



## United Way COVID-19 fund gets major gifts from a team and a bank

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With help from a football team and a bank, United Way of Long Island launched a fund to assist families facing financial hardship because of the pandemic.

The New York Jets and Bank of America each contributed \$250,000 to United Way's Response Fund COVID-19. The fund is being used to provide direct emergency financial assistance to pay for food and household essentials for people who have lost their jobs amid the crisis.

"Due to the swift action from companies like Bank of America and the New York Jets, we have already helped over 2,000 Long Islanders who have been unemployed or furloughed due to the effects of COVID-19," Theresa Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island, said in a statement. "Our partners' generous contributions led the way in ensuring a strong foundation for the Response Fund and enabled us to help families afford basic necessities while they are not receiving a paycheck."

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