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United Way of Long Island Launches "United Together: A Response Fund for COVID-19"

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United Way of Long Island launched "UNITED TOGETHER: A Response Fund For COVID-19" to help alleviate the disruptions to family life caused by the current health crisis.

On Long Island, 1 in 3 workers lack sufficient savings to withstand a sudden loss in wages. With schools and workplaces shuttered as the pandemic continues to unfold, thousands of employees are experiencing unprecedented financial hardship.

To help low-income Long Islanders who are newly unemployed or furloughed due to the effects of COVID-19, UNITED TOGETHER: A Response Fund For COVID-19 was established. The Fund helps eligible applicants meet their critical basic needs of food and household supplies.

Applications to receive help are now open at www.unitedwayli.org/covid19help

"We are committed to giving as many families as possible some relief in the form of a gift card. When there is a lack of, or limited income, it can be very difficult to decide what you will have to give up. So we are pleased to be able to help our neighbors when every dollar counts," said Theresa A. Regnante, President & CEO of United Way of Long Island. She added, "We are grateful to all of our generous supporters who make this fund possible."

Leading corporate funders include Bank of America, Bethpage Federal Credit Union, City National Bank, GEICO, National Grid, Northville Industries, PSEG Long Island, The Countess Moira Charitable Foundation, The New York Jets, TriState Capital Bank and UPS, along with hundreds of generous individual donors.

WE'RE HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED

We recognize that this time is extremely stressful and difficult for individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardship. United Way of Long Island with its nonprofit and community partners are working together to assist eligible applicants.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Who Can Receive Assistance?

Assistance is available to Long Islanders who are recently unemployed or have been furloughed due to the effects of COVID-19. Applicants must meet the monthly eligibility guidelines*.

What Assistance Will I Receive?

UNITED TOGETHER: A Response Fund For COVID-19 will help eligible applicants meet their critical basic needs of food and household supplies via retail gift cards.

How Do I Apply?

Assistance will be available for eligible applicants...visit:

unitedwayli.org/COVID19HELP

*Guidelines listed at unitedwayli.org/covid19help



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For More Information and to Submit an Application [UnitedWayLI.org/COVID19HELP](https://unitedwayli.org/COVID19HELP)

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, individuals can contact 211 Long Island for information and referrals related to support services. Dial 2-1-1, or outside of Nassau and Suffolk Counties 1-888-774-7633 and visit 211longisland.org. 211 Long Island operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Interested philanthropic partners should contact United Way of Long Island's President & CEO, Theresa Regnante at tregnante@unitedwayli.org or 631-940-3701, or Chief Development Officer, Craig Fligstein at craig@unitedwayli.org or 631-940-3752.

To make a contribution or to learn more about receiving assistance from UNITED TOGETHER: A Response Fund For COVID-19, visit www.unitedwayli.org and click on COVID-19 Response. To give by phone, text "HelpNow" to 313131.

<https://www.longisland.com/news/04-09-20/united-way-of-long-island-launches-united-together-a-response-fund-for-covid-19.html>