more efficient, resilient, and sustainable housing. Together we are working to build a brighter future for Suffolk County.”

– Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive
United Way of Long Island is an Official Charity Partner of the TCS New York City Marathon. United Way’s Team Mission United is a dedicated group of competitive and recreational athletes who run 26.2 miles to raise funds for Mission United, supporting over 97,000 Long Island veterans and military members. Since its inception in 2016, Team Mission United runners have raised over $150,000.

This year’s team is off to a great start by raising $13,000 of their $24,000 goal. We are still looking for Corporate Sponsorships which will allow more of the funds raised to support veterans across Long Island.

To contribute: www.unitedwayli.org/teammissionunited
Thank you to Hartford Funding, Ltd. for hosting their First Annual Cars & Coffee Networking event benefitting United Way of Long Island. The event was a huge success! The event brought out enthusiast and lovers of classic and performance cars, kids enjoyed spinning the wheel to get a chance of winning fun prizes, including Hot Wheels and United Way received a $5000 contribution, ultimately making an impact on Long Island families.
We had the pleasure of hosting a PowerUp! Solar, Wind and Renewables All-Star dinner with some of our program graduates. We are proud to announce that these Allstars are now fully employed and pursuing further educational training on the road to their promising careers.

These graduates are now working for various companies across Long Island, including PSEG Long Island, Empower Solar, Petro Home Services, Norden Composites, Mitsubishi Electric, SUNation, and more.

Thank you to Bank of America for their continued support of the PowerUp!.
26th Annual Gala
Thursday, September 22, 2022
5:30pm
The Mansion at Oyster Bay
1 S Woods Rd, Woodbury, NY 11797

To date, this year’s event has raised over $125,000. Tickets to the event, sponsorships and a chance to win a $10,000 raffle are still available. Visit www.unitedwayli.org/LIIC for details.

The Long Island Insurance Community (LIIC) began in 1995 when a dozen LI insurance industry leaders got together to create a vehicle to give back to the community and to those less fortunate. Today nearly 500 insurance industry executives and business leaders gather together to raise funds at its annual gala. The LIIC has raised more than $6 million at its annual galas for Long Island charities, including United Way of Long Island.

The goal continues to bring the insurance community together to change the lives of Long Islanders in need. The gala annually honors industry and business leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to the community that has improved the quality of life for their neighbors.
Once again, United Way of Long Island is proud to run the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) funded by Bank of America, which provides high school and college students from diverse Long Island communities with paid internships and hands-on career training. Students, ages 14-23, are employed with various non-profit host agencies in communities throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties during summer months. For more information on Summer Youth Employment Program visit www.unitedwayli.org/SYEP
Now in its 14th year, United Way of Long Island’s annual Stuff-A-Bus program provides students from low-income families with new school supplies, preparing them for their academic studies, building their self-esteem and setting them up for success.

United Way is partnering with Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. to deliver school supplies generously donated by companies, organizations and individuals across Long Island to local elementary school students in Brentwood, Central Islip and Freeport.
Sponsors include:

- Alba Wheels Up
- Amneal Pharmaceuticals
- Citrin Cooperman
- Clearvision Optical
- Coach
- CPI Aerostructures, Inc.
- Daughters of the Ketewamoke Chapter
- DriMark
- Esquire Bank
- Family of Kidz
- Friedman LLP
- Gabriele & Marano, LLP
- GEICO
- GKN Aerospace
- H2M
- Kate Spade
- Keller Williams Realty
- Leviton Manufacturing Company
- Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW
- Mackoul Risk Solutions
- Mobile Vascular Physicians
- NICE Bus/Transdev
- Oerlikon Metco
- Oliver, Inc.
- Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- Orange Theory Fitness (Babylon)
- Polo Ralph Lauren
- Posillico
- Progress
- Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
- RXR Realty
- Signature Premier Properties
- Starbucks (Copaigue)
- St. Gregoris Orthodox Church
- Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc.
- Sugar Crazy
- Target
- The NPD Group, Inc.
- Telephonics
- The Boxery
- Town of Babylon
- W Services Group
The Family Support Project helps families reach long-term stability with the goal of preventing academic disruptions for children by helping families move from crisis to stability.

When We Keep Families In Their Homes, We Can Keep Children In Their Schools.

Funded by The Siemer Institute, United Way of Long Island provides navigation services to families with children who have difficulty maintaining self-sufficiency and have risk factors that can lead to homelessness.

The Family Support Project Provides:
- Case Management and Coaching
- Financial Assistance to Alleviate Immediate Housing Crises
- Financial and Budget Education
- Job Training Referrals and Support
- Access to Food and Nutrition Education

These services allow families to remain in their homes, children to remain in their schools, and adults to work toward a brighter future.

The Results:
- Nearly 100% of all families avoid disruptive school moves
- Over 75% of families successfully obtain or maintain stable housing
- Financial empowerment resources and coaching integral to all programs

This program works towards...

stable housing, stable schooling, and higher income.

www.unitedwayli.org/FamilySupportProject

For more information on Family Support Project, contact:
John Diaz, Community Impact Program Director
631.940.6530 • JDiaz@unitedwayli.org
United Way of Long Island, 819 Grand Blvd., Deer Park, NY 11729
Are you over 62 and own your home?

FREE HOME IMPROVEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

United Way may be able to help seniors remain safe, healthy and independent in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

United Way’s Home Modification Program

Offering qualified seniors:
- Home safety adjustments
- Small home repairs
- Healthy Homes Evaluations
- Accessibility modifications
- Fall protection hazards and modifications

Eligibility requirements* include (Apply Online):
- 62 years or older
- Own your home
- Proof of yearly income
  - Family of 1 makes less than $66,450
  - Family of 2 makes less than $75,950
  - Family of 3 makes less than $85,450

Occupational Therapy and Nursing Consult included

*For a full list of all eligibility requirements visit: www.unitedwayli.org/HUD2022

For more information and to find out if you qualify contact Amber at 631.940.3721 or online at: unitedwayli.org/HUD2022

2-1-1

If you or someone you know needs help Call 2-1-1 or outside Nassau and Suffolk Counties 1-888-774-7633 or visit 211longisland.org. The Call Center is open 24/7.
Through the use of our new social media strategy, we have been able to increase our reach and engagement exponentially. We have strategically curated content to post on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn about our programs and the organization’s fantastic work. This strategic planning and execution increased our social media reach by over 1500% compared to the previous 90 days!
We are happy to announce our newly elected Board of Directors member David Lyons, Interim President and Chief Operating Officer of PSEG Long Island.

David’s experience will be very beneficial to the organization’s growth, and we look forward to working with him in the future.

For more information on leadership, visit www.unitedwayli.org/board-directors
United Way joined Stacy Martella in honoring her son Scott, who she lost 6 years ago, with a check presentation to Christa Morris of Angel Baby Corp. Two checks were presented each $1,111 totaling $2,222 from The Scott Martella Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Angel Baby Corp. is a non-profit organization that offers emotional support for grieving families who have lost a child at any age.

1111 symbolizes an alert from angelic energies that you are supported by forces you cannot see. See more.

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Don't miss your chance to support our 14th annual Stuff-A-Bus Campaign. Help us set students up for success by giving them the necessary supplies.

No student should worry about not having the right supplies to excel in school. Our Stuff-A-Bus campaign aims to ensure every student is on an equal playing field while giving them confidence in the classroom.

Since the beginning of the Stuff-A-Bus campaign, we have delivered over 930,000 supplies to around 40,000 children. This... See more.
Have you ever seen a house frame built in ONLY 3 Days? United Way of Long Island in partnership with Project Exceed Group from the United Kingdom, Inc. See more.

United Way of Long Island at United Way of Long Island.
Published by Instagram on August 3 at 2:19 PM - Deer Park
We had an amazing turnout for United Way of Long Island's Bank of America Summer Youth Employment Program. We want to thank Bank of America for this program, which allows us to help many students. These students received professional development advice from various keynote speakers to learn how to navigate the professional world effectively. This panel discussion provided valuable information and connections to help them excel in the future.
It was a pleasure to hear from... See more

48 People reached
31 Engagements

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United Way of Long Island
August 10 at 2:07 PM - Instagram
Turning D.R.E.A.M.S. to reality. Sam had a passion for law and government. With United Way’s help through a Dreams Scholarship, he pursued political science at the University at Albany. Sam excelled as he was inducted into the Albany Political Science Honors Program, National Political Science Honors Society, and eventually graduated magna cum laude in 2021. Sam now works as a Legislative Aide for the New York State Senate.
If you would like to turn other students’ dream... See more

United Way of Long Island
August 9 at 11:56 AM - Instagram
Today is one of the Hottest days of the year! Temperatures will reach as high as 100-105 degrees. Here are some tips so you can beat the heat.
Also, be sure to check on your children, pets, and neighbors, especially if they are seniors.
For more information on cooling centers or to report an outage visit www.preparedny.org or check out the link in our Bio.

Stay Safe in the Heat
Weather.gov/nyc

H2O TO GO take a bottle of cold water with you.
PETS watch out for hot pavement & provide plenty of water.
ENJOY cold foods & fruits are more refreshing & contain more water.

BE COOL make use of fans or air-conditioners to stay cool.

OUTDOORS limit strenuous outdoor activities.

WEAR light-colored, loose fitting clothing.

SHADE wear a hat, or use an umbrella.

AVOID alcohol, coffee, tea and salty foods can make dehydration worse.

220 People reached
10 Engagements

Comment as United Way of Long Island
The UK has come to United Way! United Way’s Project Endurance unveiled its new innovative building system, the first home built in the United States with this technology. Day 2 of the 3 of Project Endurance “Panel Raising” is now complete. We could see the panels’ resilience when it was able to withstand a demonstration with a blow torch with ease, showing that this technology is fire retardant. This can create a safer future for new development.

It was great to see so many... See more

Please join Suffolk County Executive Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone tomorrow, Wednesday, August 3rd, between 10 am-4 pm for a blood drive honoring Scott Martella. Stop by one of the four donation sites to do your part in fighting the critical blood shortage on Long Island. Your donations can impact thousands of lives.

To donate blood, you can schedule an appointment at www.nybc.org/donate-blood/... See more
Be as brave and smart as this little guy! Join United Way and Northwell Health at their pop up shop right next to the JCPenney at the Southshore Mall in Bay Shore! We can get you set up for your COVID vaccines... NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED! We are there from 12-6pm every Thursday throughout July for your convenience. Learn more at www.unitedwayli.org/youcalltheshots

United Way’s YouthBuild Long Island is beginning recruitment for the upcoming Class of 2022! Are you seeking higher education, employment, and leadership development? Youthbuild is your opportunity to learn and apply essential job skills while working towards your GED High School Equivalency Diploma.

A stellar model of a YouthBuild success story is Nasheem, who has completed all his training and certifications. He now has a promising career in the Steamfitters industry. He ...

We thank New York State Assemblyman Assemblyman Phil Ramos for supporting United Way.

Our United Way intern Christina connected with Phil Ramos and presented him with a custom banner emphasizing our gratitude for all his continued support.

Phil Ramos was a crucial supporter in helping to secure funding for United Way’s program 2-1-1. Not only did Phil Ramos sign the bill without hesitation, but he also advocated the bill’s benefits to others. We now have adequate funding...
Thank you Bank of America for your long-standing support. We congratulate you, and all of the UNITED TOGETHER Celebration honorees, including BEW Local 26 and President, John Giudagno and our dedicated Chair of the Board of Directors, Alexander G. Bateman. And a great big shout out to our amazing sponsors, including Title Sponsor Bethpage Federal Credit Union. Check out the recap: www.unitedwayli.org/2023Celebration and watch the video now...

Housing Help Inc. Backstreet... See more

133 People reached 20 Engagements

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Today, United Way hosted a VetsBuild training program funded by the PSEG Foundation. The curriculum included state-of-the-art training, where veterans learned how to frame, wire, and install solar panels, preparing them for a potential career in the renewable energy industry. The VetsBuild program is designed to help unemployed or underemployed veterans find a long-term career path that will lead to financial independence and stability. Thank you to PSEG Long Island’s Mitch... See more

178 People reached 9 Engagements

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Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman joined United Way and Nassau Inter-County Express / NICE Bus to announce their continuing partnership of the Everyone Rides NICE transportation program. This program provides access to free MetroCards to help Long Islanders to and from work, school, medical appointments, or even shopping for essentials for their families. United Way along with its community partners provides the distribution of the bus passes, this includes those in afts... See more
Thank You