Supporting Long Island Veterans & Their Families

MISSION UNITED is a critical funding source for programs supporting United States military veterans and their families as they transition to civilian life. MISSION UNITED focuses on case management and emergency financial aid, career training and employment and connection to available local resources. The need for these services is particularly significant on Long Island where more than 115,000 veterans live.

Case Coordination & Emergency Aid to help military personnel and their families. Services provided through our community partner organizations:

- Association for Mental Health & Wellness/Suffolk County United Veterans 631.924.8088 ext. 1503
- Family Service League/Armed Forces Relief and Welfare • 631.650.2182
- Mental Health Assoc. of Nassau County/Vet2Vet • 516.489.2322 ext. 1312
- United Veterans Beacon House • 631.665.1571

VetsBuild Training at United Way’s E3 SmartBuild Training Center, a state-of-the-art facility equipped with the latest technology and equipment, provides students with hands-on training in Green Construction, Weatherization and Facility Maintenance.

Veteran Resources are available through 211LI.org, United Way’s online resource to find information on a wide array of local services especially for veterans. Together with our supporters, United Way of Long Island’s MISSION UNITED program is helping our local heroes write the next chapter of their journey, as their service to their country comes to an end. www.unitedwayli.org/missionunited

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The goal of VetsBuild Long Island is simple … to prepare our Long Island veterans for employment opportunities in fields of Green Construction and Energy Efficient Weatherization. Training opportunities include:

- Construction and energy retrofit training at United Way’s E3 SmartBuild Training Center (Energy/Efficiency/Education)
- Basic training in home performance in the Green Industry field. This course includes a 10-hour entry level OSHA certification training
- Advanced training in HVAC industry, energy auditing and building performance
- Additional services provided to enrolled veterans include:
  - Information Technology and social media tools
  - Workforce Readiness skills and translating military experience for the job market
  - Financial Literacy

www.unitedwayli.org/vetsbuild

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United Way of Long Island works with nonprofit and corporate community partners to administer **PROJECT WARMTH**, Long Island’s only non-governmental emergency fuel fund. **PROJECT WARMTH** provides one-time grants to oil and utility companies during the winter months on behalf of eligible residents facing heating emergencies.

Through a network of partner agencies, struggling Long Island families can apply to **PROJECT WARMTH** for heating assistance and receive information on other local resources to help them address greater financial stability. Last year the program distributed grants to over 930 families. For a referral to a **PROJECT WARMTH** intake site, contact United Way of Long Island’s 2-1-1 Call Center by calling 211, seven days a week from 9am-5pm. **PROJECT WARMTH** is a seasonal program from December - March/April.

**United Way of Long Island Needs Your Help**

United Way of Long Island is bracing for higher-than-usual demand for emergency fuel fund assistance and has authorized an extraordinary effort to raise $1 million to strengthen **PROJECT WARMTH**’s ability to provide critical safety-net services across the region. These funds will allow **PROJECT WARMTH** to stay open all winter and accommodate thousands of Long Islanders in need.

**www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth**

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- The Horace and Amy Hagedorn Fund
DREAMS for Youth Scholarship Program grants awards in these areas:

- **Academic**: Assists with costs associated with educational goals at a college, university, private or vocational school. Applicants must be in grade 12, demonstrate financial need and show a commitment to community service. Financial awards range from $1,000 to $5,000.

- **Enrichment**: Assists with costs associated with activities that enrich the mind, body and spirit. Examples may include music, singing, dance, art lessons, computer graphics training, acting, photography, fashion design, specialized summer camps, etc. Funds may be used for enrollment fees and/or supplies. Applicants must be in grades 7-12, demonstrate financial need and show a commitment to community service. Financial awards range from $100 to $2,500.

Since its inception in 2002, United Way of Long Island has awarded grants totaling over $1,000,000. The DREAMS for Youth Advisory Board, comprised of grade 7 to college age student volunteers, work under the guidance of United Way staff to make award decisions.

For an application go to: www.unitedwayli.org/dreamsforyouth

Funded by:
- The Dreams R Us Foundation

For more information on DREAMS for Youth or other scholarship programs, contact:

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YouthBuild Long Island is a signature program of United Way of Long Island, dedicated to changing the path of Long Island’s at-risk young adults by addressing the core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. At YouthBuild, low-income young men and women, ages 18 - 24, work towards their TASC High School Equivalency Diploma while learning essential job skills. Serving young adults from Brentwood, Central Islip and The Incorporated Village of Hempstead.

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

- Building Trades & Weatherization
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Home Health Aide
- Food Manager Certification
- Manufacturing
- Medical Billing & Coding
- Digital Skills
- Early Child Care

YouthBuild Long Island graduates take away the skills that are necessary to succeed on any career path: Customer Service, Computer Literacy, Career Readiness.

Support of the YouthBuild program gives young men and women a second chance to establish a productive life. [www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuildli](http://www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuildli)


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United Way of Long Island’s annual Stuff-A-Bus program partners with Long Island bus transportation companies including Suffolk Transportation Service, Educational Bus Transportation, Huntington Coach Corporation and East End Bus Lines to collect and deliver a record of over 750,000 school supplies from companies, organizations and individuals across Long Island. Since 2009, more than 32,000 local elementary school students have received supplies.

The Stuff-A-Bus program provides students with new school supplies, prepares them for their academic studies, builds their self-esteem, and sets them up for success.

Each August, United Way of Long Island collects supplies that young children require in order to excel in their studies.

www.unitedwayli.org/stuffabus
United Way of Long Island is dedicated to promoting financial stability as well as a healthy lifestyle for all Long Island residents. We have made the FamilyWize prescription discount card available to individuals and families who do not have insurance or have medications that are not covered by their insurance or who have exceeded their maximum limits or where the FamilyWize discount is lower than your co-payment.

You can present these reusable prescription cards to over 60,000 participating pharmacies for discounts of up to 40% on all FDA approved medicines.

FamilyWize Prescription cards are available through the United Way of Long Island website, www.unitedwayli.org/familywize, or in our office. Helping our neighbors live healthier lives is just part of the way that the United Way serves its community.

The FamilyWize card is easy to use:
- The card is free
- For immediate and unlimited use
- Anyone can use the FamilyWize card
- No registration or activation required
- Discounts applied automatically

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