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The COVID-19 pandemic ushered in challenges for all nonprofits to not only stay relevant in a new “client centered” technological zoom era but to also retain existing funders and identify new supporters. As we move into 2023 there is strain on the nonprofit sector to retain and/or recruit competent staff members amid soaring benefit costs. More nonprofits are scrutinizing how they spend their resources. Similarly, our funders are being careful as to how they invest in program impact. There is more competition than ever to create the funding needed for our complex issues that face many families.

The sector must continue to attract talent, both at the staff and the board level. Our boards must reflect all the diversity that is throughout Long Island including the next generation of leaders. The pipeline of talent has to be top of mind as the challenges in front of the sector grow more complex.

In addition, nonprofits must develop creative solutions to control costs and overhead due to inflation yet stay relevant and impactful. A prime example how United Way is accomplishing this is through our net zero building project which will eliminate $70,000 in our annual utility costs to be re-invested into community programs. This will be essential in 2023, as human services organizations will undoubtedly see an uptick in demand. According to United Way’s ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) Report 31.5% of households in Suffolk and Nassau County fell below the set income threshold needed to live and work, which equates to more than 350,000 households that are struggling to afford these basic needs. On Long Island the household survival budget is $86,436 or $43.22/hour for a home with two adults, and two school age children (Family of 4).

Amid these challenges always remains the potential for many like-minded nonprofits to band together and form collaborations to solve pressing problems. Our program approach at United Way is to strengthen our neighborhoods and close the economic gap by supporting community and agency-led strategies that focus on economic and workforce development; education; housing; safety, and more.
Events
Thank you to TWU Local 252 for all their support of Long Island veterans. This year’s Bets For Vets event raised over $16,700 supporting United Way’s Mission United.
The Long Island Insurance Community (LIIC) held its 26th annual Gala at The Mansion at Oyster Bay in Woodbury, raising $190,000 to benefit United Way of Long Island and other nonprofit organizations. Over 200 guests were in attendance, participating in the fundraising efforts to support the community. The annual LIIC Gala honors our business and industry leaders who exhibit their commitment to the community resulting in an improved quality of life for Long Islanders in need and assisting the most vulnerable.

“We are truly honored to receive this award, and even though the award says Liberty Mutual, everyone should be proud because this achievement wouldn’t be possible without everyone’s help,” said this year’s honoree Carl Canales, Senior Vice President and Field Executive for the Northeast region.

“United Way of Long Island is honored to receive the continued support from the Long Island Insurance Community,” said Theresa A. Regnante, President and CEO of United Way of Long Island. “The funds raised create opportunities for Long Islanders in all communities; particularly seniors, young adults, veterans, and working families.”
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 be 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.
United Way of Long Island partnered with the Make It Count Foundation at a local Target to help 25 Long Island children with gifts for the holidays.
A huge thank you and congratulations to Team Mission United who raised over $28,000 for Long Island veterans by running in the TCS NYC Marathon. All 9 Team Mission United runners completed the marathon. Thank you to Paolo, Jessica, Lisa, Alma, Ian, Matthew, Samantha, Daniel and Jim for all your support and a job very well done!

United Way of Long Island is once again an Official Charity Partner of the TCS New York City Marathon for 2023. 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.

To contribute: www.unitedwayli.org/teammissionunited
Now in its 14th year, United Way of Long Island’s annual Stuff-A-Bus program provided over 5,000 school supplies to students from low-income families, preparing them for their academic studies, building their self-esteem and setting them up for success.

United Way is partnered 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
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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
As an official charity of the NYC Marathon, Team Mission United raises money to support Long Island veterans and their families. Since 2016, the Team has raised over 150,000 in both individual and corporate sponsorships for United Way’s Mission United. Whether you’re a seasoned marathoner or looking to take that giant step, COME JOIN US!

**Runners & Fundraising Commitment**

Team Mission United runners must each commit to a fundraising minimum of $3,000. Participants will receive special benefits, including:

- Entry in the 2023 TCS New York City Marathon
- Fundraising page
- Race Day Shirt
- Ask letters and/or workplace matching funds
- Social Media Content
- Press release for each runner and more...

Runners are responsible for the registration fee.

To secure a runner’s spot contact Irene at 631.940.3751 or imorlock@unitedwayli.org

Mission United is a critical funding source for programs of United Way of Long Island supporting U.S. military veterans and their families on Long Island as they re-acclimate to civilian life. Mission United funding helps provide services and resources in job training, employment assistance and emergency financial aid.
Power Up Wind, Solar & Renewables is a FREE United Way of Long Island training program and certification that help individuals secure a career in the renewable energy industry. The program, now entering its second year is funded through a $250,000 grant from Bank of America Foundation. To date the program has placed over 40 individuals in course-related jobs in companies across Long Island including:

- National Grid
- The TRC Companies
- Hangland Group
- PSEG Long Island
- SUNation Energy
- Empower Solar
- Mitsubishi Electric
- Norden Composites

View the Bank of America Power Up Video at: www.unitedwayli.org/powerupcareertraining

Program Funders: National Grid Ventures • Stanley Black & Decker • Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing, and Consumer Affairs • Town of Hempstead Department of Occupational Resources

Workforce Partners: PSEG Long Island • National Grid • Eversource • Empower Solar • SUNation Energy
American Energy Efficient Remodelers (AWS) • Petro Home Services • TRC Companies • Suffolk County Community College
United Way is helping Long Islanders who are struggling with student debt to navigate the loan repayment system and gain financial stability.

We can assist student loan borrowers with:

- Determining repayment options
- Developing strategies for tackling student loan debt
- Accessing student loan forgiveness resources
- Understanding your financial future
- Mediating with loan servicers and lenders
- Obtaining referrals for additional resources

Request an Appointment
Use the QR Code or visit www.unitedwayli.org/SDAP to request an appointment with a Student Debt Counselor. A member of our team will follow up with you to schedule a session within 24-48 hours.

United Way of Long Island is a member of the EDCAP Network.
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.*

To date, United Way of Long Island’s Family Support Project has helped over 101 Families, including 170 Children.

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

Project Warmth has raised approximately $750,000 from all fundraising avenues to date. $681,000 from Corporate and Foundations and the remaining $68,000 from Leadership, Individual, Workplace, Giving Tuesday and Stock Gifts. Project Warmth has helped over 480 families so far this winter with a goal of servicing up to 1000 families, allowing them to not have to choose between heating their homes and putting food on their tables.

Contribute at: www.unitedwayli.org/ProjectWarmth
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 our Housing Department at 631.940.3721 or online at: unitedwayli.org/HUD2022

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.
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This Veterans Day, United Way of Long Island salutes our heroes for their strength and sacrifice.

Fred, a U.S. Navy veteran, recently participated in several of our Workplace Training Programs available through our Mission United initiative where he learned about Solar, Wind, Renewable Energy and Green Construction, he even helped build a new home.

Mission United provides services and resources in job training, employment assistance and emergency financial aid to veterans and their families.

For program and service information available to veterans please visit: unitedwayli.org/missionunited
Eldora, a homeowner from Amityville was able to stay safe and warm in her home after receiving a heating assistance grant through United Way's Project Warmth Emergency Fuel Fund. The program provides a safety net for people having to make tough choices between paying for heat, feeding their family or even purchasing medication. We advance the common good together, when Long Islanders need a helping hand!
United Way of Long Island continues to work for families

- Home Modifications for Older Adults
- Workforce Training Initiatives
- Veteran Services & Assistance
- Vaccine Education & Information
- Scholarships and more...

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GUARDING AGAINST GIVING FATIGUE
LI nonprofits seek new financing as needs surge

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As Long Island faces difficult economic headwinds spurred by inflation and other factors, nonprofit organizations say they must guard against giving fatigue as they look to finance their programs at a time of surging demand for help.

While "not every nonprofit fits into the same box," according to Teresa Regnanate, president and chief executive of the United Way of Long Island, economic uncertainties call for nonprofits like hers to be "nimble" and devise a diverse fundraising strategy, drawing on an array of corporations and private donors, for instance.

At a time of rising inflation and the accompanying uncertainty — at least one local financial manager predicted a challenging economic climate for nonprofits this year — several nonprofit executives said they are redoubling their efforts to pursue multiple funding streams.

"An organization in today's environment has to be very nimble and have relationships in a lot of different places," said Regnanate. "United Way, because of how we're structured, we're not necessarily dependent on any one event or one stream of funding. We have an $8.5 million budget. That $8.5 million has to be raised."

Meanwhile, an expert with an organization that tracks philanthropy nationally said while donations are robust, what people give as a percentage of their income has not risen in decades.

Challenging economy

According to Giving USA 2022: The Annual Report on Philanthropy for the Year 2021, individuals, bequests, foundations and corporations gave an estimated $484.45 billion to U.S. charities in 2021, a 4% increase over 2020 contributions.

However, while giving increased in current dollars, it remained flat (0.7%) after adjusting for inflation," the report said.

The Giving USA report added: "The story of charitable giving in 2021 is closely tied to the events of 2020, a historic year that included a pandemic, economic crisis and recovery, efforts to advance racial justice, and an unprecedented philanthropic response. In 2021, Americans continued giving more generously than before the pandemic. However, the growth in giving did not keep pace with inflation, causing challenges for many nonprofits. In 2021, many donors returned to their favored causes, with many of the sectors that struggled in 2020 making a recovery in 2021."

The Giving USA report is published by Giving USA Foundation, a public service initiative of The Giving Institute. Poonam Prasad, executive and board member of The Giving Institute and running a fundraising research firm based in New York City, said that while the amount of charitable donations has increased over the year because of inflation, what people give as a percentage of their income hasn't budged in decades.

We're concerned with the 2% that people have been giving — the approximate average — it hasn't changed in many years. For decades," Prasad said.

Ken Cerini, managing partner of Cerini & Associates, a Bohemia-based accounting firm, suggested the economic climate overall for nonprofits was a challenging one.

"We anticipate funding for the sector will be down for 2023, with health and welfare organizations seeing an increase in demand in 2023," he said.

Several leaders of human service nonprofits on Long Island said in good financial times and bad, they're always pushing to diversify their funding sources.

Rebecca Saini, president and chief executive of the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, said in an email that nonprofits should "build alliances with other sectors to meet the needs of our region's families. We will need to be creative and both attract new funders to our region and help guide individuals with financial resources to invest locally and demonstrate the return on that investment."

'I'm always worried'

Jeffrey Reynolds, president and chief executive of Garden City-based Family & Children's Association, said that "even [for] those of us who get a fair amount of government contracts, you still need private fundraising dollars because the government contracts often don't pay for the entire program."

Reynolds said his organization has a $24 million budget this year and plans to raise $2 million through donations from foundations, individuals and corporations.

"If you ask if I'm worried, I'm always worried," Reynolds said. In good economic times, he
Make A Plan Now

September is National Preparedness Month and PSEG Long Island wants to remind its customers of the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies. Emergencies can happen at any time and preparing ahead of time helps keep everyone safe.

"We want our customers to think about this year's National Preparedness Month theme, 'A Lasting Legacy,' because the life you've built is worth protecting," said David Lyons, interim president and COO of PSEG Long Island. "The safety of our employees, our customers and our contractors has always been PSEG Long Island's top priority, and we partner with groups like the United Way to help spread the word. Taking the time to prepare and having a plan limits the negative impact of an emergency."

Here's how customers can prepare for a severe storm and other emergencies:

1. Ensure you have a battery-powered radio and fresh batteries.
2. Check your supply of flashlights, blankets, nonperishable food and bottled water.
3. Create an emergency communications plan.
4. Develop an evacuation plan.
5. Charge your cell phones, tablets and other mobile devices.
6. Make sure to have cash available. Banks may be closed or inaccessible after a storm.
7. Fill up your vehicle's fuel tank.
8. Bring in unsecured objects and furniture from patios and balconies.
9. Compile a list of emergency phone numbers, including PSEG's 24-hour service number: 800-490-0075.
11. Be aware that downed wires should always be considered "live." Do not approach or drive over a downed line, and do not touch anything it might be in contact with. If a wire falls on or near your car, stay inside the car, call 911 and do not get out until PSEG de-energizes the line. If you must exit the vehicle because it is on fire, jump as far as possible away from the vehicle, with both feet landing on the ground at the same time, and hop or shuffle away.

Stay connected:
1. Download the PSEG Long Island mobile app to report outages and receive information on restoration times, crew locations and more.
2. To report an outage and receive status updates via text, text OUT to PSEGLI (773454) or visit www.psegny.com/outages.
CONCERNS FOR LI’S WORKING POOR

Positive census data cloaks issue, advocates say

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While Long Island’s overall poverty rates are far lower than the nation’s, and its median income much higher than the national median, the latest U.S. Census data masks a great need among some residents, local experts said.

“We have one-third of the households across Long Island who are the working poor earning less than $35,000 a year, which is above the poverty level,” said Theresa Regnanate, president and chief executive of the United Way of Long Island. “So we have a major, major group of families who are in desperate and dire situations” in an area known for a high cost of living.

The official poverty line threshold nationwide for a family of two adults and two children was $27,479.

The poverty rate for Nassau County was 5.8% in 2021, not a statistically significant difference from 5.4% in 2019, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey released publicly Thursday. Suffolk County's poverty rate was 6.6% in 2021, compared with 6.9% in 2019, and like Nassau, the change was deemed not statistically significant by the bureau.

Using a different survey, bureau officials reported the national poverty rate was 11.6% in 2021, not much changed from 11.5% in 2020.

Median income tops $100G

The median household income in both Nassau and Suffolk topped $100,000, according to the bureau's survey. Those medians are far above the national median of $67,937 in 2021, which the bureau reported earlier this week.

In Nassau, the median household income was $125,696 in 2021, not a statistically significant difference from the $125,533 in 2019. The median income for Suffolk was $113,683 in 2021, compared with $112,577 in 2019, also not a statistically significant change.

The bureau did not compare 2021 to 2020 data in what is normally its one-year ACS survey, citing disruptions the pandemic caused in preventing officials from fully conducting interviews.

For some Long Island families, poverty was much higher than the island's overall rate. Families headed by single women saw higher rates than all families and married couple families. In Nassau, the poverty rate for families headed by single women was 9.9% in 2021, up from 8.6% in 2019, though the bureau said the change was not statistically significant. The poverty rate for the group in Suffolk was 11.9% in both 2021 and 2019.

“We have had no indications that the spigot is turning off, as it relates to immense need,” Regnanate said Wednesday in an interview. “We are distributing more than half a million dollars in supplemental food cards. We purchase grocery store food cards. We’re distributing those food cards to families that really are having a tough time.”

Praise for increased aid

Earlier this week, when the bureau released the national poverty rate, noting that child poverty in particular had plunged by half to 5.2% between 2020 and 2021, Rebecca Sanin, president and chief executive of the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, praised the impact of government stimulus money and the expanded child tax credit. Still, she said: “We know that there are thousands of Long Islanders who were struggling before the pandemic and were impacted more severely by the pandemic. These families require more time and more support to reach a sustainable recovery.”

Regnanate said government subsidies help, “but it helps for a very short period of time.” She said families might have gotten $4,000 or $5,000 in March and April, but once you pay debts you’ve accumulated, the money’s spent.

The census data also reported on health insurance coverage. In 2021, 3.6% weren’t insured in Nassau, down from 4.3% in 2019, which the bureau said was a statistically significant change. In Suffolk, 4.9% didn’t have insurance in 2021, not a statistically significant change for the county from 4.3% in 2019, the bureau said. The national uninsurance rate was 8.3% in 2021.

Janine Logan, spokeswoman for the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, which represents 22 hospitals, noted New York State’s push to get more people insured and financial assistance programs at hospitals. “Every hospital has to let individuals know about the financial assistance law so they can get help to pay medical bills,” she said.

Dr. Gerard X. Brogan Jr., senior vice president and chief revenue officer for Northwell Health, echoed that view, adding that Northwell had “greatly enlarged our financial counseling pool” to assist patients, including through teleconferencing to reach people who can’t easily get to the hospital. “We’ve tried to make an effort to get to them.”
Groups team up for more diversity in apprenticeships

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Opportunities Long Island, an education program that prepares young adults from poor communities to compete for apprenticeships offered by construction unions, has partnered with Minority Millennials to recruit more apprentices from diverse communities.

The two groups are working together this fall to market pre-apprenticeship to young people from Long Island’s Black and Hispanic communities. The goal is to recruit qualified candidates from those groups to participate in training classes early next year that will create a pathway to apprenticeships in trades like plumbing, carpentry and electrical work.

Erica Rechner, executive director of Opportunities Long Island said that her organization, which runs one eight-week training course a year for 20 to 25 selected applicants, gives young people from disadvantaged communities another avenue to win acceptance for often-competitive union apprenticeships.

“When somebody typically applies for a union apprenticeship program, there could be 5,000 that fill out an application for 100 or 200 opportunities,” Rechner said.

Typically, her group receives around 100 to 150 applicants. Opportunities Long Island, founded in 2015, was created by the Labor Education & Community Services Agency Inc., an Island nonprofit supported in part by the United Way of Long Island.

Through the weeklong training, which is free and begins in February, Rechner said students learn about the variety of trades they could pursue as an apprentice.

“It’s a pathway to the middle class,” she said. “You have access to livable fair wage that you can support yourself and support a family ... there's not many opportunities out there on Long Island that can say the same thing.”

Minority Millennials, a nonprofit advocacy group pushing for greater involvement of young Black and Hispanic Islanders in shaping public policy in the region, will be marketing the pre-apprenticeship programs to the historically underserved communities.

“We naturally have a direct communication to some of the targeted demographics that Opportunities Long Island is looking to get into construction and trades,” said Daniel J. Lloyd, founder and president of Minority Millennials.

Lloyd’s group will primarily be reaching out through social media marketing this fall, he said.

“We know that construction and trades, especially when they're unionized, have been sustainable [careers] for working-class Long Islanders,” Lloyd said. “It’s a successful model for building generational wealth.”

Information and application sessions will be held on Nov. 15 at HempsteadWorks, located at 50 Clinton St. in Hempstead starting at 1 p.m.; and Nov. 30 starting at 10 a.m. at the Long Island Federation of Labor, located at 390 Rabro Dr. in Hauppauge.

All interested applicants must attend an information session to apply.

Applicants must be at least 18, have a valid driver’s license, be unemployed or from low-income households, able to pass a reading and math test at an eighth-grade level and possess a high school diploma, GED or have passed a Test Assessing Secondary Completion exam at time of application.

Accepted students must be able to attend training classes Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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**Bringing ‘new blood’ to bench**

Boylan will take over for retiring Justice Liotti

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Westbury will appoint long-time resident Dana Boylan as the new village justice, following the announcement that Thomas F. Liotti will retire after more than three decades in the position.

Boylan, 51, is deputy director of the Department of Human Services in Suffolk County, but also serves as an alternate member of Westbury Village's zoning board and is a founding member and current member of the Westbury Arts board.

“T’m grateful for the opportunity that Mayor Cavallaro has provided to allow me to serve in a different capacity than I have in the past,” Boylan told Newsday on Monday. “I hope to continue a legacy of being fair and impartial with respect to the types of cases, and really thoughtful about how we resolve matters that come before the court in the same way Judge Liotti did for 32 years.”

Mayor Peter Cavallaro said Boylan’s public experience and commitment to the community made her the right choice to take over for Liotti, 75.

“Dana is going to be a terrific judge,” he said. “Judge Liotti served very admirably in a dedicated way for many years and it’s very hard to replace that, but fortunately we have someone in the community that’s been active and she’s ready to take a step up to a more active, responsible position within the village government.”

The village justice position comes with a $15,000 annual stipend but no medical benefits, Cavallaro said.

Boylan received her law degree from Fordham University and her bachelor’s degree from St. John’s University.

She began her law career as a Nassau County assistant district attorney from 2005 to 2018.

After her time in the DA’s office, Boylan was director of Youth Services for Nassau County before taking her current role in Suffolk.

Boylan is also a member of the board of the Nassau County Women’s Bar Association, the state’s Association of Youth Bureaus and of United Way of Long Island, a nonprofit whose programs focus on health, education and financial stability.

She will take office Jan. 1 and will run for a four-year term in the village election in March.

Liotti, whose retirement is effective at the end of the year, said he is leaving because of medical issues but noted it’s time for a change.

“It’s time to step aside and make room for new blood,” Liotti said in a statement.

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United Way of Long Island “Power Up” Program Participates in Sunrise Wind Supply Chain Forum

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United Way of Long Island’s Power Up Wind, Solar, and Renewables program, pictured above, at the Sunrise Wind Supply Chain Forum in Uniondale, NY on November 30.


Sunrise Wind, a joint venture offshore wind project between uzied and Eversource, held their second full-day New York Supplier Forum to provide local Long Island businesses the opportunity to meet awarded suppliers, and to learn about getting involved in the growing offshore wind industry.

The forum provided students in the program the opportunity to meet directly with Sunrise Wind representatives, businesses helping to build the project, and state officials from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

John Diaz, United Way of Long Island’s Director of Community Impact said, “This was an amazing asset for our students to participate in. They get a chance to meet directly with executives from onshore and offshore wind vendors and learned of the many career pathways this fast-growing energy sector offers. It was a perfect complement to the training they received in our program.”

United Way of Long Island’s Power Up Wind, Solar & Renewables program is an affiliate of the New York State Department of Labor and provides students with an introduction to renewable energy, including offshore wind. Once completed, the students will have an OSHA 30 certification.

“It was great to see these students’ interest in renewable energy and offshore wind,” said Jennifer Garvey, Head of Market Strategy for New York for Orsted Americas. “The offshore wind industry will benefit from the talents and enthusiasm of young people like the Power Up program participants, and hopefully opportunities like this can lead to successful careers in the clean energy sector for more New Yorkers.”

“The U.S. offshore wind industry is growing rapidly and creating well-paying clean energy jobs for New Yorkers,” said Dennis Galvan, Manager of Offshore Wind Strategic Outreach at Eversource Energy. “Our clean energy future depends on the next generation, and by partnering with great organizations like the United Way of Long Island, we are able to introduce careers in the offshore wind industry to young adults early on — creating a pathway to enter a newly emerging industry that can provide long-term success and opportunity.”
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Social Media
United Way of Long Island thanks National Grid Foundation for their generous grant of $350,000 to Project Warmth. With their support, Project Warmth will be able to help 600 families from having to make the tough choice between heating their homes or buying food or meds for their families this winter season.

Thank you National Grid Foundation for helping us keep Long Islanders safe and warm this winter.

To learn more about Project Warmth visit www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth or if you need help contact 211.

United Way of Long Island’s Project Warmth recently received a grant from the National Grid Foundation for $350,000—the largest contribution a United Way program has received to date. The Foundation’s donation will help over 600 local families who are struggling to stay warm this winter season. Project Warmth is an emergency heating fund and a financial safety net for energy insecure Long Islanders who do not qualify for government programs like our veterans, seniors, families. See more.

United Way of Long Island’s Power Up Wind, Solar, and Renewable Career Training Program was awarded a $20,000 Makers Grant through Stanley Black & Decker’s Global Impact Challenge which will provide the Power Up program with the tools the participants need to succeed.

United Way is grateful to Stanley Black & Decker for recognizing the impact the Power Up program continues to have on Long Islanders shaping the future of the energy sector workforce. See more.
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United Way of Long Island partnered with the Make It Count Foundation at a local Target to help Long Island children with gifts for the holidays.

Thank you, Make It Count, for making our holidays a little brighter.

United Way of Long Island

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The Town of Babylon proudly presented the United Way of Long Island with a DGP Programmatic check to support the United Way’s work across Babylon. United Way of Long Island was founded in 1964 and today works jointly with over 100 community partners who have impacted 1 in 3 Long Islanders.

Raised in Deer Park, programmatic funds will be used to meet a Net-Zero energy initiative by installing 576 solar panels, air source heat pumps, electrical vehicle charging stations, etc. See more.

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On Saturday night, November 5th TWU Local 232 held its annual casino night for the first time since 2019. The night honored Long Island veterans with the proceeds benefiting United Way of Long Island’s Mission United. View the image gallery from the evening at: www.unitedwayli.org/Benefits2022

For more information or to support Long Island veterans visit: www.unitedwayli.org/missionunited

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