Dear Friends:

This past winter, COVID-19 created a perfect storm as more Long Islanders were hit harder with higher home heating costs due to more usage. United Way’s Project Warmth Emergency Fuel Fund experienced a 100% increase in demand for emergency home heat assistance from the previous winter.

- Over 79% of households needed help because of a medical emergency, illness or disability
- 21% needed help because of a loss of job or loss of a loved one
- More than 70% of households assisted had a child or shut-in senior in the home. These populations are especially vulnerable to the cold weather

The good news... we also saw an increase in contributions to Project Warmth. Through good will, 3,613 combined contributors (individual donors, corporations, private foundations, associations and organized labor) joined together to safeguard households from the loss of heat. Because of your support we made a significant difference for families and children – including seniors who were forced to shelter-in-place due to the pandemic.

Thank you again for extending a warm and generous heart to families in need this winter.

Sincerely,

Theresa A. Regnante
President & CEO

As Lashawnda explains, “My husband and I both work, but it’s hard to make ends meet during the pandemic. I am so happy and appreciative for everybody at United Way of Long Island that came through to help my family and get oil delivered to heat my home. My house is now much warmer than what it was. Thank you so very much for making this possible.”

News12 and WABC 7 coverage: www.unitedwayli.org/PWMedia
This season Project Warmth helped 1,211 families
including: 847 children, 782 seniors and 1,585 adults
Granting $562,606 in emergency assistance

We thank all of our partners for their support through public awareness campaigns including: Connoisseur & Cox Media, Newsday, Long Island Business News, Long Island Press and NICE Bus.

"Thank you United Way for all your support. As a US National Guard veteran I can now keep my family warm and safe this winter."

"I would like you to know that United Way has been a great blessing with helping me with my heating bills. Without your help I would not have been able to get caught up. Thank you!"

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