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Join United Way of Long Island’s ‘SUNfundersons Challenge,’ a pathway to transforming the organization’s 31,000 sq. ft. headquarters in Deer Park into a Net-Zero building that produces as much energy as it uses.

Through the installation of:
- 576 Solar Panels
- Air-Source Heat Pumps
- EV Charging Stations
- Battery Back-Up

United Way will possess one of the largest solar arrays of any not-for-profit commercial building, excluding hospitals and universities on Long Island.

- An on-the-job training site for young adults and veterans allowing them to gain green construction skills.
- Annual savings of more than $65,000 in energy costs to be reinvested to support our mission and vision.
- In times of natural disasters our building will stand ready as a command center to serve the public.
United Way of Long Island’s Team Mission United is recruiting runners for the 2022 New York City Marathon to be held on November 6, 2022.

Team Mission United is a dedicated group of premier and recreational runners who will be taking on 26.2 miles for Long Island veterans and military families. Since its inception, team members have raised nearly $150,000.

Runners & Fundraising Commitment

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

- Automatic entry into the 2022 TCS New York City Marathon
- Fundraising page
- Team shirt to wear on race day
- Personalized story about your journey
- Assistance with ask letters and/or matching funds from workplace
- Content for social media
- Dedicated fundraising/special events
- Tips from past and current team members
- Press release for each runner
- Individual webpage on United Way website

Runners are responsible for the TCS NYC Marathon registration fee.

To secure a runner’s spot contact Devera Lynn at 631.338.0567 or Devera@unitedwayli.org

Sponsorships are available.
Earth Day at our headquarters highlighted several of our most ambitious and exciting community and corporate ‘Green’ partners. We were delighted to welcome guests Bank of America’s Marc Perez, Market Executive, Managing Director; PSEG Long Island’s Michael Voltz, Director, Energy Efficiency and Renewables; PSEG Foundation Maria Spina, Manager Corporate Citizenship; and The Bountiful Company Beverly Lee-Wo, Director Corporate Social Responsibility.

The day was filled with inspiring moments as participants enrolled in Power Up, Wind Solar and Renewables (supported by Bank of America), and VetsBuild (supported by PSEG Foundation), demonstrated techniques they learned through a Solar Panel installation. More importantly, they shared how important our funders are to help lead them to successful careers and financial stability.

This summer the Power Up! participants will shadow licensed construction professionals to help install more than 550 PV Panels at United Way headquarters this summer transforming the building into a facility that produces as much energy as it uses through the installation and utilization of renewable energy made possible through a NYSERDA grant.

The weather could not have been better for the volunteers from The Bountiful Company who participated in a beautification project of our Community Garden. The Garden will provide fresh produce and fruit to low-income families with school-age and pre-school children. This nutrition program is just apart of the Healthy Families Support Project that will better the lives of children who deal with unstable lives due to homelessness.

Thank you to all our supporters for helping improve Long Islanders lives.
This past winter, United Way’s Project Warmth Emergency Fuel Fund helped 1,108 families on Long Island that did not have to choose between feeding their families and heating their homes.

- 81% of households served required emergency assistance because of a medical emergency, illness or disability
- 19% needed help because of a loss of job or loss of a loved one
- 76% of households served had either a child or a shut-in senior in the home. These populations are especially vulnerable to the cold weather
- 100% were negatively impacted by the cost of living crisis due to spikes in food and gas, housing and other necessities
- All households reported that without Project Warmth assistance they would be forced to put off basic needs like medicine, food or car repair
United Way’s Power Up Career Training Program supported by Bank of America, just wrapped up its second and third cohorts. During the 4-week program participants received training in Introduction to Solar, Wind Turbines and Renewables, Building Science Principles and received EBBA certification. The class did in-classroom and hands-on learning, as well as field trips to various solar and wind facilities on Long Island...and they took part in a solar panel assembly and wiring demonstration at United Way’s headquarters in Deer Park.

Power Up Career Training is offered FREE of charge to qualifying participants - our new cohort started on April 25, 2022.

unitedwayli.org/powerupcareertraining
YouthBuild is Coming to Long Beach

YouthBuild Long Island is a signature program of United Way, dedicated to changing the path of Long Island’s young adults by addressing the core issues facing our neighboring communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. At YouthBuild, young individuals, ages 16 - 24, work towards their TASC High School Equivalency Diploma while learning essential job skills. Serving young adults from the City of Long Beach.

Participants can choose from a variety of vocation training paths including:

- Hospitality
- Healthcare
- Food Manager Certification

YouthBuild Long Island graduates take away the skills that are necessary to succeed on any career path:

- Customer Service
- Computer Literacy
- Career Readiness

Support YouthBuild: Give young people a second chance to establish a productive life. [www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuildli](http://www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuildli)

On The Right Track

United Way of Long Island is an equal opportunity employer and YouthBuild is an equal opportunity program. The YouthBuild Long Island program offers auxiliary aid, services and activities upon request, to individuals with disabilities. The YouthBuild program is federally funded by the United States Department of Labor.
United Way of Long Island and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are working together to help keep aging Long Islanders in their own homes by offering basic services through its Older Adult Home Modification Program.

If you are over 62 and own your home? United Way may be able to help with you with basic home safety modifications. Our Older Adult Home Modification Program is offering qualified seniors:

- Home safety adjustments
- Small home repairs
- Accessibility modifications
- Hazard and health modifications

Eligibility requirements include:

- Be 62 years of age or older
- Own your home or have a mortgage.
- Proof of income

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In The Media

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Ed White, Executive Director of the National Grid Foundation, in a virtual interview, speaks about the importance of making sure Long Islanders receive the support they need, especially during these very challenging times.

Thank You

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Check out the interviews by tuning into Island Outlook on Connoisseur Media Long Island

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HELP ON WAY FOR UTILITY BILLS

State budget has $250M in aid for home customers

BY MARK HARRINGTON
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With arrears ballooning and service shut-offs booming, help is on the way for utility customers struggling to pay overdue electric and gas bills.

The state's new budget includes $250 million to help residential customers whose past-due electric and gas bills have swelled to a total of more than $180 million on Long Island.

Statewide, experts expect utility arrears for gas and electric alone to balloon to a total of $2 billion within the next month.

Combined with other programs, the new funding could help wipe out much of the arrears tied to the COVID-19 pandemic, said Richard Berkley, executive director of the Public Utility Law Project of New York, a utility watchdog group.

Berkley called the state's $250 million commitment "historic."

However, it's still uncertain precisely how the aid will get to customers.

"The challenge now is to create a program to get that money out to help people as quickly as possible," Berkley told Newsday.

Berkley said he expects most of the money to be funneled through existing energy-assistance programs.

Ashley Chauvin, spokeswoman for PSEG Long Island, said the company "is aware of the arrears forgiveness funding included in the New York State budget and is actively working with LIAPA on developing a plan to see these funds made available to customers.

News of the new state aid in Gov. Kathy Hochul's budget comes just as utilities have received the green light to threaten shut-offs for customers who don't pay their bills.

With relief aid on the way, customer advocates say they hope service shut-offs can be prevented.

PSEG has "yet set a date for resumption of service shut-offs due to nonpayment," Chauvin said. "Once a day has been set, we will conduct customer outreach through a variety of channels to let customers know what's coming.

The vast majority of ratepayers in arrears are customers of the state's largest utility, Con Ed.

Berkley said he expects disbursements of the new aid to go initially through existing low-income programs, and then spread to "where you have the most arrears and most need."

Programs "will be designed so it doesn't just go to Con Ed. It will be spread to all utilities," Berkley said.

There's no question of need on Long Island.

At a LIAPA trustee meeting on March 30, Carolyn MacKool, LIAPA's director of customer experience oversight, said total residential and commercial arrears doubled for LIAPA over two years, to $284.9 million as of February, compared with $134.4 million in 2020.

The amount of past-due bills more than doubled to $181.5 million, from $94.5 million, while commercial arrears jumped from $18 million to $53.4 million over the same period.

PSEG last fall restarted the process of shut-offs for commercial customers, who are not expected to be eligible for pending arrears forgiveness programs, although small businesses may be.

About half the commercial accounts in arrears are on payment plans, MacKool said.

"A lot of that is specifically due to that tactic of walking up to the customers, and having a conversation," about ways to repay overdue bills, MacKool said. "Our message is, reach out to us, there's assistance there, we have great plans, connect," she said.

Monthly payments for arrears can be as low as $30, MacKool said.

Service disconnects are "a last resort," she said.

As of March 30, just over 22,000 LIAPA residential customers with total arrears of $60 million were eligible for shut-offs, officials said.

About 37,500 residential customers were on payment plans to settle $60.7 million in arrears.

There also are about 25,600 inactive residential accounts that owe some $8.3 million.

Some 2,400 commercial customers with arrears totaling $10.3 million are eligible for shut-off. There are 2,453 inactive commercial accounts.

Programs to help residential customers include the Home Energy Assistance Program that provides a one-time income-based payment to help with energy bills, emergency HEAP and Project Warmth, which can provide up to $200 for electric costs and $700 for heat-related help.

Since October, 6,284 customers have received $32.9 million in financial assistance from those programs, MacKool said.

Berkley said such assistance programs, combined with the state's new arrears forgiveness money, could help wipe out much of the past arrears.

"Putting all these together, we can end up on the other end of a complete recovery for everybody," Berkley said.

PSEG customers who need help paying bills can call 800-490-0028.

The Public Utility Law Project's hotline is 877-669-2572.

Pandemic effect:
Customer arrears jump for LIAPA/PSEG Long Island

- Total residential and commercial arrears more than doubled from $112.4 million in 2020 to $234.9 million as of February 2022.
- Residential arrears jumped from $94.5 million to $181.5 million.
- Commercial arrears tripled from $18 million to $53.4 million, although the number is beginning to decline.

Source: Long Island Power Authority.
BUSINESS NEWS

Ørsted/Eversource donates $10,000 to United Way’s Project Warmth

Ørsted/Eversource of East Setauket contributed $10,000 to United Way’s Project Warmth on March 1.

United Way of Long Island’s Project Warmth Fuel Fund Committee, a group of key representatives from the energy sector across Long Island including Ørsted/Eversource, is at the forefront of helping to warm the homes and hearts of neighbors in temporary financial distress.

Due to the collective efforts of individuals and corporations, United Way was able to impact over 3,200 adults and children, including seniors and veterans in need of emergency heating assistance this winter season.

As Long Island’s only island-wide non-governmental emergency heating fund, United Way’s Project Warmth is available as a safety net for individuals and families who are facing energy insecurity. Assistance with an oil delivery or heat-related utility bill means people have room in their budgets to cover essentials like food or medication.

"Many working or ALICE* families make financial trade-offs during the winter months to make ends meet. This can be as simple as paying for groceries for their family instead of a heating bill. Because of dedicated supporters like Ørsted/Eversource, United Way can be sure that Long Islanders’ homes remain heated, and in a safe manner," said Theresa A. Regnante, President & CEO of United Way of Long Island.

To support Project Warmth for the 2022-23 season, please visit unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth.

From left, Craig Fligstein, Chief Grants Officer of United Way of Long Island accepts a check for $10,000 from Project Warmth Fuel Fund Committee member Dennis Galvem of Eversource and Brian Tymann of Ørsted in support of United Way of Long Island’s Project Warmth. Photo courtesy of United Way.
United Way awarded $125G to help families

Greenlawn-based Housing Help Inc. is getting a financial assist from the United Way of Long Island.

Columbus-Ohio based The Sioner Institute has awarded United Way of Long Island $125,000 to provide services for families with children having difficulty maintaining self-sufficiency and other risk factors that can lead to homelessness.

United Way of Long Island is partnering with Housing Help Inc. to implement the Family Support Project. The initiative will help families reach long-term stability with the goal of preventing academic disruptions for children by helping families move from crisis to stability, a United Way of Long Island news release said.

Housing Help Inc. will receive $75,000 of the funding.

Nearly 60% of all calls to United Way of Long Island's 211 resource helpline are related to housing, the release said.

The ultimate goal is ensuring that children stay in their school and do not end up in a homeless shelter, which can be far from where their original school district is located.

— DEBORAH S. MORRIS
Demand for food aid and temporary cash assistance in Nassau and Suffolk counties swelled after the end of federal and state pandemic aid that kept millions of Americans out of poverty, according to county data and interviews with social services officials.

Use of the county programs had declined significantly last spring and summer - in some instances to historic lows - when big federal and state relief programs were in effect, according to county data obtained by Newsday.

But applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which provides electronic benefits for food purchases, and Temporary Assistance, which provides cash payments and subsidies for rent and utilities, increased significantly after expanded unemployment benefits ended Sept. 5. By then, many residents also had used up federal stimulus payments, officials said.

Nassau County received 11,788 applications for SNAP and Temporary Assistance from September through December 2021 - a 40% increase from the May through August period, when 8,385 were received.

Suffolk received 18,370 applications for the two programs from September through December, compared with 12,292 between May and August, county data show.

Nassau Social Services Commissioner Nancy Nunziata told Newsday that federal and state relief programs, particularly extended unemployment benefits, “really did help people maintain their standard of living.”

Nunziata continued: “That went away, and that brought people right back to where they were at the beginning - struggling to get by.”

Theresa Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island, told Newsday: “You’re really starting to see a lot of people stand in line again” for services.

Regnante said the number of people “in a dire situation” was “sobering.” She called it, “just extraordinary really that [there] is that much need in this community - even for me, who’s worked 35 years in social services.”

Nunziata, Regnante and other experts said the recent jump in applications for SNAP and Temporary Assistance compared with sharply lower levels last summer highlights both the success of federal and state pandemic aid programs in supporting low-income county residents - and the difficulties many are facing now that those programs have ended.

Social services experts also are expressing concern about what will happen later this year, given the lingering impact of COVID-19 on people’s health, finances and ability to work.

“I would expect that the need is going to continue for some time,” said Cheryl Keshner, a community advocate with the Empire Justice Center, a nonprofit legal advocacy group.

Spike at pandemic onset

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020 quickly drove up demand for social services as thousands of local residents lost jobs, according to data from both counties. In February 2020, just before the pandemic hit, Nassau and Suffolk counties received a total of 3,091 SNAP applications.

In April, a month or so into the pandemic, the counties received 8,963 applications for SNAP, county data show.

Federal and state programs aimed at blunting the economic impact of COVID-19 kicked off not long after the pandemic started.

On March 20, 2020, then-Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo ordered a 90-day moratorium on evictions that subsequently was extended repeatedly.

Five days later, Congress passed the $2.2 trillion U.S. CARES Act, which established a federal eviction moratorium, increased unemployment benefits by about $600 a week and provided stimulus checks of $1,200 for individuals with incomes of $99,000 or less, plus $500 per child in the household.

Such benefits helped the United States attain a Supplemental Poverty Measure of 9.1% in 2020, the lowest since reporting began, according to the Census Bureau.

The measurement takes into account cash income, plus noncash government benefits such as housing assistance.

Stimulus checks alone lifted an estimated 11.7 million Americans out of poverty, while expanded unemployment benefits kept another 5.5 million above the federal poverty level, according to the Census Bureau.

The $1.9-trillion American Rescue Plan, passed in March 2021, renewed or extended some CARES Act programs, and provided another round of stimulus checks.
Child tax credit boost
The legislation also increased the federal child tax credit from $2,000 per child to between $3,000 and $3,600.
In New York State, about 1.6 million households received a total of $3.4 billion in increased SNAP benefits, Anthony Farmer, spokesman for the state Office of Temporary Assistance and Disabilities, told Newsday. SNAP is 100% funded by the federal government, were reimbursed by the state and federal governments for most spending on Temporary Assistance during the pandemic. Nassau did spend $15 million in county funds on the program in 2021, while Suffolk spent more than $39 million, according to state and county data.
As federal and state pandemic aid became more widely available, and more people returned to work last spring, the number of Nassau and Suffolk residents seeking county social services declined significantly, according to county data and interviews with officials.
The number of applications for SNAP dropped by 23% in Nassau County - to 14,009 from 18,219 - and 18% in Suffolk - to 20,689 from 25,304 - between January and September 2021, compared with the same period in 2020, social service data shows.
But as 2021 neared an end, Nassau and Suffolk social services officials were reporting significant increases in applications for SNAP and Temporary Assistance. Shortly after increased unemployment benefits ended in September, for instance, the Nassau Social Services Department began receiving as many as 500 SNAP applications a day, Nunziata told Newsday.
The department received 1,639 applications in all of August last year, and 1,339 in July.
‘Sharp rise’ again
“We’re really off the charts and we’re seeing that now again - a pretty sharp rise in SNAP applications,” Nunziata said.
Officials in Nassau and Suffolk counties also said they’re getting more applications for emergency housing in homeless shelters, particularly since a state eviction moratorium expired Jan.1.
The moratorium protected tenants who had lost jobs or experienced financial hardship because of the pandemic from losing their homes if they couldn’t pay rent.
Frances Pierre, Suffolk County Social Services Commissioner, told county legislators at a hearing on Jan. 25 that officials closed around 40 of more than 100 shelters in Suffolk in 2020 and 2021 during the evictions moratorium for lack of demand.
Pierre testified the department is moving to reopen three shelters in order to gauge necessary capacity.
The number of people coming into shelters is “starting to rise slowly because of the [eviction] moratorium” expiration, Pierre told lawmakers. Nonetheless, Pierre said demand for emergency housing since the end of the moratorium hadn’t been “as much as we expected” because of programs such as a $2.6 million county initiative to prevent homelessness. Nassau officials said as of Dec. 15, the county had 1,135 shelter clients, 31% more than in September.
See the full impact of the end of the eviction moratorium until this summer, given how long the eviction process can take.
“We’re all bracing ourselves - not only us, [but] the nonprofit community,” Nunziata said.
Gov. Kathy Hochul, a Democrat who took office in August after Cuomo’s resignation, has allocated $2.1 billion for rent relief in her 2022-23 budget, Hochul spokesman Jim Urso told Newsday.
Hochul also proposed in her State of the State address an increase in the amount of income Temporary Assistance recipients can have and still remain eligible for social service benefits.
Nassau and Suffolk officials warned that social services applicants still face obstacles.
A major barrier, they said, is the fact that eligibility requirements are based on the federal poverty level, $26,500 for a family of four in 2021, which is less than many low-income families in the New York region earn. Some 302,000 households in Nassau and Suffolk counties -31% of all households on Long Island - earned too much to qualify for social services, but less than “enough to afford a bare-bones household budget,” the United Way of Long Island reported in 2020.
“Because the poverty guidelines are set so low, lots of people don’t qualify,” for benefits, Nunziata said.
advocate at Options for Community Living Inc. in Ronkonkoma, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Sylvia Diaz of Smithtown, executive director of Suffolk Community College Foundation in Selden, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Magdalene Paris-Campbell of Baldwin Harbor, area manager of external affairs at AT&T Services Inc. in Huntington, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Dana Boylan of Westbury, former executive director of Nassau County’s Office of Youth Services in Uniondale, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Darryl Clark of Wheatley Heights, corporate vice president and associate partner at Wallace Eannace Associates Inc. in Plainview, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Will Kim of Port Washington, assistant vice president of underwriting at GEICO in Woodbury, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Traci Shelton of Hempstead, care
Allstate Foundation Supports United Way Of Long Island With A $10,000 Helping Hands Grant

Employees initiate contribution through volunteer work

The Allstate Foundation recently gifted United Way of Long Island with a $10,000 Helping Hands Grant. The contribution came as a result of a team of Allstate employees initiating a volunteer project with United Way of Long Island's Stuff-A-Bus program.

The employees who were from multiple Allstate locations, including Lynbrook, Levittown, Farmingdale, Syosset and Melville, combined their volunteer efforts by collecting a wide range of school supplies through an online giving wish list supporting Stuff-A-Bus. Distributed to Long Island school districts, these items are critical to helping young students succeed, especially for children who come from least advantaged families.

Allstate Exclusive Agent, Matthew Parmiter commented, "Allstate encourages agents to give back to the communities where we live and work. I’m proud to have coordinated a team of local Allstate agents to help local school children with supplies they need."

The funding received from this grant will be allocated to United Way's Long Island Impact Fund, further demonstrating Allstate's commitment to neighboring families. "Allstate's contribution both financially and through volunteerism is a powerful way to make a difference," said Theresa A. Regnante, President and CEO of United Way of Long Island. She added, "We are grateful for their continued investment in programs that promote education and create positive change in our region."

United Way of Long Island and the Allstate Foundation are working together to provide innovative and lasting solutions to enhance Long Islanders well-being and prosperity.

To learn more or to support the United Way of Long Island, visit www.unitedwayli.org.

—Submitted by United Way of Long Island

The Allstate Foundation supported United Way of Long Island with $10,000 Helping Hands Grant.

(Video courtesy of United Way of Long Island)
Grant Allows Aging at Home

Because of a federal grant, more low-income elderly residents on Long Island will be able to remain in their homes and age in place.

United Way of Long Island has been awarded a $1 million Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program (OAHMP) to help make that happen. Funds will be applied to make safety and functional home modifications and limited repairs to meet the needs of low-income seniors.

Long Island’s population is continuing to age; according to 2019 U.S. Census population estimates, there are more than 800,000 Long Islanders 65 years of age or older. The number of residents age 70 and older in Nassau and Suffolk counties is expected to increase by more than 220,000 over 25 years, according to Northwell Health. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates falls are the leading cause of injury and death in older Americans, making the program even more essential.

“Seniors across Long Island have made their desire to live in their own homes resoundingly clear, which is why the work that United Way of Long Island does is so vital,” said U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer. “I was proud to support United Way’s federal funding application for their Safe At Home for Seniors program.

$1 million is now on its way to help hundreds of seniors across Long Island with repairs and modifications to their homes so they can age in place and in dignity, and I will continue to advocate for a federal investment in home- and community-based services.”

The delivery of the HUD OAHMP grant requires a home assessment by a licensed occupational therapist (OT). United Way’s community partners, along with the OT’s will help identify the repairs most critically needed for seniors to facilitate aging in place. The types of repairs to these homes will include bathroom renovations (i.e. installing no-slip strips, grab bars, transfer benches) and accessibility features (i.e. lever handles on all doors and faucets, handheld shower heads, wheelchair ramps).

United Way is replicating the design of the CAPABLE (Community Aging in Place: Advancing Better Living for Elders) program developed by the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. Evidence shows that every $3,000 spent in home accessibility modifications can yield more than $20,000 in healthcare savings.

The home modification program will launch in January and expects to serve 150 clients over three years. To qualify, residents must live in and own private residences and be at least 62 years old.
Local company helps buy school supplies for needy kids

United Way of Long Island received a $5,000 contribution from first-time supporter United Capital Source based in Garden City. Funds were directed to the non-profits' Stuff-A-Bus program that supports students of underserved families, with the tools needed to have equal access to education and enrichment.

School supplies, including backpacks, pencils, markers, notebooks, glue, rulers, crayons, and more were delivered to school districts and community groups.

"United Capital Source is proud to give back to the community and to help make sure that as many children as possible have the tools they need to succeed. I know the value that a helping hand can provide and am proud to be in a position to give back," remarked Jared Weitz, CEO of United Capital Source.

"These school supplies are especially critical in communities where families have been hit hard financially due to the pandemic and may not be able to afford the basic school supplies needed for their children to complete their studies," said Theresa A. Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island.

Stuff-A-Bus, in partnership with Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., is in its 13th year of helping young students succeed. Thanks to sponsors including United Capital Source, The Hanyan Tree Roots Foundation, AT&T, as well as companies and individuals who donated funds and/or school supplies, thousands of needed items were distributed to elementary students across Long Island.

Since its inception in 2008, Stuff-A-Bus has delivered over 960,000 school supplies to 45,000 children. To learn more about Stuff-A-Bus, visit www.unitedwayli.org/stuffabus.
In-Kind Advertising
In partnership with NICE Bus, United Way Project Warmth placards were placed in 275 Nassau County buses from January-March courtesy of NICE Bus.

Jack Khzouz, Chief Executive Officer of NICE Bus is joined by Alexander G. Bateman, Jr., Partner at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. and Chair of United Way of Long Island’s Board of Directors.
Thank You
Project Warmth

warm hearts... lead to warm homes

Because of your generous contributions, Natalie's family is one of the over 1,200 Long Islanders who are able to stay safe and warm in their home after receiving emergency heating assistance through United Way's Project Warmth initiative.

The program provides a safety net for people having to make tough choices between paying for heat, feeding their family or even purchasing medication. When we help our most vulnerable neighbors, we advance the common good together!

Project Warmth is made possible in part by a leadership grant from National Grid Foundation.

For assistance with a critical heating emergency, dial 2-1-1 (or 1-888-774-7633) Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm, for referrals to an intake site. For more information on Project Warmth visit www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth
challenging times call for honest conversations

United Way of Long Island offers the ‘21-Week Equity Challenge’ as a free educational online tool that provides lessons and resources to gain a deeper understanding about the impact systemic racism and inequality have on our local communities.

This is an excellent opportunity to — personally and professionally — have necessary conversations, and equip members of communities to engage meaningfully in the work of racial understanding and healing.

United, we can help create a stronger, more equitable Long Island economy and stronger, more inclusive communities.

Sign up and start your journey today:
www.unitedwayli.org/equitychallenge

Join us for Equity Talks — to register visit www.unitedwayli.org/equitytalks
Today’s dreams are tomorrow’s reality

With the help of United Way of Long Island Educational Scholarships, tomorrow’s future lies within the hands of today’s young adults.

Amber, an Anthony J. Stupore Memorial Scholarship recipient has dreams of entering the field of Political Science or International Relations and is excelling academically as a Sophomore. She is a member of the Honors College and Levermore Global Scholars program where she is currently leading a social justice project on Long Island. Read Amber’s story at: www.unitedwayli.org/Amber.

To learn how you can help other students reach their aspirations through United Way scholarship opportunities, visit: www.unitedwayli.org/education.

In memory of Anthony J. Stupore, United Way of Long Island Board Member and Deloitte Partner, the fund provides a pathway to success for students who have shown a passion for giving back to their community and demonstrating a commitment to excellence in academics.

United Way of Long Island recognizes all the generous donations made towards the D.R.E.A.M.S. Scholarships.
Social Media
The Robert B. Read Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Long Island native Robert B. Read, veteran broadcast journalist who served as senior producer of Inside Edition’s award-winning investigative unit and managing editor for the program’s overall coverage. Robert was a mentor and role model to many and through this scholarship, his dedication to helping others along their career path will continue. This scholarship is designated for a Long Island high school senior who... See more

ROBERT B. READ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This Fund allows veterans to participate, at no cost, in vocational training programs, ultimately helping them gain financial stability. Help our heroes... See more
United Way's Power Up Career Training Program supported by Bank of America, just wrapped up its third cohort. During the 4-week program participants received training in Introduction to Solar, Wind Turbines and Renewables, Building Science Principles and received FIBRA certification. The class did in-classroom and hands-on learning, as well as field trips to various solar and wind facilities on Long Island…and they took part in a solar panel assembly and wiring demonstration. See more

A big thank you to United Way's Project Warmth Committee and all of our donors for your collective support helping over 3,200 children and adults including seniors and veterans, who were facing financial insecurities relating to their heating bills. While Project Warmth is winding down, thousands of other resources are available throughout the year by contacting United Way's 211 helpline by dialing 2-1-1, or outside of Nassau and Suffolk counties 1-888-774-7633, 24 hours a day... See more

UNITED WAY OF LONG ISLAND RECEIVES $125,000 GRANT FROM THE SIEMENS INSTITUTE

The Siemens Institute has awarded United Way of Long Island $125,000 to provide 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" will help families reach long-term stability with the goal of preventing academic disruptions for children by helping families move from crisis to... See more
On this TwosDay, 2.22.22 we are reminded of our military heroes and the sacrifices they have made for our freedom. Some even made the ultimate sacrifice. Every day 22 veterans lose their battle to post-traumatic stress and thousands more struggle with financial insecurities, homelessness as well as numerous health-related issues.

With your support, United Way’s Mission United can continue to fund our veteran partners and provide the critical programs and services needed to... See more

Thank you to Bank of America for your support of Power Up! Wind, Solar and Renewables Career Training Program. Yesterday at United Way’s Deer Park Headquarters, nine companies and two continuing education institutions participated in the first Power Up! Career Forum. Industry leaders in wind, solar and renewables spoke to the graduates from our first two cohorts about future careers on Long Island and in the greater metro area in the growing field.

Thank you to our career... See more

Thank you to Essentials Bank for supporting Project Warmth and Stuff-A-Bus with a $25,000 grant. This generous contribution will support Long Island families with fuel neutral heating assistance through Project Warmth, as well as ensuring equity and building confidence in students through Stuff-A-Bus, our school supplies initiative.

www.unitedway.org/essentialsbank2023

February 11 is 2-1-1 Day. Beginning today we are highlighting some of the critical services available from United Way of Long Island’s 2-1-1 helpline.

211 Long Island is a free, non-emergency information service that connects Long Island residents to health and human resources, in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Whether it’s needing access to programs for elderly parents, after-school childcare, educational resources, financial counseling, health resources, emergency food or p... See more
Today marks the beginning of BlackHistoryMonth, which highlights the contributions and accomplishments of Black individuals throughout history. We honor Black owned/operated/managed businesses and non-profits who have made strides to create a more inclusive community and provide better and more inclusive opportunities for all.

We highlight our 21-Week Equity Challenge partner, ERASE Racism and President Elaine Gross. Elaine has led ERASE Racism as a champion of... See more

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This just in...the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced today that this Medford home, which United Way of Long Island designed and built, has been named Home of the Month! But wait, there's more...the home was also recognized as the Grand Winner in Affordable Housing at the U.S. DOE 2021 Housing Innovation Awards. This residence, a partnership with the Association for Mental Health and Wellness, provides housing for homeless veterans - Housing for Heroes. The project was a...See more

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A strong storm system will bring moderate to heavy snowfall and strong winds to much of Long Island tonight through Saturday. Nassau County has reported the following warming centers will remain open 24 hours a day until further notice:

Nassau County: Community Room, Mitchell Field Administration Building in Uniondale - 1 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., First Floor, Uniondale...See more

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With winter coming in strong this weekend, and temperatures dropping fast, this is not a time to worry about struggling to pay your heating bill. United Way's Project Warmth can help you the same way we helped Nathalie! Thanks to our leading supporter, National Grid FOUNDATION who recently granted United Way $256,000, over 1000 families will be connected to Long Island's only non-governmental emergency fuel fund. If you or someone you know needs emergency heating assistance...See more
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To help United Way leverage our workforce development efforts, Capital One has provided a grant supporting YouthBuild Long Island, an educational and career training program for young adults. Thank you Capital One for helping give a jump start to our students’ careers! Learn more: www.unitedways.org/CapitalOneFB2022

#youthbuild #success #changinglives UnitedWay #liveunited #unitedtogether

Thank you to our Long Island neighbors for responding in a big way to the 21-Week Equity Challenge. The issues we’ve shared throughout the Challenge reached our families, friends, professional networks and organizations...and now it’s time to reflect, have discussions and take action! On January 27 at 7am, join United Way of Long Island President & CEO Theresa Bragante and ERASE Racism President Elaine Gross for “A Conversation About Equity.” To register, visit https://bit.ly/... See more

We are so grateful to National Grid Foundation for your incredibly generous gift of $550,000 towards Project Warmth and Safe at Home for Seniors. Both United Way of Long Island programs are critical to helping our neighbors who are experiencing financial difficulties and/or isolation due to the continued effects of the pandemic. Ed White, Executive Director of the National Grid Foundation speaks about the importance of making sure Long Islanders receive the support they need... See more

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January 30

United Way of Long Island Power Up Career Training Program supported by Bank of America, is wrapping up its second cohort this week. The class did both on-site and remote learning as well as field trips to various solar and wind facilities on Long Island. The class took part today in a solar panel assembly and wiring demonstration at United Way’s headquarters in Deer Park.

During the 4-week program the class received training in Introduction to Solar, Wind Turbines and Ren... See more

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Published by Dennis Lynn - January 17

**HONORING THE DREAM MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

Winter has just begun and we have already faced temperatures below freezing. Snow, ice and brisk winds are all common during our winter seasons on Long Island. It’s important to be prepared BEFORE a possible winter weather disaster occurs with a loss of power. Here’s a list of some items you should have in your Emergency Supply Kit.

For more information about items to add to your emergency kit for you and your family, visit bereadyli.org/be-prepared/emergency-supply-kits.

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This week’s winter weather is plummeting to below freezing temperatures. It is now a vital time to have a warm home with ample heat for you and your family, as this is especially important for the health and safety of children and seniors.

To ensure the heat stays on in homes, Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE) Bus is raising awareness about Project Warmth by donating the production and placement of billboards in all 350 of their Nassau County buses.

We genuinely appreciate this... See more

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**United Way of Long Island**

Published by Deena Lynn - January 7

It’s cold and snowy outside, but your home should be warm and cozy for you and your family.

Project Warmth is here to help you stay warm this winter with a one-time grant for fuel and/or fuel-related electricity.

If you or someone you know needs emergency heating assistance, call United Way’s 211 or visit unitedway.org/projectwarmth.

See more

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**Emergency Supply Kit**

COVER EVERYTHING WITH OUR EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT SUPPLIES LIST

- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- PPE Items
- Cell Phones & Chargers
- Baby & Pet Supplies
- Battery Operated Radio
- Batteries
- Manual Can Opener
- Non-Perishable Foods
- 3 Days Worth of Water
- Basic Utensils
- Extra Cash
- Personal Care Items
- Important Documents

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**NEWS**

UNITED WAY OF LONG ISLAND PARTNERS WITH NASSAU COUNTY’S NICE BUS FOR PROJECT WARMTH

647 People reached 30 Engagements

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3 shares
Tomorrow's winter storm is set to drop up to 4 inches of wet snow with gusty winds across Long Island. This storm will have an impact on your Friday morning commute and cause dangerous conditions on the road. Are you, your family, or your home prepared for a dangerous snowstorm?... See more

Thank you to The Allstate Foundation for gifting us with a $10,000 Helping Hands Grant! This generous contribution came as a result of a team of Allstate employees initiating a volunteer project with our Stuff-A-Bus program. The funding from the grant will be allocated to United Way's Long Island Impact Fund. To learn more about the Allstate Foundation's Helping Hands Grant, visit https://www.unitedwayli.org/AllstateHelpingHands... See more

Project Warmth - Opening TODAY January 4, 2022. We know it's cold outside but it doesn't have to be cold in your home. Project Warmth with leading supporter National Grid Foundation, is here to help you stay warm this winter with a one-time grant for fuel and/or fuel-related electricity. ... See more

May the New Year bring you happiness and peace. Wishing you a joyous 2022! Thank you for your continued generosity and support of Long Island families! www.unitedwayli.org... See more

Struggling to Heat Your Home?

Happy New Year!
Thank You