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Broadcast News Coverage: Project Warmth

News 12 and ABC News 7 featured United Way of Long Island’s Project Warmth and program recipient Lashawnda who needed assistance heating her home during cold months. The segment aired on Friday, February 12th at 4:30pm.

https://www.unitedwayli.org/broadcast-news-coverage-project-warmth-abc7-and-news12
Broadcast News Coverage: Net Zero Energy Challenge

News 12 featured the launch of United Way of Long Island’s Net Zero Energy Challenge. The segment aired on Friday, February 12th at 3:30pm.

Erika Hill of Baldwin, owner and principal consultant at Vision Street Research in Baldwin, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Michael Patrick Caplice of Westbury, LI regional director at the NYS comptroller's office in Hauppauge, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Patrick Guiffo of Northport, business manager of the international Brotherhood of Electrical Workers local 1040 in Rottsville, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Janet A. Lenaghan of Massapequa, dean of the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University in Hempstead, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Daniel Eichhorn of Westbury, president and COO of PSEG Long Island in Uniondale, has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

Jermaine F. Williams of Garden City, president of Nassau Community College in Garden City, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Long Island in Deer Park.

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O’Connell named powerful in residential real estate

Deirdre O’Connell, chief executive officer of Daniel Gale Sotheby’s International Realty, one of the nation’s leading realtors, has been recognized among the 200 most powerful leaders in the residential real estate brokerage industry.

O’Connell was named to the SP200 (Swanepoel Power 200), widely recognized as the definitive ranking of the leaders and senior executives in the residential real estate brokerage industry. She was ranked 141st overall among male and female executives and 27th among women executives. As chief executive officer, Deirdre O’Connell plays a leading role in the development of strategic initiatives and goals for the future of this $4 billion dollar organization, as well as the sales management of its day-to-day success.

O’Connell has led the company’s ongoing expansion into new markets in New York City, the Hamptons and Long Island’s south shore coast, most recently opening an office in the City of Long Beach.

In 2020, under O’Connell’s direction, Daniel Gale Sotheby’s International Realty’s management team quickly met the challenges imposed by COVID-19, implementing safety protocols and providing extensive training in Zoom and other video applications to continue to close transactions and show homes.

Daniel Gale Sotheby’s International Realty achieved its highest sales numbers ever in 2020, ranking it among the top ten of Sotheby’s International Realty’s nearly 1,000 brokerages. O’Connell has long excelled as an agent, broker-owner and executive and enjoys a reputation for exceptional customer service, unparalleled local knowledge and strong managerial skills.

Her leadership has resulted in positive outcomes for Daniel Gale Sotheby’s International Realty sales agents, customers and clients. She founded Deirdre O’Connell Realty Inc., in 2002 in Manhasset and opened a second office on the North Fork of Long Island in 2005.

When her successful business was acquired by Daniel Gale Sotheby’s International Realty in 2007, she joined the organization in a sales management position. Her role continued to expand in scope and responsibility, ultimately encompassing the sales oversight of the entire organization. Recognized with numerous awards throughout her career, O’Connell’s most recent honors include Long Island Business Leaders Hall of Fame, Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business, Executive Circle Award, Long Island Power List and Real Estate Weekly’s 2019 Real Estate Newsmaker Award.

She serves on the Board of Directors of The United Way of Long Island. To select each year’s SP200, hundreds of bios, annual reports, transactions and sales volume numbers are scrutinized. Leaders are evaluated based on the office they hold, the decision-making power associated with the office, the financial resources at their disposal, their organization’s industry significance and geographical reach and their personal influence in the industry.

Inside Edition announced Read’s death and paid a tribute to him, calling him “a cherished member of the Inside Edition family” and “a mentor to so many of our staff.”

“If there’s a story on Inside Edition that made headlines,” the program said, “it has Bob Read’s fingerprints all over it ... His passion, tireless energy, and grace under pressure inspired all of us to do our best work.”

Read hailed from West Islip. He began his career at ABC News 20/20 and also worked at Dateline NBC. He reported and produced a variety of news, features, and investigative stories on those programs before arriving at Inside Edition.

The veteran journalist, who led all investigative projects on the show, worked at Inside Edition for 30 years until he was diagnosed with Covid-19 on Dec. 18. He had mostly been covering the pandemic since early last year.

Read is survived by his wife of 36 years, Michele, son Tyler, and daughter Casey. To honor his legacy, the family has set up the Robert B. Read Memorial Fund through United Way, which provides financial relief to families who are struggling due to the pandemic.

“Each day Robert chose happiness and generously shared his joy with others,” the donation page reads. “His ideal day was on the boat with family and friends dancing to reggae ... a cool drink in hand, feeling the sun on his face with a smile in his heart. Robert worked hard, played hard and loved so deeply. Robert’s legacy lives on in his wife, children, family and friends.”
FREEPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY Director John Hrvatin, center, helped set up the new air purification systems gifted by the Village of Freeport.

Village continues PPE distribution

The Village of Freeport continued to distribute PPE to businesses throughout the village in efforts to combat the recent spike in Covid-19 cases.

On Jan. 13, Mayor Robert Kennedy and the Freeport Police Department’s Community Affairs Division distributed PPE supplies to small business operating in the village.

And on Jan. 12, village officials also worked with The Hispanic Brother Hood, United Way and Margarita Grasing to supply air purification systems for the Freeport Housing Authority, which installed them at housing facilities within the village.
How to Access Financial Help for Home Heating Costs

By Christine Sampson

February 12, 2021

Owing to Covid-19 difficulties and mounds of recent snow, it has been a long, cold winter — and it's not over. Long Islanders in need of help paying for home heating costs this winter have a few places to turn.

The Home Energy Assistance Program, or HEAP, is a federal program that assists people facing emergencies. With an application deadline of March 15, information can be found online at mybenefits.ny.gov.

The United Way of Long Island, a local branch of a national nonprofit organization, operates Project Warmth, which provides one-time grants for heating oil and electric heat costs. Its application deadline is Feb. 26, and it is accessible by calling 211 or going online to unitedwayli.org/project-warmth-emergency-fuel-fund.

PSEG Long Island offers payment plans, but it also has a need-based emergency effort, the Household Assistance Program, for those who qualify for other state and federal benefits. It comes in the form of a credit on a customer's monthly utility bill. Enrollment is ongoing for the program, which is for 18 months at a time. More information is at psegliny.com/myaccount/customersupport/financialassistance.

"We recognize that the effects of Covid-19 are ongoing and that the financial difficulty for many of our neighbors continues into the second year of this public health crisis," Rick Walden, PSEG's vice president of customer operations, said in a press release. "During these stressful times, we want to assure our customers that assistance is available to help them face unexpected challenges."

https://www.easthamptonstar.com/grind/2021212/how-to-access-financial-help-home-heating-costs
United Way’s ‘Safe At Home For Seniors’ Help Older Adults Access Covid-19 Vaccine, Prescriptions and Groceries

The Town of Brookhaven supports United Way of Long Island’s Safe at Home for Seniors program, which partners with community agencies to keep older community residents safe, healthy and connected to resources such as food and mental health support, while sheltering at home.

Pictured left to right: Trish Rivers, Community Impact Program Director; Town of Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine; and Karen Boorstein, President & CEO, Family Service League

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Wind Farm Developers Give to Emergency Heating Fund
By Christopher Walsh

March 19, 2021
Orsted and Eversource, developers of the proposed South Fork Wind farm, have made a $10,000 contribution to the United Way of Long Island’s Project Warmth Emergency Fuel Fund. Project Warmth is Long Island’s only Island-wide nongovernmental emergency heating fund. It exists as a safety net for those facing energy insecurity, many of whom have exhausted other options for assistance by this point in the winter.

“We’re proud to assist United Way of Long Island in helping local residents with their heating bills,” Jennifer Garvey, New York market affairs manager for Orsted, said in a statement issued on Wednesday. “We always aim to be a good neighbor in the communities where we develop projects and helping our neighbors in their time of need is something we take seriously.”

“We want to thank our friends at United Way of Long Island for the incredible work they do to help assist families in our communities that are struggling during these difficult times,” Dennis Galvam, manager, outreach planning for strategic projects, at Eversource, said in the same statement. “We are proud to partner with an organization that helps families in difficult financial situations. At Eversource, we believe that no family should have to choose between putting food on their table, heating their homes, or keeping their lights on, and through our partnership with United Way we are working together to make sure that the Project Warmth Emergency Fund is there for families that need it the most.”

“This is an exciting time to begin our collaborative efforts with Orsted and Eversource,” Theresa Regnante, United Way of Long Island’s president and chief executive officer, said in the same statement. “Collectively, we can make a real impact on our neighbors, especially those who are struggling to make ends meet as a result of the economic impacts of Covid-19.”

Contributions to the Project Warmth Emergency Fuel Fund can be made at unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth.

The New York State Public Service Commission voted on Thursday to issue a conditional Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the portion of the wind farm under state jurisdiction. It remains under review by the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. The Town of East Hampton and the town trustees have agreed to grant permission to the developers to land its export cable in Wainscott and bury it on a path to the Long Island Power Authority substation in East Hampton.

https://www.easthamptonstar.com/grind/2021319/wind-farm-developers-give-to-emergency-heating-fund
Baldwinite joins United Way board of directors

United Way of Long Island recently elected Baldwin resident Erika Hill, career and principal consultant of Vision Street Research, to its Board of Directors.

Beginning her career with United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, followed by many years in community economic and workforce development, representatives said in a news release that Hill brings great expertise to the nation's United Way.

Working closely with minority women-owned businesses, nonprofits, academic institutions, vocational training programs as well as legislators, she has helped increase awareness and participation of county programs to support diverse communities.

"As a graduate of United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Involvement Program and a business owner and advocate for access to opportunities for underserved communities, I am honored to sit on this prominent board," Hill said in a statement. "I look forward to working with my fellow board members to make a positive impact on the lives and populations most in need."

"We look forward to Erika's involvement," Theresa Regnaite, president and chief executive officer of United Way of Long Island, said in a statement. "Her extensive knowledge in areas that align with our mission will strengthen our commitment to foster economic and financial prosperity across Long Island's diverse communities."

Hill received her Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning and was Summa Cum Laude at Rutgers University. Prior to her achievements earned her a spot as a volunteer at Clark Atlanta University, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Since 2018, she has served as Council Co-Chair for the Urban League of Long Island, Economic Equity Action Team, and is a member of the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce. In 2020, she received the Woman on the Rise/Woman of Distinction Award, as well as the Schenck Media Stars under 40 Award.

United Way of Long Island is an independent, locally operated nonprofit organization that is led and governed by an independent Board of Directors.

The organization's mission is to create equity across Long Island by investing in partnerships and helping the most vulnerable and at-risk residents through programs and programs that demonstrate raising the bar for fairness and equal access to services.

For more information, visit UnitedWayLI.org or follow the group on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

Hofstra's Dr. Janet A. Lenaghan elected to United Way of LI Board of Directors

United Way of Long Island recently elected Massapequa resident Dr. Janet A. Lenaghan, Dean of The Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University, to its Board of Directors.

As the first woman dean and under her leadership, the Zarb School of Business has earned top rankings for its undergraduate programs and its portfolio of graduate programs, including its online Masters of Business administration (MBA).

"United Way of Long Island has been helping families in so many ways for more than five decades. It's an honor to be asked to serve, support and advance programs that create opportunities, improve lives and help our entire region flourish," remarked Dr. Lenaghan.

Theresa Regnaite, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island, notes, "Dr. Lenaghan is committed to creating a culture of inclusion. Her expertise will enhance our work to ensure that young people have the opportunity to receive an equitable and quality education."

Dr. Lenaghan received her doctorate degree from Pace University, an MBA from the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, and her undergraduate degree from Adelphi University. Prior to being named dean of the Zarb School of Business, she served in many executive administrative roles including chief human resource officer and most recently as vice dean of The Zarb School of Business.
WHEELS & DEALS

DeJesu Scores For United Way
The Huntington-based musician Joe DeJesu recently arranged an original song for the United Way of Long Island to inspire hope and bring positivity during these difficult times. His song, “United Together (We Will Survive),” accompanies a poignant video demonstrating United Way’s continued efforts to help those impacted by COVID-19, including health care responders, families, mothers with newborns, seniors, and the unemployed. DeJesu’s dedication to helping others as well as his commitment to the not-for-profit’s mission is a testament to the goodwill of the Long Island community. The video featuring

DeJesu’s original song has been integrated into the organization’s marketing and fundraising campaigns.

To watch “United Together (We Will Survive)” and to make a contribution to The United Way of Long Island, visit unitedway.org/unitedtogetherwewillsurvive.

To follow Joe DeJesu on Facebook, log on to Facebook.com/joedjesumusic.

A Songwriter Workshop In Westhampton Beach
The Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center’s Songwriter’s Intensive is a six-week workshop focusing on the art and craft of writing songs. In the creative and supportive environment of WHB PAC, participants will be encouraged to write and share their songs with a group of like-minded writers of different levels.

Now writers will be given the opportunity to learn from the group and give them the tools to develop their own voices in song. For writers who attended our fall session, we will build upon the skills they developed in our fall session but we will focus on helping them to take songwriting to the next level.

The program will be individualized based on each writer’s experience. The Intensive will work with developing lyrics, melodies and chord structures. Additionally, licensing, copyrights, and performance rights organizations will be discussed, as will the different ways artists can monetize their songs.

The final session will be an individual live video recording of the artists’ songs that developed during the course, performed on the stage of Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center.
Senior access to vaccines, prescriptions and groceries

Over the past year, United Way has responded to the needs of Long Islanders experiencing unparalleled hardship especially the most vulnerable. The not-for-profit organization is focusing on protecting Long Islanders who are at risk, especially the elderly who have been greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. While social distancing protects the health of seniors, it also severs ties to critical resources, including access to food, medication and socialization.

United Way’s Safe at Home for Seniors is a health and safety program in the Town of Brookhaven as well as Babylon, Islip and Huntington that alleviates the stress of older adults who are alone and sheltering-in-place. United Way is working in partnership with its network of agencies to connect seniors who are sheltering in place or isolated from family or a caregiver, with Bilingual Community Navigators. They act as helping hands managing everyday tasks such as grocery shopping and picking up prescriptions; making sure their homes have proper safety measures such as grab rails and working smoke detectors; and providing communication assistance, from connecting seniors with family members to scheduling their healthcare appointments, including registering for the COVID-19 vaccine.

“The senior population is experiencing unparalleled hardship in the face of COVID-19. Safe at Home for Seniors is part of United Way of Long Island’s United Solution of working in partnership with agencies and Townships across to Long Island to protect and assist our elder neighbors. Collectively, we need to serve our region’s most fragile,” said Theresa A. Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island.

The Safe at Home for Seniors program:
• Protects seniors from COVID-19 with safety kits with PPE and sanitizers and ensure that they practice safe hygiene.
• Helps to manage everyday tasks such as stocking up on groceries, preparing or ordering hot meals, coordinating transportation to medical appointments and connection to medical alerts.
• Helps seniors communicate with loved ones and health care professionals with virtual devices.
• Facilitates in-person screening assessments such as physical health, emotional health, depression, Alzheimer’s and Dementia.
• Reports any notable health or mental health changes to family or designee.
• Facilitates health, safety, accessibility and universal design home-check screenings for seniors. If needed, coordinate minor home or accessibility repairs.
• Preps seniors to protect themselves when going out in the public for a medical or other necessary appointment.

For seniors in need of assistance, contact 211 Long Island for information and referrals related to support services. Dial 211 Long Island for information and referrals related to support services. Dial 211 or outside of Nassau and Suffolk Counties 1-888-774-7633 and visit 211longisland.org. To learn more about or to support Safe at Home, visit www.unitedwayli.org/safethome.
United Way of Long Island celebrates Earth Day on April 22 with the launch of its ‘Net Zero Energy Challenge’, the pathway to transforming the organization’s headquarters into a building that produces as much energy as it uses. Through the installation and utilization of renewable energy, United Way will possess one of the largest solar arrays of any not-for-profit commercial building, excluding universities and hospitals, in New York State.

Budgeted at $1.8 million, the Net Zero Energy Challenge encourages stakeholders to invest in a sustainable Long Island with economic opportunity. The project is underway thanks to a grant pledged from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and initial funding from Brookhaven Science Associates/Brookhaven National Laboratory, as well as in-kind engineering design services from Cameron Engineering and the donation of HVAC equipment from GREE America and Wallace Eannace of Long Island.

The building retrofit encompasses three areas of impact: families, workforce development, and disaster preparedness. The cost savings by using renewable energy will be reinvested into United Way’s core programs and services to benefit Long Island families. The project site will provide career training opportunities to young adults, veterans, and those looking to replicate the Net Zero Energy project design. Once completed, the headquarters will be able to operate during disasters and extreme weather conditions.

Upon completion, the building will contribute to a sustainable future for Long Island by capitalizing on readily available high-performance technology, including 576 solar panel modules and upgraded mechanical systems, which will reduce pollution and scale down carbon footprint by nearly 150 tons per year. In particular, the installation of air-source heat pumps, which control heating and cooling, will replace the traditional heating system currently in place.

“It is exciting to know that an esteemed organization like United Way of Long Island is using innovative technology practices to create social and economic impact. This one-of-a-kind project is certain to become a model for regional development, especially as we continue to see job growth in the energy sector,” said Robert B. Catell, Chairman of the Board of Stony Brook University’s Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC) and Co-Chair of United Way’s Net Zero Energy Building Committee.

Theresa A. Regnante, President & CEO of United Way of Long Island said, “We are grateful to our supporters who are building the foundation of our ‘Net Zero Energy Challenge’. This contributes to increasing our organizational capacity to assist individuals and families in accessing quality education, achieving financial stability and leading healthy lives.” She added, “Today is a call to action to help us meet our goal of raising nearly 2 million dollars. Together, we are investing in our future and investing in the people of Long Island.”

Doreen M. Harris, President and CEO of NYSERDA said, “NYSERDA is pleased to provide funding for United Way’s net zero retrofit project, which incorporates a host of sustainability features such as energy efficient heat pumps, renewable energy resources, and energy storage for resiliency, which will reduce their building’s carbon footprint, while enhancing their ability to serve families in the Long Island region. As a well-respected community organization, they are leading by example in the fight against climate change and we’re thankful for their partnership as we work to foster cleaner, healthier communities for all New Yorkers and protect our natural resources for future generations.”

“Brookhaven Science Associates’ support of United Way on behalf of Brookhaven National Laboratory helps create a triple-threat sustainable solution that betters the environment, betters the lives of Long Islanders and betters organizational fiscal health,” said David Manning, Director, Stakeholder Relations/External Affairs, Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Rick Wertheim, Senior Vice President, Housing Development at United Way of Long Island said, “The completed Net Zero building will offset 100% of our power usage through renewable energy, ultimately converting our offices into a self-sufficient building of the future. By heating, cooling and lighting our building using electricity that is powered by solar energy, this project becomes a catalyst for impact; we are creating a dynamic regional demonstration project that exhibits the possibility to create change in hundreds of lives of Long Islanders in need.”

“Cameron Engineering is committed to shaping a thriving Long Island. Our firm is pleased to provide our expertise in creating an energy efficient building that is original in its engineering design and in how it utilizes energy savings to give back to the Greater Long Island Community,” said John Cameron, Founder & Partner, Cameron Engineering.

“Wallace Eannace and GREE America are pleased to donate state-of-the-art HVAC equipment to United Way’s energy retrofit project, as we recognize that it significantly aids in the project’s success and goal of achieving Net Zero,” said Darryl Clark, Corporate Vice President, Wallace Eannace.
Reinvesting in the Long Island Community
The revenue generated from the savings in annual energy costs provides a variety of opportunities for United Way to reinvest these funds to help Long Island residents, including providing home energy assistance and allocating additional funds to community partners. The completed building will be able to operate during disasters - solar energy harvested from the panels will be stored in batteries to provide backup energy during extreme weather and other emergencies. Amenities include electric vehicle charging stations which will act as an alternative resource for program staff to help reduce in-the-field energy costs.

The building project will contribute to regional economic development through career training led by industry professionals. Youth and veterans seeking employment in the high-growth energy industry will learn on-site while the retrofit is taking place, enhancing their technical skill sets by gaining hands-on opportunities. It will also be a demonstrations site for professionals, companies and organizations seeking information and the tools needed to start their own Net Zero Energy projects.

Experts in Building Design United Way of Long Island has a demonstrated history as experts in weatherization, energy efficiency and sustainability; it is a nationally-recognized builder of zero-energy ready homes, having received six awards from the US Department of Energy. In the past 20 years, more than 85 homes have been developed and built by United Way from blueprints to groundbreaking, as well as detailed finishes and utilities – ensuring that every home is built to be healthy, easily maintained and is energy efficient.

The organization also operates an E3 SmartBuild Training Center which is a state-of-the-art facility equipped with the latest tools and technology to teach building science, green construction and energy practices to Long Island job-seekers, as well as construction and building design professionals.

The organization's headquarters is a 31,000 square foot commercial building, located at 819 Grand Boulevard in Deer Park and is also home to United Way’s nonprofit community partners The Ascent School for Autism, Girls Inc. of Long Island, and Wyandanch Homes & Property Development Corporation.

To invest in the Net Zero Energy Challenge, visit www.unitedwayli.org/give

To learn more about United Way of Long Island's Housing Development and Training programs, visit www.unitedwayli.org/housing

**New Hires, Promotions on Long Island**

**Erika Hill**

Hill, the owner and principal consultant of Vision Street Research, has been named to the board of directors for the nonprofit United Way of Long Island. She brings a great deal of expertise, having begun her career with United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta.

**Pat Guidice**

The United Way of Long Island recently elected Guidice, IBEW Local 1049 Business Manager, to the non-profit organization's board of directors, where he brings his passion, leadership skills and drive that have enabled him to become one of Long Island's steadfast union leaders.

**Jermaine F. Williams**

Williams, president of Nassau Community College, has been named to the board of directors for the nonprofit United Way of Long Island. Throughout his career, he has focused his impact on improving access, retention, graduation and other measures of student success.

**Michael Patrick Caplice**

Caplice, the Long Island regional director for New York State comptroller, has been named to the board of directors for the nonprofit United Way of Long Island. He previously worked for Suffolk County, the state Assembly, and the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Janet A. Lenaghan**

Lenaghan, dean of the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University, has been named to the board of directors for the nonprofit United Way of Long Island. Under her leadership as the first woman dean, the school has earned top rankings for its programs.
NONPROFIT LOOKS TO CUT CARBON USE

United Way of Long Island is embarking on an energy transformation of its Deer Park headquarters, adding solar, storage batteries and heat pumps while cutting usage to no more than it produces.

The $1.9 million project, with a $1 million state grant and equipment donations from Wallace Earnace and Green America, is expected to serve as a model for so-called net-zero buildings. "We want to produce as much as we use," said Rick Wertheim, United Way's senior vice president of housing and green initiatives. Any excess will be sold back to LIPA, and the proceeds used to fund programs, officials said.

United Way expects the 37,000-square-foot building, with 576 solar arrays, to produce 230 kilowatts of electricity, one of the largest solar arrays of any not-for-profit commercial building, officials said.

"It's leading the nation in advanced design," said Matt Brown of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

David Calone, a member of the United Way's executive board, said the savings in energy will help fund more services for the thousands of families United Way serves on Long Island each year.

"This project makes the programs inside sustainable," said David Manning, director of external affairs at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

The building, when finished, will be able to operate in disasters, with batteries storing energy from the solar arrays. It will also serve as a hub for workforce development.

The program has already cut energy use by converting indoor and outdoor lighting to highly efficient LEDs. Wallace and Earnace of Long Island will donate three air-source heat pumps, highly efficient heating and cooling systems, corporate vice president Darrel Clark said.

Theresa Regina, president and chief executive of United Way, said the program will also be used to educate and train young Long Islanders on installation and use of green and efficient energy products. All the work is expected to be completed by fall of 2022, she said. Unions will help by donating labor for the project, she said, and the agency will fund raise for the balance of the cost.

Members of United Way of Long Island gather at the launch of the nonprofit's net-zero building initiative in Deer Park Thursday.
United Way of Long Island to reduce carbon dioxide emissions

4/23/21 - United Way of Long Island has begun energy conversion at Deer Park headquarters, adding solar, batteries and heat pumps to reduce usage below production.

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*Mark Harrington, a Newsday reporter since 1999, covers energy, wineries, Indian issues and fisheries.*

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Veronica B. Renken, Garden City’s “Citizen of the Year” in 1994 and one of Long Island’s most respected charitable volunteers and fundraisers, passed away peacefully in her home on March 31. She was 88.

“Ronnie”, as her numerous friends and admirers called her, was pre-deceased by her husband Martin H. Renken (Harry) who passed away in March, 1999. Ronnie was honored on numerous occasions by the charity organizations she served in a volunteer capacity, most notably, Variety Child Learning Center, Our Lady of Mercy Academy, United Way of Long Island and Winthrop Hospital, having served on the board of these organizations during her long and dedicated career.

A lover of history and tradition, Ronnie was cited as Garden City’s “Citizen of the Year” in 1994 by the Garden City Chamber. Over the years, she was active on a number of chamber committees, including the Toll Lodge Preservation Committee, which helped save, relocate, and restore the last remaining Toll Lodge of the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, the world’s first limited access highway, which stretched from Fresh Meadows in Queens to Ronkonkoma in Suffolk County in the early 1900’s. The highway, built with private funds by William K. Vanderbilt, featured twelve access points, each with a Toll Lodge manned by a toll taker who lived in the structure. While the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway closed down in the late 1930’s after the opening of Robert Moses’s Northern State Parkway, the Toll Lodge located behind Stewart School survived. Thanks to the Chamber and the dedicated efforts of volunteers like Ronnie, the Toll Lodge was moved to the eastern end of Seventh Street, where it now serves as the office of the Chamber of Commerce, which maintains the building.

At Variety Child Learning Center (VCLC), a not-for-profit center providing special education programs and therapeutic services for children, Ronnie began volunteering in 1973 when the school was in its infancy in Garden City, under the leadership of a visionary social worker named Judith Bloch, who was doing pioneering work in the area of early intervention for very young autistic children. She served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1975-2007 and Chairman of the Board from 1981-1999 during which time she led the charge to establish a permanent home for the organization in Syosset, which was instrumental for the growth of the school.

In 1989, President George H.W. Bush proclaimed VCLC to be one of America’s “Thousand Points of Light”. Ronnie’s volunteer work at Winthrop (now NYU Langone Hospital) began in the 1970s when she volunteered at what was then known as Nassau Hospital, feeding patients who were unable to feed themselves. She soon joined the Hospital’s Auxiliary – a dedicated group of volunteers to support the general welfare of the hospital through their goodwill and fundraising.

In 2001, Ronnie was elected President of Winthrop’s Auxiliary, which includes two volunteer fundraising groups, Twigs and Wings of Winthrop. Under her leadership, the group financially supported the establishment of several programs, services and facilities enhancement at the hospital, including the Pastoral Care Program; improvements to Winthrop’s Emergency Department; the creation of a 15,000 square-foot Hagedorn Pediatric Inpatient Center; and two pediatric testing suites in the Research and Academic Center, among several other initiatives. In addition to having served as Auxiliary President Ronnie was a longtime, valued member of the Hospital’s Board of Directors, as well as an asset to the Hospital’s Patient Relation Department, where for many years, she volunteered her time.

In 2017, the Hospital honored her with its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. In recognition of her great service to others, Ronnie received numerous accolades and honors. In 1989, Newsday recognized her with its First Annual Volunteer Recognition Award and in 1991, she was honored by the National Society of Fundraising Executives Long Island Chapter as its Outstanding Volunteer. She received the Gilbert Tillis Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals. United Way of Long Island, where she also served as Chair of the Speakers Bureau for many years, also recognized her with the MVP and Elena M. Perez Volunteer Leadership Awards.

A graduate of Our Lady of Mercy Academy’s class of 1950, Ronnie was also the Academy’s 15th Annual Golf Classic Honoree. On top of all her volunteer activity, Ronnie was passionate about current events and was a prolific and extremely talented needlepointer. She needlepointed everything from chair covers and clothes and detailed wall decorations and gave most of them as gifts to long-time friends and colleagues. Most of all, Ronnie was devoted to her animals, especially her horses (as a child) and dogs (throughout her life). Neighbors and close friends recall with fondness her love for Labrador retrievers most recently Dolly and Cameo. Ronnie’s life was indeed a “Point of Light” to be admired and imitated. She will be missed!  

http://www.gcnews.com/articles/veronica-b-renken/
UMBREIT - Virginia, of Dix Hills, passed away on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Virginia was a colleague and friend to us at First Long Island Investors where she held the position of Vice President for over 20 years. She was highly respected by her colleagues and clients alike and a cherished member of the team. She was quick with a joke and always put others first. Virginia believed strongly in giving back and was on the board of the United Way of Long Island as well as the Melville House. She did incredible work for both organizations. Our deepest condolences go out to her daughters Kristen and Nikki who were her pride and joy. Everyone who came in contact with Virginia says she left an indelible mark. We will miss her tremendously. -Robert D. Rosenthal, Ralph F. Palleschi, and the entire team at First Long Island Investors, LLC.
United Way of Long Island is offering a health and safety outreach program for seniors who are sheltering in place during the COVID-19 pandemic. With a $75,000 grant from the New York State Health Foundation (NYSHealth), United Way's Safe at Home for Seniors is providing critical services to older adults in the towns of Brentwood and Central Islip.

Senior citizens have been one of the most affected populations from the COVID-19 pandemic, notably those with chronic health conditions and who are at home and isolated. This funding helps to keep vulnerable neighbors connected to critical resources in order to ensure they stay healthy while remaining in the comfort and safety of their homes. Program recipients receive a variety of services including fresh food, HEPA air filtration systems, and assistance in registering for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Through the support of the NYSHealth 150 seniors in Brentwood and Central Islip are being helped through Safe at Home. Collectively, in these communities, over 7,500 residents are aged 65 years or older, with 22% of them living alone and 33% living with a disability. This critical support ensures that they can maintain and improve their health.

"As the pandemic and physical distancing requirements persist, it remains critical to connect older people to the services they need to remain healthy, including access to COVID-19 vaccinations" said David Sandman, Ph.D., President and CEO of NYSHealth. "United Way of Long Island has mobilized and coordinated community partners to implement a solution that is keeping older adults healthy, safe, and socially connected."

"United Way is grateful to the New York State Health Foundation for their generous support of Safe at Home for Seniors, and their contribution was significant in helping us launch this program. As health is a key component to our organization's mission, we are pleased to join efforts to impact the well-being of Long Islanders," said Theresa A. Regnante, President and CEO of United Way of Long Island.
The New York State Health Foundation provided United Way of Long Island’s Safe at Home for Seniors program with a $75,000 grant. Seniors like Charles, pictured, are able to receive home safety kits. The program helps alleviate the stress of Long Island seniors who are alone and sheltering-in-place by connecting them to critical resources needed to maintain a healthy life.
TOWN OF BABYLON, NY —

Town of Babylon officials announced that the four local senior centers will be reopening starting next week after closing down last year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The centers on 48-C Cedar Road in North Amityville, Tanner Park in Copiague, 438 Spangle Drive in North Babylon and 28 Wyandanch Avenue in Wyandanch will be having a soft reopening starting on Monday.

The centers will be once again providing meals and programs, with bus transport to and from the homes of the seniors.

Face coverings and social distancing guidelines offered by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) will be mandatory to protect visitors and staff.

All centers will be operating at 25 percent capacity with restrictions on all cards, bingo and other activities that used shared items, Guests will also be required to maintain face covering and social distancing at all times. "The COVID-19 pandemic has uniquely targeted our senior population in more ways than one," Supervisor Rich Schaffer said. "Isolation has taken a significant mental toll on them as they are the most-vulnerable group in terms of contracting the virus."

In addition, meal delivery for seniors who are unable to visit the centers will continue uninterrupted.

The "Safe at Home" program between the town and United Way of Long Island will be providing essential services to homebound seniors, such as grocery shopping and prescription retrieval, vaccine appointment registration, safety check-ins and much more.

"We're all excited to get them back into our wonderful senior centers to get back to normal with many seniors already vaccinated and a greater knowledge of how to keep everyone safe," Schaffer said.

Seniors and/or their loved ones can call the Department of Human Services at 631-464-4340 to learn how they can attend the centers.

Rep. Thomas Suozzi's federal community project funding requests include $5 million for the design of the Harbor Park in Newport, N.Y. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

$47 MILLION IN EARMARKS

THE 28 FUNDING PROPOSAL REQUESTS

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United Way gives free NICE rides

Nassau County's transit operator is partnering with the United Way of Long Island to provide 70,000 free bus trips this year to those in need.

County Executive Laura Curran announced the continuation of the "Everyone Rides NICE Foundation," which provides free MetroCards to low-income county residents in need of emergency transportation.

"For Nassau residents who rely on public transportation, a missed ride is a missed opportunity," Curran said last week. "Every day, riders are depending on a NICE bus to get to and from work, keep an important medical appointment, attend school or vocational training, or shop for their family's necessities."

The United Way will work with 22 charitable groups to distribute, this year alone, up to 25,000 MetroCards — each valid for two trips on Nassau Inter-County Express, or NICE, buses.

— ALFONSO CASTILLO
HOME & DESIGN

June Begins Hurricane Season

Long Island can be an extremely vulnerable region to natural disasters, especially hurricanes. June 1 marks the beginning of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, which runs through Nov. 30.

Due to the pandemic, in 2020 neighbors were faced with more health and safety concerns than ever. The dangers that came from last year’s destructive storm, Hurricane Isaias, were vast, and at the same time there was a shortage of product essentials. With 18 named storms predicted for 2021, it is crucial to be prepared for potential disasters, especially for vulnerable populations, including seniors and young children.

Recognizing the importance of preparedness, United Way of Long Island, 211 Long Island and PSEG Long Island developed BeReadyLI.org, a comprehensive online resource aimed at helping residents prepare before, during and after disasters.

BeReadyLI.org provides families with timely and accurate tips, resources and information included on the site are simple and affordable ways to help families be prepared for natural disasters and other emergencies—this includes packing a supply kit with essentials such as flashlights, batteries and a first aid kit.

As an educational tool, parents and caretakers can learn how to involve children in creating a family disaster evacuation plan; discover what documents are most important to keep flood- and fire-proof; and understand measures to take into consideration when planning emergency safety for seniors and people with disabilities.

Other available resources include weather and transportation updates, town and village contact information and access to utility websites.

BeReadyLI encourages everyone to take the 'Pledge to be Prepared.' To take the pledge and learn more on how you can prepare for an emergency, visit www.BeReadyLI.org.

—Submitted by United Way of Long Island
Honoring Workforce Heroes

United Way of Long Island will be celebrating and honoring Long Island’s Workforce Heroes with a Virtual Salute & Recognition Ceremony from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Funds raised will support Long Island families who have been affected by COVID-19. Do you know a Long Island Hero in the Workforce who you would like to spotlight? Put the limelight on a hero, someone who has been uplifting and made a positive impact on your life; making this year brighter. This includes champions from healthcare, retail, restaurant, non-profit, food and grocery, public service, education, small businesses, labor unions, and more. Submit your Workforce Hero’s name and why that person is your hero. Then on June 16, your honoree will be highlighted on a special virtual ‘Wall of Heroes’ to be featured during the ceremony. The event will include a Virtual Salute and a Candle Lighting Tribute to remember lives lost to COVID-19 over the past year. Ticket packages available. Learn more at https://www.unitedwayli.org/virtualsalute. For more information contact Vickie Cella at 631-940-3714 or vcella@unitedwayli.org.

https://longislandweekly.com/calendar-of-events-june-16-27/
The Long Island Insurance Community raised $20,000 through United Way of Long Island’s Mission United t-shirt campaign, all to support veterans and their families. The campaign included gifts of apparel and personal care kits to veterans’ organizations across Long Island including the Northport Medical VA Center.

June 15, 2021

Memorial Day was an occasion to remember our military members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, as well as reflect on how we can support the men and women who served. This past year has been extraordinarily challenging, especially for the many veterans who have been sheltering-in-place and/or are on a fixed income. In response, the Long Island Insurance Community (LIIC) through United Way’s Mission United t-shirt campaign, raised $20,000 in support of local veterans.

The LIIC has actively been fundraising for the Mission United campaign for over a decade. Insurance industry professionals, when making a contribution, receive uniquely designed apparel to wear proudly, showing support for our veterans. This year the members decided that rather than keep the attire, they would gift 1,000 of the t-shirts to veterans across our region. By donating the shirts and raising $20,000, the LIIC is making double the impact.
BANK OF AMERICA

Bank of America is a global financial institution that is dedicated to building up communities across its footprint — including Long Island.

The financial institution serves consumers, small and middle-market businesses, and large corporations and provides a full range of banking, investing, asset management, and other financial and risk management products and services. In the United States, Bank of America serves about 66 million consumer and small business clients through approximately 4,300 retail financial centers, 17,000 ATMs, and digital and mobile banking services. The company also has operations in approximately 35 foreign countries.

Bank of America deploys resources locally to address social and economic issues impacting communities on Long Island. The bank’s philanthropic interests include advancing racial equality and economic opportunity; creating jobs; supporting small businesses; helping communities move forward; and supporting the local arts.

Shortly before the onset of the pandemic, Bank of America provided a $500,000 grant to Long Island Cares, which allowed the hunger relief organization to open its fifth community-based satellite center, in Hampton Bays. The center has provided 97,000 meals to 14,000 people over the past year.

Bank of America’s $100 million commitment to help communities impacted by the coronavirus included a $250,000 contribution to help establish United Way of Long Island’s COVID-19 Response Fund and an equivalent contribution to Island Harvest Food Bank. Further, as nonprofits faced increased demand, Bank of America donated 500,000 pieces of personal protective equipment, including gloves, hand sanitizer and masks, to soup kitchens, food pantries, domestic violence shelters, and other Long Island organizations providing essential services.

In June 2020, Bank of America announced a $1 billion, four-year commitment to help local communities address racial and economic inequality. The commitment has since been expanded to $1.25 billion over five years. These efforts focus on health, job training, housing, and development and support for minority-
Energy supply giants Eversource Energy and Ørsted are partnering on a joint venture to build two offshore wind projects for New York that will deliver clean power to more than 600,000 homes each year. And the two companies have teamed up to support United Way of Long Island’s Project Warmth, earning them the Corporate Team of the Year award, which recognizes two or more organizations for their commitment to a combined effort to support a specific project/cause or to help solve a community problem.

Eversource transmits and delivers electricity and natural gas and supplies water to approximately 4.3 million customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The company, which employs about 9,300 people, is focused on safely delivering reliable energy and water with superior customer service. It offers energy efficiency solutions and programs to integrate new clean energy resources like solar, offshore wind, electric vehicles and battery storage into the electric system.

Ørsted is a renewable energy company focused on offshore wind. Its first offshore wind project was constructed 30 years ago, and today, the company owns and operates more than 1,500 turbines around the world, producing more than 25 percent of the offshore wind energy generated globally.

The Ørsted vision is a world that runs entirely on green energy. In the United States, Ørsted operates the Block Island Wind Farm, America’s first offshore wind farm, and constructed the two-turbine Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind pi-
BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY

Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton tackles some of the most important challenges that science and technology can help address.

Home to world-class research facilities and experts in areas including nuclear physics, quantum computing and climate, Brookhaven National Lab is focused on helping to develop the new clean energy economy. Over the past year, the lab also applied its capabilities in the fight against COVID-19. Every day, BNL builds on its nearly 75-year legacy, which includes seven Nobel Prize-winning discoveries as well as countless scientific and technological advances.

BNL is primarily supported by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Science. The lab is managed by Brookhaven Science Associates, a partnership between Stony Brook University and Battelle. BNL’s budget for fiscal year 2020 was $825.1 million. New York State has committed more than $250 million in recent years for transformative projects at the lab, including support for the future Electron-Ion Collider, which is being built through a partnership between DOE, BNL and the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.

BNL, which has more than 2,500 employees, is entrusted by the Department of Energy to build and operate unique tools for scientists from national laboratories and other research institutions, academia and industry. BNL typically attracts more than 5,000 facility users and guest researchers annually from across the country and around the world. The lab also partners on sponsored research and makes technologies available for licensing to the private sector.

BNL also offers robust education and workforce development programs in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The lab welcomes more than 30,000 students and educators each year and makes mentorship to under-represented minorities and women a long-standing priority, with the goal of diversifying the talent pool in STEM fields.

BNL has a decades-long tradition of helping neighbors in need. From the start of the pandemic, BNL employees have rallied to provide unique nonfinancial contributions as well as fundraising efforts and financial contributions. Science at the lab contributes to the nationwide effort to develop vaccines, lab medical personnel helped limit the spread of the disease, and BNL employees raised funds to help struggling community members during the pandemic. Since May 2020, the cumulative efforts of BNL staff, retirees and Brookhaven Science Associates staff resulted in financial contributions exceeding $248,300 in support of United Way of Long Island’s programs and community partners.

Other corporate philanthropic efforts by the BNL team have included “adopting” families...
Wallace Eannace Contributes To Net Zero Energy Challenge

United Way of Long Island recently celebrated Earth Day with the launch of its 'Net Zero Energy Challenge', the pathway to transforming the organization’s headquarters into a building that produces as much energy as it uses. Through the installation and utilization of renewable energy, United Way will possess one of the largest solar arrays of any not-for-profit commercial building, excluding universities and hospitals in New York State.

Budgeted at $1.8 million, the Net Zero Energy Challenge encourages stakeholders to invest in a sustainable Long Island with economic opportunity. The project is underway thanks to a grant pledged from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and initial funding from Brookhaven Science Associates/Brookhaven National Laboratory, as well as in-kind engineering design services from Cameron Engineering and the donation of HVAC equipment from GREE America and Wallace Eannace of Long Island.

"Wallace Eannace and GREE America are pleased to donate state-of-the-art HVAC equipment to United Way’s energy retrofit project, as we recognize that it significantly aids in the project’s success and goal of achieving Net Zero," said Darryl Clark, Corporate Vice President of Plainview-based Wallace Eannace.

Upon completion, the building will contribute to a sustainable future for Long Island by capitalizing on readily available high-performance technology, including 576 solar panel modules and upgraded mechanical systems, which will reduce pollution and scale down carbon footprint by nearly 150 tons per year. In particular, the installation of air-source heat pumps, which control heating and cooling, will replace the traditional heating system currently in place.

Visit www.unitedwayli.org to learn more about the Net Zero Challenge.

—Submitted by United Way
United Way Helps Veterans With $5,000 In Funding

Amazon, which has headquarters in Bethpage, recently contributed $5,000 to United Way of Long Island’s Mission United in support of local veterans.

“At Amazon, we strive to be not only a great employer but a great neighbor too. As we grow in presence on Long Island, it’s important to us that we leverage our scale for good and support the local communities where our associates live and work,” Jenna Hilzearuth, Amazon spokesperson said. “We admire the important work United Way is doing and it’s an honor to partner with them to help make an impact in the community.”

This gift will help provide funding for services and resources to Long Island military veterans and their families. This includes employment services and career training, education, emergency financial assistance, as well as health and housing support. The need is particularly significant as more than 55,000 veterans live on Long Island and many are struggling to make ends meet.

“As Amazon expands across Long Island, we’re pleased to work together to provide opportunities for veterans to achieve financial stability, be in good health and find success in education and career pathways,” Therese A. Regnaite, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island, said.

—United Way of Long Island
Fed aid fuels LI outreach

Stimulus funds via local governments benefit local nonprofits helping Island

BY OLIVIA WINKLOW
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Vicente Guzman, while battling severe illness last year, searched for help getting food, and later needed assistance with various medical conditions.

"First, I was looking for food," he said, referring to a recent interview at his Bay Shore home. "I was really sick at the time," he recalled about operations to implant stents after two heart attacks and treatment for cancer. His retirement check didn't go far enough to meet all of his and his wife's needs.

Guzman turned to a local human services agency, Pronto of Long Island, a nonprofit based in Bay Shore. Pronto was able to draw on its partnership with the United Way of Long Island to assist him.

United Way, the nonprofit whose programs focus on health, education and financial stability, has been able to reach clients such as Guzman during these difficult times through federal stimulus dollars.

The agency benefited from the CARES Act last year and the American Rescue Plan this year — with money being funneled through local state government into various programs.

Municipalities also give aid

Nassau and Suffolk counties also have given or are proposing to give more of their federal stimulus dollars to local nonprofits, as the region pulled back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

United Way has received about $52 million in grants from several towns to finance its Safe at Home for Seniors program, town spokeswomen Catherine Smith said.

Guzman said he received the funding through United Way's program was an important piece of equipment that helped him breathe, pointing out the "problems with my lungs." He said cancer had recurred and "this time it was touching my lungs." The air purifier means clean air as he sleeps, he said.

"When he initially came in, he came in for food distribution," an agency spokesperson said. "And we supplied him, just like we supply all of our clients, with two to three days' worth of food assistance for him and his family." Other clients also received food.

Nassau hopes to give $50M

Nassau Executive Laura Curran has proposed that $50 million of the county's appropriation from the American Rescue Plan go toward grants to health and human services providers and nonprofit groups, according to information provided by Curran's senior advisor, Jordan Garrison. The county previously has added other programs, such as local food banks, to step up food distribution programs during a time of unprecedented need.

David Pappo, spokesman for Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, outlined CARES Act and American Rescue Plan funding totaling $120 million for a bundle of nonprofits that received large grant awards. He said $1 million went to the Huntington River Health Centers. Other recipients included the family Service League and WellLife Network, each receiving more than $200,000.

In addition, Regan said, "We are applying for grants that are being developed through the different federal and state entities. For instance, the Centers for Disease Control issued a request for COVID vaccination education campaigns around the country. We were awarded a $75,000 grant (last month) for that work."

Regan added, "There could be 500 applications for 100 projects. . . . When you're competing for federal money, Long Island's demographics don't necessarily bode well. We're competing for the same pot of money at the table. But the towns can outperform us, in relation to demographics, because of either the preparedness of people who are underemployed, lower income, Black and brown residents."

"For a suburban community to get this money out of Washington, you have to know how to write these grants to get the money and how to compete," she said.
The United Way of Long Island organization launched the "Ride United" program to help local residents travel for free to be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, through Lyft's ride-sharing service.

Long Islanders participating in Ride United receive 2 free Lyft rides (up to $25 each way) to and from vaccination appointment locations located in Nassau or Suffolk counties.

**Where to**
Find Out If you or someone you know needs a ride to and from your COVID-19 vaccination appointment, visit [www.unitedwayli.org/rideunited](http://www.unitedwayli.org/rideunited), or call 211 if you live on Long Island, or are outside the county of Nassau and Suffolk by dialing 1 (888) 774-7633, 7 days a week, or by visiting 211longisland.org. For more information on the United Way of Long Island, visit the [UnitedWayLI.org](http://UnitedWayLI.org) website.

The Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) can assist residents of the Town of Brookhaven, located in Suffolk County, who are behind with the payment of rent and services due to COVID-19.

The ERAP program, funded through the United States Department of the Treasury, offers financial assistance to households that have experienced financial problems due to COVID-19, who are at risk of homelessness or housing instability.

The program can offer temporary help to pay up to 12 months of rent owed and up to 3 months of future rent. For some households, this program can pay up to 12 months of past due electric or gas bills.

“For many Brookhaven residents, receiving this emergency financial assistance is crucial to making ends meet and supporting their families. We are confident in the ability of the United Way of Long Island and our other partner organizations to reach residents who may not be familiar with the Emergency Rent Assistance Program or do not know how to apply for assistance,” said Ed Romaine, Brookhaven Town Supervisor.

It should be noted that the United Way of Long Island has just received a grant from the Town of Brookhaven to outreach, communicate and inform local residents about the ERAP program, especially those who are unfamiliar with the program or need help completing the application.

Other nonprofit partner organizations include the Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Family Service League, Federation of Organizations, Long Island Coalition for the Homeless, Options for Community Living, SEPA Mujer, Inc., and United Veterans Beacon House.

“This grant from the Town of Brookhaven furthers the United Way’s mission of creating opportunities to sustain families by helping them achieve financial stability. Our organization is working with Community Navigators to provide personalized assistance to seniors, veterans,
The United Way of Long Island organization launched the “Ride United” program to help local residents access transportation to receive the COVID-19 vaccine through Lyft’s rideshare service.

The recent initiative is part of United Way Worldwide’s Ride United Vaccine Access Campaign, which addresses unmet transportation needs for individuals and families amid the pandemic.

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Passengers must download the Lyft app on a compatible device and have an active Lyft account.

“United Way of Long Island is committed to keeping our communities safe and healthy. Ride United removes the barriers of transportation inequity, ensuring that any Long Islander looking to get vaccinated can get to and from their appointment at no cost,” said Theresa A. Regnante, president and CEO of the United Way of Long Island.

In this way, the “Ride United” program expands the organization’s COVID-19 response efforts. It should be noted that the United Way of Long Island has helped seniors, veterans, and families receive emergency financial assistance, fresh food, personal protective items (PPE), and HEPA air purifiers to improve their health, well-being, and safety during the pandemic.

"Expanding access to vaccination appointments provides a fundamental resource for residents who otherwise could not get to their appointment for economic, transportation or other reasons,” they remarked in a statement.

If you or someone you know needs transportation to and from your COVID-19 vaccination appointment, visit www.unitedwayli.org/rideunited, or contact 211 Long Island by dialing 2-1-1, or outside of Nassau and Suffolk by dialing 1-888-774-7633, 7 days a week, or by visiting 211longisland.org.

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Westbury's Jenkins Tabbed As Student Leader

Bank of America announced that five Long Island high school students were chosen as paid summer interns and experienced workforce skills, leadership, and civic engagement serving with local United Way of Long Island, Family Service League and Long Island Cares.

Among those tabbed was Samara Jenkins of Westbury, a graduate of Jericho High School who interned with United Way of Long Island. She will be attending Temple University in the fall.

Without access to career skills-building opportunities like the Student Leaders program, many young people on Long Island may be left behind in a fast-changing job market, leading to higher rates of youth unemployment. As part of its commitment to workforce development as a pathway to economic mobility, Bank of America is connecting teens and young adults to paid jobs and internships across Long Island through additional programs including partnerships with nonprofits and local governments.

"Bank of America's continued commitment to workforce and youth development provides opportunities for employment, community engagement and research development to young adults on Long Island and across the country," said Bob Iakson, Long Island president of Bank of America. "Helping young people build skills and experience prepares them to become future leaders in our communities. Programs like Student Leaders provide students with paid opportunities to gain experience, building a stronger and more diverse talent pipeline as these young adults enter the workforce."

The other Class of 2021 Long Island Bank of America Student Leaders are:

- Kelly Feng of Williston Park, a junior at Herricks High School, interned with Family Service League.
- Michael Peck of Elmont, a graduate of Elmont Memorial High School, interned with United Way of Long Island. He will be attending Brown University in the fall.
- Qurri (Katie) Rubi of Brentwood, a senior at Brentwood High School, interned with Long Island Cares.
- Jennifer Varghese of West Babylon, a graduate of Wyandanch Memorial High School, interned with Family Service League. Jennifer will be attending Stony Brook University in the fall.

The Student Leaders have already made an impact on their communities through extracurricular activities. This year's cohort have tutored fellow students, provided translation services to help teachers and families communicate across language barriers and served in leadership roles in local organizations including Jack and Jill of Nassau County, Men of Elmont and Herricks Women in Business. The experience that these students gain through the Student Leaders program will help them grow, learn and become more effective leaders in their communities.

As part of this summer's program, Student Leaders also took part in a virtual summit in partnership with the Close Up Foundation to participate in Stanford University's Young Democracy at Home program, which encourages conversation about current issues facing young people today.

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GRANT PLAN HELPS LI SENIORS ‘AGE IN PLACE’

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Long Island seniors who need to modify their homes so they can stay safe can get help from United Way of Long Island’s new $1 million federal grant.

The Deer Park-based group expects to make home improvements for about 250 lower-income homeowners over three years, starting next year.

The grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Older Adults Home Modification Program will pay for equipment such as grab bars, railings, lever-handled doorknobs and faucets and nonslip strips for tubs, showers and stairs. The aim is to help seniors to continue living at home instead of moving to elder-care facilities, the agency said.

Upgrades also could include ramps and chair lifts if needed, the organization said.

To be eligible, recipients must be 62 or older, own their home and earn no more than $66,400 for one person or up to $85,960 for a two-person household. United Way of Long Island said the limits are higher for larger households.

There is “a tidal wave of need” among seniors on Long Island, said Rick Wertheim, senior vice president for housing at United Way of Long Island. The funding, he said, will allow the group to make “meaningful, small modifications that enable people to age naturally without having to leave their homes.”

The group will send occupational therapists into seniors’ homes to check for hazards and health problems, and its workers will make the upgrades.

Carolyn King, 65, and her husband Lorenza King Sr., 65, got help from a separate United Way of Long Island program called Safe at Home for Seniors, aimed at providing older Long Islanders with safety equipment, help with heating and grocery bills and other assistance during the pandemic.

COVID-19 “has only exacerbated the issues for seniors that wish to remain at home and age in place,” said Craig Fligstein, United Way of Long Island’s chief grant officer.

The local group installed bathroom grab bars and a medical-grade air purifier in the Kings’ home in Shirley, where the couple lives with their son Lorenza Jr., 28, who has special needs.

Carolyn King said she has arthritis and her husband has lymphoma, and the grab bars help them both get in and out of their tub safely, while the air purifier reduces her allergy symptoms and filters the air to protect them when caregivers visit.

“The air purifier came in quite handy,” she said. “It recirculates the air, it cleans the air and it helps my breathing, and it’s good to have with COVID.”

United Way also plans to upgrade the loose wooden railing outside their home, the group said.

King said it’s important for her and her husband and their son to remain in the house.

“It’s a home that my husband and I bought together,” she said. “We worked to keep it, worked very hard to keep it.” Plus, she said, “this is a home for my son. God forbid something happens to us, my son will have a safe dwelling. It’s a blessing.”

For more information, go to unitedwayli.org or call 211 in Nassau or Suffolk counties or 631-940-3700.
Neighbors helping neighbors

Local school supply drives happening now

BY MARIANA DOMINGUEZ

On your next trip to pick up school supplies for the upcoming year, why not pick up a few extras for those in need? Here are some local school supply drives that are collecting much-needed items for students.

Community Exchange of Central Islip

On Sunday, Aug. 29, this new organization will be collecting school supplies as well as food starting at 9 a.m. in the parking lot behind AutoZone in Central Islip (2 Carleton Avenue). If you are in need of food or school supplies, feel free to stop by starting at 10 a.m. to pick up whatever it is you may need.

Stuff-A-Bus

A partnership between United Way of Long Island and Suffolk Transportation Services Inc., the Stuff-A-Bus initiative is now in its 13th year of providing school supplies to elementary school students in need. Past participating school districts include Central Islip, Amityville, Brentwood, Copiague, Freeport, Hempstead, North Hempstead, South Country and Wyandanch. Some of the supplies being collected are backpacks, lunchboxes, folders, index cards, hand wipes, rulers and scissors. For more information on the program or to get involved please visit https://www.unitedwayli.org/stuffbus.

Greater Sayville Food Pantry

In addition to the food they also receive, the Sayville Food Pantry has put out a special request for school supplies. The pantry is located at 47 Gillette Avenue in Sayville and is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Jennifer B. Cona is the founder and managing partner of Cona Elder Law in Melville. Cona’s practice focuses on asset protection, Medicaid planning, estate planning, probate and estate administration, estate litigation, special needs planning and guardianships. Cona also heads up the firm’s Health Care Reimbursement and Recovery practice group.

Under Cona’s guidance, the firm works to secure and ensure a payment source for long-term health care, working together with both families and health care facilities to sustain quality care for older adults.

The COVID wake-up call has motivated families to prioritize estate planning, Cona said.

“The challenge is recognizing that you get what you pay for, especially in this era of on-line DIY platforms and even worse, the dabbler — attorneys holding themselves out to be elder law or estate planning attorneys,” she said.

“There is nothing more heartbreaking than telling a client who believes they protected their assets that they did not because the trust was not correct,” she said. “Or their Power of Attorney does not allow gifting and they must bring a guardianship to protect assets. Or the tax plan in their will was never updated when the tax laws changed and the surviving spouse’s money is tied up in a trust.”

“Don’t let this happen to you,” Cona noted.

Cona is the recipient of numerous awards for her business acumen and commitment to the community. Cona is recognized by Best Lawyers in America® and is rated a Super Lawyer. She was named in the inaugural class of the New York Law Journal’s Top Women in Law. She was named in the inaugural class of Hofstra’s Outstanding Women in Law and was rated a Top 10 Legal Eagle on Long Island. Cona has received the Brava Smart CEO award and has received the 40 Under 40 Rising Stars on Long Island award. Cona has also been profiled in the HIA-LI Hauppauge Reporter in its CEO Brief and has presented at the HIA-LI CEO Roundtable.

She is chair of the board of trustees of the Long Island Alzheimer’s and Dementia Center and served on the board of the United Way of Long Island. Cona is the founder and chair of the Advanced Elder Law Focus Group, an industry think-tank. Cona is a New York State Certified Guardian, Court Evaluator and Counsel to incapacitated persons and is accredited by the
UNITED WAY OFFERS ACCESS TO VACCINATION SITES

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR UNIVERSAL DESIGN SUMMIT

The Universal Design (UD) Summit, Sept. 29 through Oct. 1, is the leading conference in North America exclusively dedicated to universal housing and communities.

The summit is a unique educational program and conference that aims to promote UD principles in public places, housing and digital spaces with exceptional content and experiences. It will include keynote speeches by top industry leaders, as well as 18 breakout sessions, salon chat networking time, office hours with sponsors and vendors and a
Grant for green-energy training

United Way begins new program with help from BofA

BY MAIK HARRINGTON
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United Way of Long Island has launched a green-energy training program that combines classroom learning with on-the-job training to nurture a new generation of workers in the solar, wind and renewable energy fields.

The program, which is being funded through a $250,000 grant from Bank of America, will encompass a 50-hour training curriculum that includes technical, functional and “soft” skills that will lead to employment in the renewables and green construction sectors,” United Way announced.

United Way said the grant will allow it to train an initial 100 students over the next year, including those currently unemployed and looking for work, as well as veterans, and those just entering the job market. It will work with United Way’s YouthBuild program to provide an on-the-job training site for young adults seeking work in the field.

Called Power Up Wind, Solar & Renewables, the training will take place at United Way’s Deer Park, E3 SmartBuild Training Center and the Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center. The program is designed to “advance economic mobility as well as shape the future of employment in our region’s energy sector,” United Way said.

At the Jones Beach energy center Tuesday, Theresa Regnante, president and chief executive of United Way Long Island, said the program will “help us break down barriers for diverse communities to gain employment.” She said the renewables training will “blend with” other training done by the United Way to prepare those who use its services for higher-skilled jobs. She said she expects the program to last beyond its initial one-year funding outlay through fundraising and grant applications that United Way does normally.

Training will include field trips to power plants, the Block Island Wind Farm, the Brookhaven Lab solar farm and other related locations, Regnante said. United Way will assist students who earn a training certificate to move on to higher levels of education or training beyond United Way or local jobs, she said.

United Way will also work with green-energy employers in the region, including wind-energy companies such as Oysted and Eversource, which are constructing the South Fork Wind Farm and Sunrise Wind, to “help prepare a workforce for the clean energy future,” Dennis Galram, an Eversource manager for outreach planning, said in a statement.

Bank of America Long Island president Robert Isaksen said the program is “going to provide a career for young people on Long Island in an industry that’s really the future.” It’s part of Bank of America’s commitment to “accelerating the transition to a low-carbon, sustainable economy,” he said, noting the bank’s decades-long record of contributing to and working with United Way.
WINNERS
Compiled by Michael R. Bert

CRAIG FLIGSTEIN
Chief grant officer

Craig Fligstein of Northport has received the Hy Zausner Lifetime Achievement Award from the U.S. Tennis Association's Long Island Region in recognition of his lifetime of achievements both on and off the tennis court. Fligstein has been the chief grant officer at United Way of Long Island since 2004 and has coordinated United Way programs that provide funding to tennis pros and others who need financial assistance. He was also a longtime member of the association's Long Island Regional Council, for which he served as treasurer for many years, and has been active in bringing tennis to — and supporting tennis for — those at the Northport VA Medical Center.

ERIC ROSENBERG AND ALANNA NATTIS
Ophthalmologists

Eric Rosenberg and Alanna Nattis, a husband and wife from Babylon, received various awards this summer during the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery's Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Rosenberg is an ophthalmologist with SightMD, and Nattis is a director of clinical research with SightMD and a clinical assistant professor in ophthalmology and surgery at NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine. Their presentations of papers on "Intracanalicular Desmethylone"

ANDREW ROSSI
Coach

Andrew Rossi of Long Beach has been named Coach of the Year for the sport of badminton by the Nassau County Badminton Coaches Association. Rossi is coach of the boys and girls varsity badminton teams at Long Beach High School, where he has worked for the past 10 years and serves as the school's International Baccalaureate music and digital music production teacher. In addition, he is on the board of the Nassau County Section 8 Badminton Committee and recently got a master's degree in education administration from Stony Brook University.

EMILY MOORE
Educator

Emily Moore of Roosevelt has been inducted into the U.S. Tennis Association's Eastern Tennis Hall of Fame. Moore is a Long Island-based educator and activist who founded the Alliance Junior Tennis Development Program, which has introduced the sport to thousands of children in the Freeport, Roosevelt and Uniondale areas since its inception in 1973. She is also an inductee of the Black Tennis Hall of Fame and was involved in leading the Civil Rights Movement in Baltimore.

NOMINATE A WINNER Email information about the accomplishment or honor to winners@newsday.com. Include photo in JPEG format, color is preferred.
SCHOOL NEWS

Teams join together in fundraising effort

In remembrance of 9/11, the West Islip Junior varsity and varsity girls volleyball teams coordinated a car wash to raise money for the Tunnels to Towers Foundation. The car wash raised $500, which was donated in memory of West Islip resident and NYPD Officer Sgt. Vincent O’Hare. Sgt. O’Hare died in 2001 from cancer that developed as a result of participating in rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site following the 9/11 attacks.

Bay Shore board recognizes United Way

At its meeting on Aug. 25, 2021, the Bay Shore Board of Education recognized and thanked the United Way of Long Island. The organization donated school supplies valued at $2,500 for underserved families at Fifth Avenue School and Mary G. Clarkson School.

West Islip schools seek members for Masera community advisory committee

The West Islip UFSD is seeking community members to serve on the Masera Community Advisory Committee. It is expected that the committee will meet multiple times during the course of the school year and will ultimately make a recommendation to the board of education about the disposition of the Masera property.

Applications to serve on this committee can be submitted by visiting the website, www.wi.k12.ny.us, and clicking on the announcement labeled Masera Community Advisory Committee. Applications must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 8.

Photo courtesy of the Bay Shore School District

Photo courtesy of the West Islip School District
The Long Island Insurance Community raised $20,000 through United Way of Long Island’s Mission United t-shirt campaign, all to support veterans and their families. The campaign included gifts of apparel and personal care kits to veterans’ organizations across Long Island including the Northport Medical VA Center.

BOA boosts renewable energy training with $250K grant

By: David Winzelberg  |  September 1, 2021

Bank of America has awarded a $250,000 grant to United Way of Long Island to pilot a workforce development program for career training in the renewable energy sector.

The United Way program, called “Power Up Wind, Solar & Renewables,” is aimed at creating a path for participants to secure jobs in the renewable energy industry.

Focused on “culturally diverse young adults,” the program will operate out of United Way’s E3 SmartBuild Training Center, which is equipped with a portable wind turbine prototype. It involves a 50-hour education curriculum with internships, where participants will receive the required technical, functional and soft skills that will lead to employment in the renewables and green construction sectors.

“Bank of America is committed to accelerating the transition to a low-carbon, sustainable economy,” Robert Isaksen, president of Bank of America Long Island, said in a written statement. “By supporting the United Way of Long Island’s latest initiative, participants will gain valuable education and work experience to put them on a better path to having a successful career and help build a more sustainable, clean energy community for Long Islanders.”

Theresa Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island, stressed the importance of increasing access to opportunities for individuals from priority populations.

“We are grateful to Bank of America for this generous grant, as it helps us break down barriers for diverse communities to gain employment,” Regnante said in the statement. “This is especially important as New York State continues its commitment to increasing renewable energy sources.”
ELECTRIC BILLS  New push to help lagging customers avoid shut-offs

PSEG to help users avoid shut-offs

ONLY IN NEWSDAY

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PSEG Long Island staffers will begin visiting customer homes Wednesday to inform those late on their electric bills about programs that can help keep their service on as a state shut-off moratorium expires in December.

Among the state-run options is an arrears forgiveness program that can erase upward of $10,000 in past-due electric charges from their accounts, PSEG said. Customers must meet eligibility requirements and the payments are available only as long as the state funding lasts.

Gov. Kathy Hochul last month announced the $150 million arrears forgiveness program, which is available to Home Energy Assistance Program–eligible households through September, 2022, said Anthony Farmer, spokesman for the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

PSEG said its representatives will be visiting potentially tens of thousands of residential and business customers in coming months to tell them of government-provided energy and heating programs, encourage them to establish payment plans and even take payments if customers can pay in cash or by check.

The representatives will be following all COVID-19 safeguards, officials said, and won’t be making appointments in advance. The plan is to avoid shutting off service for nonpayment, said Kim Sorrell, PSEG’s manager for customer operations, who noted the company could restart the practice of shut-offs as soon as January.

“We want customers to take action now before disconnects resume,” added Brigitte Wynn, director of revenue operations. They’ll be telling customers about current and future programs such as the Home Energy Assistance Program and United Way’s Project Warmth, which can help lower their energy costs. Offices throughout the state also can help customers determine eligibility for arrears forgiveness, PSEG customer visits will continue through end of the year, she said.

As of the end of September, 182,435 residential PSEG customers were 30 days or more late paying their bills, and had accumulated $173.4 million in arrears. That compares with 178,559 late-paying customers at the end of April with arrears totaling $144.7 million.

On the commercial side, 30-days-plus arrears totaled $576 million at September’s end for 22,975 businesses, compared with $432.2 million for 24,562 in April.

PSEG representatives will tell customers if they attest to a pandemic-related financial hardship, they can stare off a shut-off under a moratorium approved under state law until Dec. 31. Shut-offs are not done around holidays. Customers also will have to attest to a hardship to be eligible for arrears forgiveness.

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Suffolk homes that vets can call their own

BY JOHN ASBURY
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For the past two years Vincent Ross lived in Long Island hotels, often unsure about where he would spend the next night.


Ross, 57, moved into a new Medford home he can call his own, courtesy of Suffolk County, with construction overseen by the Association for Mental Health and Wellness. He will share the home with two other former service members under a county grant program for homeless veterans.

“The first thing they said to me was consider this your home. They didn’t just say it. They meant it. I’ve felt nothing but family,” Ross said in front of his new Hawkins Avenue residence. “It’s good to know someone cares and is interested in my well-being. . . .”

The Medford home is one of three built as part of a $2.4 million project to house homeless or formerly homeless veterans in Suffolk County.

The other homes were built in Riverhead and Mastic. The former zombie properties were acquired by Suffolk through foreclosure or abandonment. The properties were then transferred to nonprofit organizations under the county’s Housing Our Homeless Heroes Act, and funded through New York State Temporary and Disability Assistance, officials said.

The foreclosed houses were demolished and construction crews from the United Way built the new homes, with heat from geothermal power provided by National Grid.

Lt. Gov. Brian Benjamin, who attended the ribbon cutting for the Medford home Tuesday, said Suffolk County has served as a model for housing veterans.

“If it wasn’t for veterans and those who serve and protect us, we would not be able to have the life we have right now. It’s only right we do everything we can when they come home so they never be labeled homeless. It’s sickening to even hear the term, ‘homeless veterans,’ ” Benjamin said. “How can we live in the wealthiest state and wealthiest country in the world and have homeless veterans? It doesn’t make any sense whatsoever. They deserve the best we have because we wouldn’t have our homes without them.”

The Riverhead home was awarded to Ashanta Murray, 36, a U.S. Navy veteran of eight years and mother of three.

“I was so proud to serve in the Navy and to come home and trying to find housing was such a struggle,” Murray said. “To serve your country and come home to face homelessness should never happen. I knew I’d have a home for my children, but I never thought it would be so beautiful.”
United Way of Long Island has been awarded a $1 million Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program (OAHMP). Funds will be applied to make safety and functional home modifications and limited repairs to meet the needs of low-income elderly homeowners that allow them to age in place.

Long Island’s population is continuing to age; according to 2019 U.S. Census population estimates, there are more than 300,000 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.

Stay at home orders during the COVID-19 pandemic shed light on housing conditions that put health and safety at risk. This program is designed to help prevent Long Island seniors unnecessary hospitalizations and/or skilled nursing facility admissions.

“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 E. 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.”

Since 1995, United Way’s Housing Division has provided healthy home and accessibility modifications to older adults, veterans, and people with disabilities to help them remain safe, healthy and independent in their homes and communities for as long as possible. “Our goal is to enable older adults to remain in their homes through low-cost, high impact modifications,” said Rick Wertheim, Senior Vice President of Housing and Green Initiatives Department and project director for the new initiative. “This will help seniors stay safe in the comfort of their own home and age in place with dignity.”

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 of 2022 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 and reside in Brentwood, Central Islip, City of Glen Cove, City of Long Beach, Huntington Station, North Bellport, Riverhead, Village of Hempstead or Wyandanch.

United Way of Long Island also seeks to provide health and social services to older residents, helping them age in their homes. All participants in this program are connected to assistance for which they may qualify, such as veterans assistance, 2-1-1 information and referral, Project Warmth, social work, financial and legal help and health and prevention services. To qualify or to learn more about United Way’s home modification program visit www.unitedwayli.org
United Way of LI recibe subsidio de $1 millón para ayudar a ancianos de bajos ingresos

United Way of Long Island ha recibido un millón de dólares del Programa de Subsidios para la Modificación del Hogar de los Adultos Mayores otorgado por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de Estados Unidos (HUD). Los fondos se destinarán para realizar mejoras de seguridad y funcionales y algunas reparaciones en las viviendas de adultos mayores de bajos ingresos para que puedan cubrir sus necesidades y continuar viviendo en sus casas.

La población de adultos mayores de Long Island continúa creciendo, según el censo estadounidense de 2020, se estima que hay más de 300,000 residentes de Long Island mayores de 65 años.

En los condados de Nassau y Suffolk, se espera que haya más de 220,000 residentes mayores de 70 años en 25 años, según Northwell Health.

Además, los Centros para el Control y Previsión de Enfermedades (CDC) informan que la principal causa de lesiones y muerte entre los estadounidenses mayores son las caídas, lo que refuerza aún más la importancia de este programa.

La obligación de quedarse en casa durante la pandemia del COVID-19 puso de manifiesto la condición en que se encuentran muchas de las viviendas y que implican un riesgo para la salud y seguridad de quienes las ocupan.

La finalidad de este programa es ayudar a evitar que los adultos mayores de Long Island deban ser internados en un hospital y no hogar geriátrico innecesariamente.

«Los adultos mayores de Long Island han dejado en claro su deseo de vivir en sus propias casas, y por eso el trabajo que hace United Way of Long Island es tan importante», dijo el líder de la mayoría en el Senado, Charles E. Schumer.

«Me enorgullece apoyar la solicitud de fondos federales de United Way para su programa Mayores Cuidados en Casa. Ya está en camino $1 millón para ayudar a cientos de residentes mayores de Long Island con las reparaciones y modificaciones que necesitan sus casas para que puedan seguir viviendo allí con dignidad, y continuaré abogando por una inversión federal en servicios para la vivienda y servicios comunitarios», agregó el senador neoyorquino Schumer.

Para recibir este subsidio del HUD, la vivienda debe ser evaluada por un terapeuta ocupacional (TO) habilitado. Los socios comunitarios de United Way, junto con los TO ayudarán a identificar las reparaciones más necesarias para que los residentes mayores puedan continuar viviendo en sus casas.

Los tipos de reparaciones pueden ser renovaciones de baños (ejemplo: instalación de tejas antideslizantes, barros para soportarse, asientos para ducharse) y modificaciones de accesibilidad (por ejemplo: picapartes con manija en todas las puertas y manillas, duchadores móviles, rampa para silla de ruedas).

«Nunca ha sido tan importante como ahora garantizar la seguridad de nuestros adultos mayores que viven solos en sus casas», expresó Theresa A. Reganite, presidente y directora ejecutiva de United Way of Long Island.

«Unos pocos cambios en las casas de las personas mayores pueden marcar una gran diferencia en sus vidas. Este programa de modificaciones de HUD mejorará aún más el programa Mayores Cuidados en Casa que ya implementó United Way para que nuestros vecinos mayores puedan vivir en sus casas seguros».

Desde 1999, la División de Vivienda de United Way ha realizado modificaciones sanitarias y de accesibilidad en las casas de los adultos mayores, veteranos y discapacitados para que puedan seguir viviendo en su casa y su comunidad en forma segura, sana e independiente por el mayor tiempo posible.

«Nuestro objetivo es que los adultos puedan continuar viviendo en su casa haciendo modificaciones de bajo costo pero de gran impacto», explicó Rick Wertheim, vicepresidente senior del Departamento de Programas de Vivienda y Ecología y director de proyecto del nuevo programa.

«Esto ayudará a los adultos mayores a estar seguros en la comodidad de su propio hogar y vivir su tercer edad con dignidad».

United Way está replicando el diseño del programa CAPABLE (Community Aging in Place: Advancing Better Living for Elders) desarrollado por la Facultad de Enfermería de Johns Hopkins. Se ha demostrado que por cada $1,000 invertidos en modificaciones de accesibilidad del hogar, se ahorrarán más de $20,000 en atención médica.

El programa de modificación del hogar se lanzará en enero de 2022 y se espera asistir a 150 hogares a lo largo de tres años. Para calificar, los residentes deben ser propietarios de la casa donde viven y ser mayores de 62 años.

United Way of Long Island también pretende ofrecer servicios sanitarios y sociales a las residentes mayores, ayudándolas a vivir mejor en sus casas.

A todos los participantes de este programa se les conectará con programas de ayuda para los que puedan calificar, como el programa de ayuda para veteranos, 2-1-1 de información y derivación, el proyecto "Warmth", trabajo social, ayuda financiera y legal y servicios de salud y prevención.

Para obtener más información sobre el programa de modificación de vivienda de United Way, visite www.unitedwayli.org.
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As an innovator, she is leading the nonprofit organization in the development of strategic, as well as relevant initiatives that have a measurable and lasting impact.

This includes providing support to over 100 nonprofit partners, as well as the development of signature programs that best meet the needs of Long Islanders with the focus on health, education and financial stability.

During her tenure, Theresa has implemented significant organizational improvements, including strengthening community, business and labor partnerships. To ensure the organization maintains financial competency, she assembles, retains and engages high-impact board members that bring expertise from industries throughout the region.

She diligently maintains the balance of dedication to mission, the need for bold entrepreneurial initiatives and the application of sound business management needed to run a successful nonprofit organization. Theresa is an innovative and creative leader who has helped United Way expand its traditional fundraising activities.

Theresa’s leadership has transformed United Way to strengthen the workforce and social services sector to better serve families and individuals.

The organization has advanced its role as a provider of green construction training for special populations and technical building services for energy-efficient homes. With career sustainability critical to the mission, the launch of employment-gear initiatives are blazing a new trail of success for youths and veterans.

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Her ability to pivot quickly is evident, as this year the pandemic changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. Theresa keyed in on addressing the needs of Long Islanders dealing with unparalleled hardship by forming a United Solution. Current partnerships, as well as new alliances, including with funders, allowed the organization to broaden its outreach and assistance to affected Long Islanders, many who have never needed help before. This was especially important to families with young children, veterans, mothers with newborns and seniors.

The health and economic crisis has caused many difficulties for vulnerable seniors, including isolation. Theresa acknowledged that there was a great need to assist seniors, leading to the development of Safe at Home Initiative.

Bilingual Community Navigators help with day-to-day tasks, such as shopping for essentials, picking up prescriptions, connecting to family and access to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Students and their families are also feeling the burden. With so many unprecedented educational challenges, Theresa recognized that student equity is critical in this remote-learning era and provided digital technology to least advantaged children and teens.

Theresa is a regular contributor to a number of high-profile regional and state discussions. She frequently speaks about critical issues ranging from suburban poverty to the ability of public/private partnerships to drive innovation and create long-term human success.

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Her ability to pivot quickly is evident. During the pandemic, Regnantekeyed in on addressing the needs of Long Islanders dealing with unparalleled hardship by forming a United Solutions, an array of partnerships, as well as new alliances. Including virtual, online, and in-person gatherings, allowed the organization to broaden its outreach and assistance to affected Long Islanders, many of whom had never needed help before. This was especially important for families with young children, single parents, veterans, and older adults.

The health and economic crisis has caused many difficulties for vulnerable seniors, including isolation. Regnante acknowledged that there was a great need to create a new focus on developing the ‘Safe at Home’ initiative, which connects clients with seniors and home health services. It also increased the number of volunteers, resulting in higher quality and deeper connections.

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MARIA A. GRASSO
SENIOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER - FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION AND FLUSHING BANK

Maria A. Grasso holds the position of senior executive vice president and chief operating officer at Flushing Financial Corporation and Flushing Bank. She joined the bank in 2006 as chief operating officer and was elected corporate secretary in 2007.

Grasso has spent the last 15 years honing her talents, skills and leadership abilities in the financial services industry, putting her analytical and communications skills to good use.

Currently, Grasso is responsible for several of the company’s strategic initiatives, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate-wide change management, process reengineering and expense management. She also manages the compliance, BSA and customer service areas for the bank. Grasso brings a wealth of experience to her role, having previously managed the retail and commercial banking, government banking, digital banking, consumer credit, marketing, sales and operations for the bank. Her specialties include sales management and productivity, leadership and team building, staff development and training, strategic planning and analysis, cross-functional project management, mergers and acquisitions, planning, due diligence and building, motivating and coaching teams in achieving outstanding performance.

She is proud to have served in the banking business for more than 30 years, having started her banking career with Chase Manhattan. Prior to joining Flushing Financial, she held the title of senior vice president and division head of The Bank of New York for Long Island and Queens, where she oversaw an organization of 102 branch locations.

Grasso is active in the community where she lives and works, and serves on the board of the American Kidney Fund, chair of the Hofstra University Zbar Business School Alumni Association and a former chair of United Way of Long Island’s Board of Directors, an organization she has been involved with for nearly two decades. She is a former chair of the Retail Banking Division Committee of the New York Bankers Association.

Numerous charitable organizations have benefited from Grasso’s leadership and support throughout the years. Indeed, as an advocate of volunteerism, she has committed her time and energy to an array of charities that contribute to the betterment of society, including the March of Dimes, Long Island Care, the Help of Long Island, Women’s Fund of Long Island, the American Cancer Society, Long Island Association for AIDS Care and the Long Island Network of Community Services.

Grasso was honored by the United Way of Long Island with the Anthony J. Stapleton Memorial Live United Champion Award. She has a BBA in Finance from Hofstra University and earned her MBA in Marketing from Adelphi University.
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and to the entire Hall of Fame Class of 2021
Bryan Gray, Team Mission United Runner

After serving in the U.S. Army for six years, Bryan enthusiastically joined United Way of Long Island's Team Mission United with the goal of running 26.2 miles in the NYC Marathon, and at the same time raising funds for veterans.

Following his graduation from the Merchant Marine Academy in 2000, Bryan was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado, where he served as a platoon leader. His Brigade was designated as Afghanistan in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2004 and remained overseas for more than a year. When the unit was deployed again, he stayed on in rear command of the unit's rear detachment.

"I always wanted to serve. That was something important to me when I applied to the Merchant Marine Academy," Bryan said. "That was a goal of mine. Overall, it was a really great experience. I made the service and I miss the people. It's something I really value in terms of my experience in life."

Through fundraising for veterans, Bryan is giving back to a cause that has made a major impact on him. As a lifelong long islander, he knows the impact veterans make in his community as well as anyone.

Now a resident of Huntington Station, Bryan is the Portable Pipeline Director for National Grid. Since his days in the Army, he has remained active through running and triathlon. He previously raised funds for a veteran organization as part of the Bear Chase Race, a 30K trail run through Bear Creek Lake Park in Colorado. Bryan also completed the Kanab Memorial 50K March – a 31.3 mile race completed with a 45 pound pack – in New Mexico.

Bryan's prior running and service endeavors stretch from coast to coast, but this year, he took aim at the marathon in his own backyard. Bryan's mother has run the New York City Marathon multiple times in support of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, while his brother ran it shortly after graduating from college.

The New York City Marathon has always been in the back of Bryan's mind. Now, he ran it for a cause that has shaped his life.
Columbus Ave. principal crosses finish line

For the 30th time, Freeport resident Alma Rocha crossed the finish line in the TCS NYC Marathon — and for the third time as a member of United Way of Long Island’s Team Mission United.

At the same time, she raised over $2,100 in support of the not-for-profit’s veterans programs.

United Way of Long Island was named an Official Charity Partner of the 2021 TCS New York City Marathon, which took place on November 7.

Theresa A. Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island, said this was the sixth year the not-for-profit has been invited to join the race under Team Mission United.

“United Way of Long Island is pleased to once again be named an official charity partner of the 2021 TCS New York City Marathon,” Regnante said. “We were so proud to cheer on Alma and all of the members of Team Mission United on their journey to the iconic finish line as they raised important funds to benefit Long Island veterans.”

United Way’s Team Mission United is a dedicated group of athletes who run to help over 95,000 veterans and military families on Long Island.

Mission United is a critical initiative of United Way of Long Island that focuses on supporting veterans’ services. This includes the areas of employment readiness and training, emergency financial assistance, case management, and housing development.

Alma, Team Mission United runner

Rocha, now 56, joined 12 other runners on Team Mission United. As a runner, she brought with her many years of experience. At age 26, she immigrated to New York City from Mexico City. It was then that she ran her first New York City Marathon, and she has run every year since.

Running provides a way to clear her mind and create solutions as an elementary school principal, Rocha said.

“Our school district is delighted to see Alma run in the 2021 TCS New York City Marathon. Alma is passionate about giving back to the veterans who served our country, and we are proud to support her,” said Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Superintendent of Freeport Public Schools and United Way of Long Island board member.

Rocha herself was inspired by veterans from her earliest days in the United States.

“The first time I ran the Long Island Half Marathon,” she said, “was the first time I saw veterans running with just one limb. In Mexico, [where I grew up] war was something far from me. So when I ran the half marathon, the impact that it had on me was significant. ... I thought, if they have the courage to do this, why can’t I?”

Rocha runs the marathon specifically to raise funds in support of those who selflessly served. She ran, she said, “Not for recognition but to contribute.”

The 2021 Team Mission United runners collectively have raised over $31,000 for United Way of Long Island’s veterans programs. Leading sponsors include the AARP, BottomLine Technologies, Hiram Cohen & Sons Insurance, National Grid, New York Community Bank Foundation and Royal Star Associates.

To help Alma and her teammates continue their fundraising efforts visit: www.unitedwayli.org/teammisionunited [1]

About United Way of Long Island

United Way of Long Island advances the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on three key building blocks: health, education, and financial stability.

It is United Way’s priority to create equity across Long Island by investing in partnerships, helping the most vul-
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- **Wednesday, April 14** B7  Safe at Home  $11,712.80 (Sergio)
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- **Wednesday, Oct 27** B16  Emergency Financial Assistance  $11,712.80 (Lily)
- **Thursday, Nov 11** A41  Team Mission United  $11,712.80 (TMU)
- **Thursday, Dec 23** A17  Emergency Rental Assistance Program  $11,712.80 (Dina)

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United Way’s Safe At Home for Seniors alleviates the stress of our neighbors who are alone and sheltering-in-place. United Way along with its Community Partners is helping senior citizens gain access to health resources and support services so they can remain in the comfort and safety of their home.

Sergio gives a thumbs up for your support!

United Way has provided relief and services to over 10,000 seniors across Long Island.

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This Memorial Day join us as we remember and honor our heroes

Mission United is a critical funding source for programs and services supporting Long Island veterans like Vicente and their families.

“Thank you United Way for all of your support especially during this difficult time. I am grateful to have received emergency heating assistance and your help in getting vaccinated so I can now stay safe for my family and neighbors.”

– Vicente, US National Guard veteran

Mission United is supported in part by Bob Woodruff Foundation, The Knapp Swezey Foundation and The Lawrence Foundation.
Tomorrow’s future lies within the hands of today’s young adults.

Robert, a United Way scholarship recipient, is discovering his passion for arts and activism, with a double major in Drama and Africana Studies at New York University. With your help, we can continue to fulfill the educational dreams of students across Long Island.

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Most recently, the effects of the pandemic hit her family very hard, as her husband Winston, a U.S. Army veteran lost his job. Even through all of these challenges, Lily continues to have a bright outlook on the future, especially for her young son.

After finding out about Lily’s struggles, United Way took immediate action by helping pay some of her bills, as well as groceries through its Emergency Financial Assistance Fund. With your generosity we can continue to be there for Lily, as well as all Long Islanders. www.unitedwayli.org
Congratulations to Team Mission United for running 26.2 miles and crossing the finish line on Sunday, November 7, 2021 in support of Long Island veterans.

These dedicated athletes, including five members of the team who are either veterans or active duty, made it their personal mission to raise awareness and funds to help veterans like Vicente, who served in the U.S. National Guard. 

Long Island is home to over 90,000 Long Island veterans. As we celebrate veterans this month, join the race to help provide our local heroes with the services they need and deserve through Mission United.

United Way of Long Island’s Mission United is a critical funding source providing essential programs and resources to the men and women who served our country with dignity and pride. We thank you!

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Hardship can strike at any time without warning, leaving families vulnerable and at risk of losing their most valuable possessions, including a safe haven called home. This is exactly what happened to Dina and her six-year-old daughter.

After experiencing significant challenges over the past year due to loss of work, Dina found herself unable to maintain financial stability and was inches away from being homeless if not for discovering the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. She was more relieved to learn that United Way of Long Island would help her navigate through the entire complex process. When she received the great news of being approved, she knew her holiday miracle had come true.

Please share your generosity this season so we can continue to create miracles for more families who are struggling. This includes providing heat to stay warm, food on the table or other basic needs...we thank you!

See Dina’s video story at: unitedwayli.org/DINA

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Congratulations Team Mission United for braving 26.2 miles in the 2021 TCS NYC Marathon... and for raising over $30K in support of Long Island veterans. You are our heroes and we are so proud!

Prior to the big race on October 20th, Team Mission United gathered with Sponsors, Cindy Krezel from NYCB Foundation, Alanna Russo from National Grid, United Way Board Chair Alexander Bateman, United Way Staff and special guests Vicente Guzman, a National Guard veteran and his wife Monica.

The meet and greet started with a wonderful barbecue meal graciously donated by Texas Roadhouse. Team Mission United introduced themselves and Vicente spoke to the runners about his struggles and the support he has received through various United Way programs. His heartfelt pride and humble and gracious words moved everyone in the room; this was evident by the tears and words expressed by the runners. View the video at: https://www.unitedwayli.org/mission-united

Thank You to All Our Team Mission United Sponsors
For over ten years, United Way of Long Island has been transforming the lives of young people across the region through YouthBuild.

The program allows young people to obtain their High School Equivalency Diploma, vocational training, and employment opportunities. YouthBuild serves participants in Hempstead, Central Islip and Brentwood.

Beginning with Mental Toughness, a week-long orientation 75 young people participated with in-person instruction, field trips to Albany for Advocacy Day, meeting locally with their elected officials, company tours, and networking events. March 15, 2020, the world and YouthBuild paused due to the global pandemic turning the program virtual like many things at that time.

The staff worked around the clock to check on participants, figure out learning platforms, and continue to offer the same level of engagement they had in-person. New learning tools would be received, and they made it work. YouthBuild teamed up with Suffolk Community College for TASC preparation, Google classroom, and Zoom for the afternoon sessions; the youth had access to an open zoom room where they could log in. A staff person would be notified and logged in and chat with that young person(s).

Subsequently, two more cohorts were launched and Mental Toughness for both cohorts was held virtually. The young people who graduated were a blend of all cohorts from 2019 to 2021 and exemplify resilience and grit. They demonstrate the 7 C’s of Resilience: Competence, Character, Confidence, Connection, Contribution, Coping, and Control. When they could have done and become anything, they decided to become YouthBuilders, and we are very proud of each of them.
Thank You to All Our Supporters

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United Way of Long Island’s Virtual Salute and Recognition Ceremony, held on June 16, raised $25,000 to support Long Island families who have been affected by COVID-19.

The virtual event, sponsored by Clare Rose, Inc. honored more than 275 local workforce heroes spanning across a range of industries who made life brighter and easier to manage during the pandemic. Family, friends, colleagues and neighbors submitted their hero(es) to be recognized for acts of kindness, courage and compassion, and/or how they were supportive during this extraordinarily challenging time. Honorees received a Certificate of Recognition, and their photos and stories are featured on United Way’s Wall of Heroes.

Nearly 400 guests from a variety of sectors, including healthcare, education, labor unions, nonprofit, retail, restaurant, food grocery, public service, small business and more joined United Way to acknowledge these champions.

United Way of Long Island received $250,000 from Bank of America to pilot a new workforce development program ‘Power Up Wind, Solar & Renewables.’ The training will lay the foundation and create a pathway for participants, focused on culturally diverse young adults, to secure careers in the renewable energy industry. It will simultaneously advance economic mobility, as well as help shape the future of employment in our region’s energy sector.

‘Power Up Wind, Solar & Renewables’ will operate out of United Way’s state-of-the-art E3 SmartBuild Training Center, complete with a portable prototype wind turbine. With a 50-hour education curriculum and internships, participants will receive the required technical, functional and soft skills that will lead to employment in the renewables and green construction sectors.

Key to the success of the program will be the integration of training and on-the-job work experiences. Through partnerships with leaders in the green industry, engaging field trips, tours and onsite visits will be critical to allowing participants to gain knowledge and insight into the multitude of career opportunities that are available.

Photo Caption: Bob Isaksen, President of Bank of America Long Island, (front, 4th from right) is joined by industry officials, union members, policy makers and corporate supporters to announce the launch of Power Up, Wind, Solar & Renewables Career Training. Front row (l to r) Amy Engel, Manager of Environmental and Community Engagement Brookhaven National Lab; YouthBuild participants - Daniel Cuevas, Alexander Pink, Nasheem Nero, Marilyn Castro and Ashley Denis; Isaksen; Dave Calone, CEO, Jove Equity Partners LLC, United Way Board Member; Mathew Aracich, President, Building & Construction Trades Council of Nassau & Suffolk Counties, United Way Board Member; Rick Wertheim, SVP Housing, United Way; Middle Row (l to r) George Gorman, Jr, Regional Director, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Daniel Lloyd, Founder and President, Minority Millennials, Inc; Alexander Bateman, Partner, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C.; United Way Board Chair; John Brooks, NY State Senator; Theresa Regnante, President and CEO, United Way; Darryl Clark, Corporate Vice President, Wallace Eannace; John Guadagno, President, IBEW Local 25; Adam Hersch, Director Sales & Marketing, Wallace Eannace; Imran Ansari, Long Island Federation of Labor; Andrea Bonilla, Long Island Director, Workforce Development Institute; Gretshaida Guelee, YouthBuild Job Developer, United Way; Jean-Pierre Lardoux, Principal Architect, Fusion Architecture; Top Row (l to r) David Pollicino, Manager of Energy Services, Cameron Engineering & Associates; Nene Alameda; YouthBuild Workforce Development, United Way; Kathleen Wisnieski, National Grid, Manager of Community and Customer Management; Aster Mehreteab, President and CEO, Leadership Training Institute; Steve Muzyka, Director of Training, United Way; Dennis Galvam, Manager – Outreach Planning for Strategic Projects, Eversource Energy – Offshore Wind; Brian Tymann, Assistant Development Manager, Long Island Markets, North East Offshore – Ørsted; Marc Herbst, Executive Director, Long Island Contractors Association; Michael Deering, Sr. Advisor, Long Island Power Authority; and Craig Fligstein, Chief Grant Officer, United Way.
Robert Isaksen, President, Bank of America Long Island, “Bank of America is committed to accelerating the transition to a low-carbon, sustainable economy. By supporting the United Way of Long Island’s latest initiative, participants will gain valuable education and work experience to put them on a better path to having a successful career and help build a more sustainable, clean energy community for Long Islanders.”

Tom Falcone, Chief Executive Officer of LIPA said, “New York is on our way to achieving a 100 percent carbon-free electric grid by 2040 and increasing renewable energy sources to 70 percent. This new workforce development program will help to prepare the next generation for growing careers in the green energy economy.”

Dennis Galvam, Manager – Outreach Planning for Strategic Projects, at Eversource - Offshore Wind, acknowledged, “On behalf of Sunrise Wind and South Fork Wind we want to thank the Bank of America for investing in the ‘Power Up Wind, Solar & Renewables’ workforce development program. We are excited to work with our friends at the United Way of Long Island to help prepare a workforce for the clean energy future.”

The grant will provide training for 100 students including youth, veterans, unemployed workers and those seeking new careers leading to employment in the offshore wind industry (OSW), renewable/sustainable, smart grid and green construction industries. Harnessing the talent of “opportunity youth” (ages 18 - 24), ‘Power Up Wind, Solar & Renewables’ will interface United Way’s YouthBuild program as an on-the-job training site for young adults.

Rosalie Drago, Commissioner of Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing & Consumer Affairs said, “We welcome this project which collaborates at regional and local levels to address challenges to job connectivity, economic self-sufficiency and equal access to training opportunities for vulnerable individuals who attend United Way’s YouthBuild program. The project seeks to eliminate barriers to skilled employment which we believe is a key component in addressing economic inequality.”

Theresa A. Regnante, President and CEO of United Way of Long Island noted the importance of increasing access to opportunities for individuals from priority populations, “We are grateful to Bank of America for this generous grant, as it helps us break down barriers for diverse communities to gain employment. This is especially important as New York State continues its commitment to increasing renewable energy sources.”

Roger Clayman, Executive Director of Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO commented, “United Way’s new training program will be a great benefit to the workforce by providing intensive learning in entry level technology career roles. The program will create programs that help people from all backgrounds and experience levels gain skills to pursue rewarding careers in the fast-growing renewable and green construction industry. We believe many of the individuals who benefit from this program will move into long-lasting careers that will strengthen our communities.”

Matthew Cohen, President and CEO, Long Island Association said, “Long Island continues to become the offshore wind capital of the country, which will spur economic growth and create good-paying jobs to help keep young people here. Bank of America’s investment will allow the United Way to prepare a diverse population for careers in this burgeoning industry, maximizing the benefits of the planned wind farms off our coast.”

To learn more about United Way’s green and renewable energy building models, visit www.unitedwayli.org.
Robert B. Read, a native of West Islip and veteran broadcast journalist who served as Senior Producer of INSIDE EDITION’s award-winning Investigative Unit as well as a Managing Editor for the program’s overall coverage, died unexpectedly on January 9, 2021 due to complications from COVID-19.

Under Read’s direction, the Investigative Unit consistently produced a variety of hard-hitting reports that earned many of journalism’s highest honors including the prestigious George Polk Award, the Investigative Reporters and Editors Medal, the National Press Club Award and Sigma Delta Chi Award.

Read began his journalism career at ABC News “20/20,” where during his eight-year tenure he produced a variety of news, features and investigative reports.

Robert’s work ethic and leadership were incomparable. He was a mentor and role model to so many. Each day Robert chose happiness and generously shared his joy with others. His ideal day was on the boat with family and friends dancing to reggae... a cool drink in hand, feeling the sun on his face with a smile in his heart. Robert worked hard, played hard and loved so deeply. Robert’s legacy lives on in his wife, children, family and friends.

To honor Robert’s legacy, his family has established the Robert B. Read Memorial Fund, which provides emergency financial assistance to Long Island families impacted by COVID-19. The Fund provides a means for these families with children and seniors sheltering-in-place to afford the critical basic needs.

To date the fund has raised over $48,000.
PROGRAMS
**UNited Together: A Response Fund for COVID-19**

- **10,000** unemployed individuals were assisted through our Emergency Gift Card program
- **900** HEPA Air Purifiers were installed in the homes of seniors
- **7,500** PPE kits containing masks, hand sanitizer and other essential items were distributed to Long Islanders
- **2,000** gift cards were granted to families with newborns for baby essentials through Born United
- **5,000** meals and take home meal kits were distributed to frontline healthcare responders
- **10,000** seniors were helped through our Safe At Home for Seniors initiative by connecting seniors with critical resources, grocery shopping, transportation, financial counseling and more

United Way has initiated You Call the Shots, a program to reverse vaccine hesitancy, along with Ride United which provides free transportation to and from vaccination appointments.

**Access to Health**

- **444,706** individuals participated in physical activity and/or healthy food access/nutrition program
- **65,890** units of service
- **84,330** individuals gained access to health care services and supports
- **44,311** individuals received prescription discounts through United Way’s Single Care program

Ryan White Part A and MAI combined

- **1,779** unduplicated clients
- **65,890** units of service

**Ryan White Part A COVID Numbers of service for food**

- **633** clients using
- **3,951** units of service

**Educational Success**

- **22,640** children ages 0-5 enrolled in early childhood programs
- **4,046** children received literacy support in grades K-3
- **153** individuals received college enrichment scholarships through United Way’s DREAMS program
- **65,666** K-12 youth participated in school and/or community based out-of-school time programs and/or receive individualized supports
- **18,351** youth received internships job skills training and gained employment
- **30** YouthBuild students received Multi-Core Curriculum certificates
- **48** YouthBuild students became OSHA Certified
- **28** YouthBuild students received their TASC Diplomas
- **26** YouthBuild students gained Employment Placement
- **7** YouthBuild students participated in Internships
- **17** YouthBuild students passed their Drivers License Tests
- **15** YouthBuild students passed their Learners Permit tests

**Housing & Economic Mobility**

- **2** Homes Completed
- **5** Homes In-Progress
- **7** New Projects In-Development
- **14,847** individuals received job skills training
- **309** veterans received help through United Way projects
- **1200** families received heating emergency grants through United Way’s Project Warmth

**2-1-1 Resource Call Center**

- **16,907** calls handled by United Way’s 211 Long Island helpline
- **294,152** unique visits to the 211 website searchable database for local services

Figures reflect January 2020 - April 2021
you’re invited to take part in the

EQUITY CHALLENGE

take the challenge... make a difference

United Way’s Equity Challenge is a 21-week program that encourages Long Island residents to engage in conversations to gain a deeper understanding about the impact systemic racism and inequity have on our local communities.

Beginning August 28th, to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s ‘I Have A Dream’ speech and concluding on January 17, 2022 in honor of Dr. King’s birthday, each week you will receive an email link with topics and activities. You can do the challenge at your own pace and start at anytime. The activities take approximately 15-20 minutes.

Sign up now and let’s keep the conversation going!
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY

United, we can help create a stronger, more equitable economy and more inclusive community.

For questions about the Equity Challenge contact devera@unitedwayli.org or 631.940.3733

www.unitedwayli.org/equitychallenge
Project Warmth, Long Island’s only non-governmental emergency fuel fund, geared up for another cold winter.

2020-2021 Highlights:

• 1,211 families, which included 847 children, 782 seniors and 1,585 adults received emergency heating assistance from Project Warmth.

• Corporate partner PSEG Long Island included Project Warmth direct mail envelopes in the bills of 800,000 Nassau and Suffolk customers.

• United Way’s direct mail campaign generated revenue from 3,613 donors, a 21% increase from 2020.

• NICE Bus installed Project Warmth bus placards 275 of their buses from December 2020 - March 2021 with an in-kind value of $16,000.
United Way of Long Island joined our partner Nassau Inter-County Express / NICE Bus today to launch ‘Everyone Rides NICE’ along with Nassau County Executive Laura Curran. United Way is working with social service agencies and area colleges, including Long Island FQHC, Inc., New York Institute of Technology and Nassau Community College, to provide clients and students with MetroCards to access to public transportation. This program is critical to Long Islanders like Haile from Uniondale who says “I’m grateful to have these MetroCards because it allows me to travel to my doctor for treatment which is needed 3 times a week.”
United Way of Long Island recently received our 7th Department of Energy Housing Innovation Award. This is our first geothermal residential construction.

This group home is for veterans who are homeless and is operated by the Association of Mental Health and Wellness. It is a high performance home that uses geothermal energy from the earth to help cool and heat the house by using a water source heat pump with a loop drilled into the earth.

The project was a collaboration between NYSERDA, National Grid and United Way to explore the possibility of drilling community loops, meaning neighboring homes connect to the loop for energy where natural gas is not available. The equipment along with the geothermal loop and the installation, was donated by NYSERDA and National Grid.
United Way of Long Island celebrated Earth Day on April 22 with the launch of its ‘Net Zero Energy Challenge’, the pathway to transforming the organization’s headquarters into a building that produces as much energy as it uses. Through the installation and utilization of renewable energy with 576 solar panel modules and air-source heat pumps, United Way will possess one of the largest solar arrays of any not-for-profit commercial building, excluding universities and hospitals, in New York State.

Budgeted at $1.8 million, the Net Zero Energy Challenge encourages stakeholders to invest in a sustainable Long Island:

- The cost savings by using renewable energy will be reinvested into United Way’s core programs and services
- The building will be a live demonstration site for career training opportunities to young adults, veterans, and those looking to replicate the Net Zero Energy project design
- The completed project site will be disaster resilient during extreme weather conditions

Photo Caption: YouthBuild Long Island participants Jordan and Darius hold a solar panel; Rick Wertheim, Senior Vice President, Housing Development, United Way of Long Island; Michael Hults, Partner, Cameron Engineering; Michael Voltz, Director of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, PSEG Long Island; Senator Phil Boyle; David Calone, CEO Jove Equity Partners; member United Way of Long Island Board of Directors and Co-Chair of Net Zero Energy Building Committee; Matt Brown, New Construction Program Manager, NYSERDA; John Bruckner, President, National Grid & member United Way of Long Island Board of Directors; Erika Hill, Owner/Principal Consultant, Vision Street Research & member United Way of Long Island Board of Directors; David Manning, Director, Stakeholder Relations/External Affairs, Brookhaven National Laboratory; Nancy Shamow, Executive Director Ascent School; Robert B. Catell, Chairman of the Board of Stony Brook University’s Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC) and Co-Chair of Net Zero Energy Building Committee; Darryl Clark, Corporate Vice President, Wallace Eannace; Theresa A. Regnante, President & CEO, United Way of Long Island; Town of Babylon Supervisor Rich Schaffer; and YouthBuild Long Island participant Keyshawn.
Power Up! Wind, Solar & Renewables Training program run by United Way of Long Island and supported by Bank of America Charitable Foundation launched its first cohort.

This 4-week program will operate out of United Way’s state-of-the-art E3 SmartBuild Training Center in Deer Park.

Outreach:
Flyers were distributed at events in Hempstead, Freeport and Brentwood. Flyers were also sent to Nassau and Suffolk County community based organizations, Town of Babylon, County Legislators and Suffolk County Department of Labor

Digital:
• Social Media posts on LinkedIn and Facebook
• Email blasts by Suffolk County Department of Labor
• Webinar and Facebook live event with County Legislator Kevan Abrahams, Hempstead

Print:
• Long Island Business News print ad
• Direct mail post card mailed by Legislator Kevan Abrahams to 32,000 residents in Nassau County Legislative District #1
Power Up! Wind, Solar & Renewables Training program finished its first cohort in October 2021, with 17 graduates, the next sessions are scheduled for January, March, April and June of 2022.
Thank you for making Stuff-A-Bus a Success!

Now in its 13th year, United Way of Long Island’s annual Stuff-A-Bus program provides students from least advantaged families with new school supplies, preparing them for their academic studies, building their self-esteem and setting them up for success.

United Way partners with Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. to deliver school supplies generously donated by companies, organizations and individuals across Long Island to local elementary school students. Items were delivered to the following school districts: Amityville, Bay Shore, Brentwood, Central Islip, Freeport, South Country Central and Wyandanch. Additionally, United Way’s Stuff-A-Bus supplies were distributed to the following community partners: ABBA Leadership Center, Ascent School, Faith Mission Inc., Parent-Child Plus, The New York Family Unity Project, TWU Local 252, United Veterans Beacon House, Wyandanch Homes and Property Development Corp., Wyandanch Plaza Association and YouthBuild Long Island. Since its inception in 2008, Stuff-A-Bus has delivered over 990,000 school supplies to 45,000 children.

Thank you for all your help and support!
Principal Sponsors:
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EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

BEHIND ON RENT DUE TO COVID-19?

Town of Brookhaven Emergency Rental Assistance Program Can Help

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program assists households behind on their rent that have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. The program can provide temporary rental assistance and assistance with unpaid utility bills.

- This program can pay up to 12 months of past due rent and up to 3 months of future rent
- For some households, this program can pay up to 12 months of overdue electric or gas bills

Program Qualifications

- Must be a resident of Town of Brookhaven, with proof of residency, and residing in the property that is in arrears.
- One of more adults in the household must have qualified for unemployment benefits or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs or experienced other financial hardships due directly to COVID-19.
- Must be able to provide a fully executed rental lease or agreement where the lease is in the Applicant’s name and the Applicant is responsible for monthly rent payments
- Household income must be 80% or below Area Median Income

To Apply:

- brookhavenny.gov/rent
- Scan the QR code
- 211li.org or call 2-1-1, Outside of Nassau & Suffolk counties call 888-774-7633, or contact 631-940-3738

Apply Today!

Funding is provided through the United States Treasury Department.

7.6.2021
The reason why I title this Miracles Do Happen is because a MIRACLE did happen for me and my husband.

My husband and I were afraid of an eviction from our Landlord. We were in arrears even while paying as much as we could, but we never seemed to be able to catch up. We even gave our Stimulus Checks, but we were in so much debt and had a hard time trying to keep up with our bills. My husband one day brought home the Long Island Press Newspaper, saw an Ad titled “Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)”. I called and gave all my required information to New York State in July, but unfortunately, I had no way of faxing over the information that was required to send over to them. I was instructed to find an office who could help me… that’s when I found United Way of Long Island.

We were invited to come to United Way and I presented Sean and Kevin of United Way of Long Island the documents required, rent receipts, our current expenses (bills) lights, fuel, etc. Everyone at the office was very helpful, sympathetic, and understanding of our fears of being evicted. They faxed over the papers to the ERAP program. I followed up with ERAP once every week to see if I was accepted for the program. If any documents were missing, United Way helped me take care of that. Now here comes the MIRACLE, I applied in July and in September received a notice from my Landlord, all arrears of my rent he had received- my grant was sent directly to him.

The landlord received $17,500 plus 3 months in advance in case we fall back. I want to thank the office who helped me send my papers and complete my application. Thank you Sean & Kevin and United Way, we couldn’t have done it without you!
On October 4th, the Town of Hempstead and United Way of Long Island announced the second phase of the Safe at Home for Seniors United Way program in the Town of Hempstead. This new $387,995 grant from the CARES Act will be used for United Way of Long Island to distribute HEPA air filtration units to 500 low-to-moderate income seniors living in the Town of Hempstead.

The unit offers high-level respiratory protection and better air quality for seniors and provide an extra layer of protection to keep seniors safe at home.
The current health crisis poses additional challenges for the elder population - social distancing protects people’s health, but also severs ties to critical resources. Therefore it is essential that we provide access to services and resources to care for our oldest and most fragile homebound members of the community.

Safe At Home for Seniors is a United Way of Long Island managed COVID-19 health and safety outreach program that helps seniors and other vulnerable Long Islanders with a variety of challenges. Bilingual Community Navigators, in partnership with a network of agencies, focus on care and providing linkages to supportive services for seniors so they can remain in the comfort and safety of their homes... where they are best protected while maintaining social relationships. We help them continue to live active and full lives.

Safe At Home for Seniors is a regional partnership in collaboration with the Towns of Babylon, Brookhaven, Hempstead, Huntington and Islip, In an effort to further protect senior citizens from COVID-19 portable medical-grade HEPA air filtration units will be installed in at-risk seniors’ homes.

To date over $1,176,808 has been raised supporting Safe at Home for Seniors
UNITED TOGETHER

With your generous support, United Way has responded to the needs of Long Islanders experiencing unparalleled hardship. Through United Together: A Response Fund for COVID-19 and with a safety net of community partners, thousands of lives have been impacted, including families, individuals, veterans, young mothers with newborns, seniors and healthcare responders. We were able to:

• Assist 10,000 unemployed individuals through our Emergency Gift Card program
• Help seniors by installing over 900 HEPA Air Purifiers in their homes to eliminate the risk of COVID-19
• Distribute over 7,500 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits to Long Islanders containing masks, hand sanitizer and other essential items
• Provide digital technology to less advantaged children in support of in-home learning needs
• Deliver over 5,000 meals and take home meal kits to frontline healthcare responders
• Grant gift cards to nearly 2,000 families with newborns to purchase baby essentials
• Establish the Safe At Home for Seniors program, connecting seniors with critical resources, grocery shopping, transportation to medical appointments, home check screenings, financial counseling and more

United Together is Supported by

Supporters of $75,000 or more listed. For a full list of supporters visit: unitedwayli.org/unitedtogether

United Way of Long Island has received many letters from recipients expressing their sincere gratitude for the help they received:

“I would like to thank all involved with me receiving a HEPA air filter. As a US Air Force veteran with disabilities, it has improved how well I sleep at night and with congestion that I had in the morning.”
– Glenda, US Air Force Veteran of Hempstead

“I am so happy and appreciative for everybody that came through to help us. My mother-in-law is 103 years old and we’re trying to help her, my husband works and I work too, but it’s just so hard during the pandemic. Thank you for your help.”
– Lashawnda of Freeport

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SOCIAL MEDIA
Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and United Way of Long Island’s Donna Horoski joined NICE Bus CEO Jack Khoury at their depot in Garden City to raise awareness for United Way’s Project Warmth Emergency Fuel Fund initiative. The bus placards will be displayed in all 275 NICE buses throughout the winter season.

As Long Island’s only non-governmental, island-wide emergency fuel fund, Project Warmth is a safety net for financially struggling individuals and families who are ...

National Grid Foundation has kicked off 2021 by helping LI children, families and seniors Shelter-at-Home due to COVID-19 this winter through United Way’s Project Warmth. unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth
United Way’s Safe At Home for Seniors initiative is in full swing. Along with our community partners and the towns of Hempstead, Brookhaven, Islip, Babylon and Huntington we’ve been delivering food, PPE and other essential items to seniors throughout the health crisis. In addition we rolled out delivery of HEPA air filters to those most at-risk seniors in our community. These filters capture particles and other allergens in the home, lowering the risk profile for some of our ... See more

Thank you to National Grid Foundation for your continuous support of United Way’s Project Warmth Emergency Fuel Fund and recent initiative, Safe at Home for Seniors. Project Warmth is Long Island’s only non-governmental, island-wide emergency fuel fund which acts as a safety net for financially struggling individuals and families who are unable to pay their heating bill. Safe At Home for Seniors helps seniors and other vulnerable Long Islanders with a variety of challenges wh... See more
With snowstorms and frigid temperatures, United Way’s Project Warmth acts as a safety net for financially struggling individuals and families who are unable to pay their heating bill. People like Deborah now have room in their budgets to cover essentials like food or medication, saying: “I want to Thank You All for your help with this bill. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Everything is going up and buying groceries is a challenge and I do not receive and food assistance or food stamps and have to buy everything with cash. So again I deeply appreciate your assistance in this matter.”

For more information on Project Warmth call 2-1-1 or visit www.211lif.org. To contribute to Project Warmth visit: www.unitedway.org/projectwarmth

The relentless bitter cold weather adds to the challenges that so many Long Islanders are facing. Lasheownda of Freeport welcomed the Project Warmth delivery truck to fill up her tank courtesy of an Project Warmth grant (energy neutral). Thanks to our partners, we will be able to help over 1000 families this winter season. If you or someone you know needs help, call 2-1-1. To join our list of supporters, visit www.unitedway.org/projectwarmth.

Thank you... National Grid Foundation, National Grid, PSEG Long Island, Capital One, Carbo Industries, Esquire Bank, NYS Energy Coalition, Northville Industries, Citi, Eversource Energy, Meenan, Petro Home Services, Sweezy Fuel, TriState Capital Bank, UPS
More snow is falling and will linger through tomorrow. This can lead to dangerous situations, especially for families with young children and the elderly. If you or someone you know cannot pay their heating bill, call 2-1-1 TODAY. Project Warmth grants are available through March. Call 2-1-1 it’s the place to turn for help when the temperature drops.

Thank you National Grid Foundation, National Grid, PSEG Long Island, Petro Home Services

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A drop in temperature means the thermostat goes up. Yet too often working families, like those of Lashawnda who cares for her grandson and 103 year old mother-in-law, struggle to afford to keep their homes warm in cold weather.

If you or someone you know cannot pay their heating bill, call 2-1-1 today. Project Warmth grants are available through March.

Thank you to our longstanding partners National Grid Foundation and PSEG Long Island, along with our other supporters for making this program possible. Give the gift of warmth at www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth.
Congrats to the graduates of United Way of Long Island’s Next Generation Home Construction Course! These students gained proficiency in Building Science Principles, earned their OSHA certifications, and gained the hands-on skills and knowledge needed to work in the green construction industry. Special thanks to New York State Department of Labor for supporting this program.

For more information about United Way’s housing and career initiatives, visit [www.unitedwayli.org/Housing](http://www.unitedwayli.org/Housing).

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Brentwood High School students received laptops as part of United Way of Long Island’s education initiatives to make remote learning equitable for all students. Says one teacher, “From the smiles through those masks, you can see how excited the students are! What a wonderful opportunity!”

(*Brentwood Union Free School District*).
With the recent arrival of Orsted & Eversource Energy to our region, we thank you for supporting United Way of Long Island’s Project Warmth. Your generous contribution of $10,000 helps families, who are struggling during these difficult times, pay their home energy costs to remain in a safe and heated home this winter. This is just the beginning of our partnership and we look forward to future projects that will positivity impact Long Islanders.

If you or someone you know... See more

Brentwood High School sent a special message to United Way of Long Island for recent emergency financial assistance provided to students’ families, “Thank you to The Robert B. Read Memorial Fund for supporting students who have suffered a family loss during this pandemic...your generosity is critical and we are grateful.”

To learn more about broadcast journalist Robert B. Read, or to make a contribution, visit www.unitedwayli.org/robert-b-read.

Brentwood Union Free School District
Recently released: United Way’s ALICE Report for New York. ALICE represents Long Islanders who are Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, which accounts for 31.5% households in Nassau & Suffolk Counties. Despite earning a regular paycheck, these families earn less than they need to afford a bare-bones household budget and emergency expenses. The Report provides the backstory for why the COVID-19 crisis is having such a devastating impact on our neighbors. Learn the full story at www.unitedway.org/ALICE2020.

Thank you Capital One for your commitment to the health and well-being of Long Islanders. Because of your support, United Way of Long Island can continue helping seniors access healthy food and schedule their COVID-19 vaccines. Learn more at https://bit.ly/3dbKazm.
United Way of Long Island

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This week we were distributing Safe at Home bags filled with PPE items, including face masks and hand sanitizer, to shoppers at Westfield South Shore mall. Together with Bethpage Federal Credit Union we are ensuring our neighbors can stay safe. Learn more about United Way of Long Island’s pandemic response initiatives at www.unitedwayli.org/UnitedSolution.

Town of Babylon @TownOfBabylon • Apr 9

The Town of Babylon has been proud to join with @UnitedWayLI for the “Safe at Home for Seniors” program, which has helped support older adults in our area who have been alone and sheltering-in-place during the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn more, read here: townofbabylon.com/CivicAlerts.as...
A big shout out to the Long Island Insurance Community for raising over $13,000 (and counting!) to support local veterans with Mission United t-shirts and Care Kits. The campaign ends April 30th so join the cause today at https://bit.ly/3mpjoGt

Meet some of the Long Islanders who sent messages of gratitude after receiving PPE and health kits, HEPA air filters and other forms of assistance to remain safe in their homes.

Safe at Home for Seniors alleviates the stress of older adults, who are alone and sheltering-in-place, by connecting them to critical resources. www.unitedwayli.org/safeathome

"I would like to thank all who were involved with me receiving a HEPA air filter. As an Air Force veteran with disabilities, it has improved how well I sleep at night and with congestion that I had in the morning."
What a great Earth Day! United Way of Long Island launched its Net Zero Energy Challenge with dignitaries, partners and supporters. Over the next 18 months, our headquarters will be transformed to produce as much energy as it consumes by using renewable energy, including solar panels and high performance air-source heat pumps. The savings in annual energy costs will be invested into the people of Long Island through core programs and services, and career training opportunities...

Volunteers from United Way of Long Island’s workplace campaign partner Brookhaven National Laboratory recently participated in the Town of Islip - Government’s Keep Islip Clean [KIC] Earth Day initiative in Ronkonkoma, working with United Way and our community partner Association for Mental Health and Wellness.

Brookhaven National Lab’s Kayla explains, “In divided times it’s important to stand together. Volunteering is a great way to express gratitude and to stay connected to our community”
YouthBuild Long Island participants recently enhanced their workforce-ready skills through a digital literacy course led by Hempstead-based Spring Board Incubators. Highlights included recognizing legitimate internet resources, techniques for online research, and gaining experience using the Microsoft Office Suite. More info about YouthBuild at www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuildli

United Way of Long Island administers the Nassau-Suffolk HIV Health Services Planning Council, a regional group responsible for coordinating the community response to improving services for people living with HIV and AIDS. Join us for our Virtual Open House this Wednesday 5/19 to learn how you can be part of the process. More info about the Planning Council at https://longislandpc.org/

You are invited to the Nassau-Suffolk HIV Health Services Planning Council's VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 6:00pm-7:00pm
Zoom link: 952 9230 3162 • Passcode: 722107

Did you know that there is a group on Long Island made up of people living with HIV/AIDS, community based agencies, hospital and local leaders that helps to decide what services are funded on LI?

Do you want to have a part in shaping HIV services on Long Island?

Are you interested in improving the quality of services you receive?

We are grateful for The Bountiful Company's colleague-run affinity group, United We Stand, for donating Pure Protein® protein bars that will be distributed to local veterans across Long Island, including those helped through United Veterans Beacon House. #MissionUnited
United Way of Long Island @UnitedWayLI  •  May 10

Thank you @ATT for supporting the upward mobility of our #youth. Your $15,000 contribution is helping United Way’s YouthBuild participants in Hempstead find jobs and succeed in the workforce through educational, leadership and career training. unitedwayli.org/youthbuildli #LiveUnited

United Way of Long Island @UnitedWayLI  •  May 13

We are a proud Bob Woodruff Foundation grant recipient. We are providing emergency financial assistance to #veterans and their families. Follow @stand4heroes to learn more or visit bit.ly/3obZAHo. Together, we’ve #GotYourSix, #LiveUnited
Mothers like Cristel are leading by example. She inspired her three daughters to follow in her footsteps and join the healthcare industry. Together, during the height of the pandemic, they cared for seniors and worked tirelessly to keep those most vulnerable safe and secure. Celebrate this Mother's Day by submitting a photo and telling us how a mom in your life has been a hero during this challenging year - www.unitedwayli.org/wallofheroes.

Heroes will be recognized on June 16 during United Way's Virtual Salute... be sure to join the celebration!

Long Islanders from a variety of industries - restaurant, mental health, retail and public service to name a few - showed us their best selves, helping us get through a challenging year. Who is your #WorkforceHero? Submit a photo and tell us why - www.unitedwayli.org/wallofheroes.

Heroes will be recognized on June 16 during United Way's Virtual Salute... be sure to join the celebration!
Thank you New York State Health Foundation for making an impact in the lives of seniors by supporting United Way’s Safe at Home (SAH) for Seniors. Charles of Melville received assistance with the help of a SAH Community Navigator who shopped and delivered his groceries; provided him with new PPE and hygiene products; and scheduled his COVID-19 vaccination appointment.

Your generous grant of $75,000 helped launch this program that is now critical to so many seniors who are isolated or sheltering-in-place. Learn more at www.unitedwayli.org/safeathome.

The skilled trades provide a career path toward financial stability and are vital to the future of our region. In honor of NationalSkilledTradesDay, United Way of Long Island is proud to provide young adults, veterans, and the unemployed with career training opportunities in the trades sectors including electrical, construction, energy, hospitality and more.

Thank you to our labor union partners: IBEW Local 25, IBEW Local 1049, Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW, Suffolk AME; Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO. LICU - Long Island Contractors Association, Building & Const Trades Council of Nassau & Suffolk Counties, AFSCME, CSEA Long Island Region 1, Transport Workers Union Local 252: Opportunities Long Island, Local 406/GCC/Teamsters
It's CSEA Appreciation Day! Let's recognize these #WorkforceHeroes for helping us get through this challenging year. They work in state and local governments, schools, libraries, authorities, and municipalities, as well as in the private sector, providing essential and quality of life services.

Want to recognize a CSEA member who is a Workforce Hero? Submit their photo to United Way's Wall of Heroes and tell us why at www.unitedwayli.org/wallofheroes.

Heroes will be honored on June 16 during our Virtual Salute... be sure to join the celebration!

CSEA Long Island Region 1

CSEA Long Island Region 1 added 19 new photos to the album: CSEA Member Appreciation Day 2021.

May 20

CSEA's 2nd Annual Member Appreciation Day has been a huge success. Thank you to our members for working tirelessly throughout the pandemic to provide New York State with the critical services it needs to run.
We are thankful for #WorkforceHeroes like the security guards of Ridgewood Savings Bank who keep their customers safe and secure throughout this pandemic. Tell us who is your Workforce Hero and why at www.unitedwayli.org/wallofheroes.

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Who is your #WorkforceHero? Tell us at www.unitedwayli.org/wallofheroes.

Workforce Heroes, like the nurses and staff at Long Island FQHC, Inc., have helped us get through this pandemic. Their compassion and work ethic of going above and beyond to care for patients, including administering Covid testing and setting up vaccination sites has made a stronger Long Island.

These heroes and more will be recognized on June 16 during United Way’s Virtual Salute. Be sure to join the celebration!
United Way of Long Island @UnitedWayLI · May 25

Thank you @BrookhavenLab for the research that led to the key building blocks of the COVID-19 vaccine. We are proud to have Brookhaven Lab as a top supporter... they continue to find ways to help Long Islanders. Read the Newsday article

Accidental RNL find key building block for 2 COVID-19 vaccines

Long before anyone knew anything about COVID-19, scientists studying an obscure enzyme at Brookhaven National Laboratory stumbled upon...

@newsday.com

United Way of Long Island @UnitedWayLI · Jun 2

Thank you @nationalgridus for donating 112 boxes filled with sanitizer wipes to United Way, which will be distributed to #veterans and #families across Long Island. Your generosity is keeping our communities #safe. #LiveUnited
United Way of Long Island recently provided gift cards for food assistance—totaling more than $20,000—to The Suffolk Sheriff’s START Resource Center to help justice-involved individuals. We are proud to support Sheriff Toulin and the START program in helping Long Islanders launch their journey to creating a better life for themselves as we remain committed to providing everyone with equal access to resources and basic necessities.

Today is Flag Day! As we commemorate the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States, we honor all those who have served for our freedoms. We’re proud to partner with United Veterans Beacon House to serve those who served. Un... See More
Thank you to all of our 386 Workforce Heroes and guests who joined us for today's Virtual Salute & Recognition Ceremony!

Long Island has been put to the test over the last 15 months, and through it all, your efforts have made a profound impact in our community. Thanks to your generosity, today's Virtual Salute raised funds that will go a long way in helping Long Island families affected by the pandemic... including Lily a retired NYPD officer and her husband Winston, a U.S. Army Veteran. We also observed a moment of silence to remember lives lost to COVID-19.

United Way’s President and CEO, Theresa Regnante was joined by United Way Board Member and Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW President John Durso, as well as lead sponsor Clare Rose, Inc., and the company’s President, Sean Rose.

We are grateful to all of our event sponsors: Long Island FQHC, Inc., Ridgewood Savings Bank, STAR Group, Choice For All, Hispanic Brotherhood, Inc., Gurwin Family of Healthcare Services, Local 282 Teamsters, Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW, Martinelli’s, National Grid, PSEG Long Island, Suffolk County Community College and Woodward Children’s Center.

To help families affected by COVID-19 visit www.unitedwayli.org/virtuosalute
Thank you Amazon.com for your contribution, which is helping veterans like McKay achieve financial stability through career training programs including United Way’s VetsBuild. Because of you, we can continue to serve those who served. More information at www.. See More

Thank you Esquire Bank for supporting families who are struggling as a result of the effects of COVID-19. Because of you, Brentwood High School students in need of access to digital technology received new laptops; seniors sheltering at home received assistance with managing everyday tasks and scheduling their COVID-19 vaccines; and families struggling to pay their utilities were provided with fuel grants so they could stay warm during the cold winter months. www.unitedwayli.org/UnitedSolution
With Memorial Day on Monday, we are reminded of the men and women who served our country with honor. The Long Island Insurance Community (LIIC) recently raised $20,000 in support of United Way and our community partners to provide veterans and military families with emergency financial assistance, career training, as well as vital case management services. The LIIC joined United Way at the Northport VA Medical Center to gift 1,000 Mission United T-Shirts and Care Kits filled with PPE, hygiene and snack items to veterans across our region. A shout-out to Bethpage Federal Credit Union for their donation of the Care Kits.

Join us for Healthy Homes Month as we share stories of creating houses that are good for the environment and promote the well-being of its residents. YouthBuild participants will be gaining field experience at one of United Way’s newest healthy, energy-efficient constructions in Central Islip. They will receive hands-on training throughout the building process, including their recent lesson in reading blueprints, construction math and using a laser level. Learn the element of a healthy home at www.unitedwayli.org/healthyhomes
United Way of Long Island and Lyft are making it easy for you to get to your vaccination appointments. Residents participating in Ride United receive free Lyft rides via a code, up to $25 each way, to and from vaccination appointments located in Nassau or Suffolk Counties. Riders must download the Lyft app on a supported device and have an active Lyft account.

If you or someone you know needs transportation to a vaccine site, you can request a free or discounted ride at www.unitedwayli.org/rideunited. You can also contact 211 Long Island by dialing 2-1-1, or outside of Nassau and Suffolk Counties dial 1-888-774-7633, 7 days a week, or visit www.211longisland.org.

#GetVaccinated #LiveUnited

We’re pleased to welcome Bank of America Student Leaders to United Way of Long Island for the summer. Samara and Michael are working in the Community Impact department to assist in outreach efforts addressing vaccination hesitancy and expanding access. More information on United Way’s work at www.unitedwayli.org/ourwork.
A BIG THANK YOU to Title Sponsor Bethpage Federal Credit Union, along with the hundreds of generous supporters of the Live UNITED Celebration. What a successful collaboration of Long Island businesses, labor, organizations, including the Long Island Insurance Industry (LIIC) and individuals in support of helping our neighbors. What a great day! More photos to come... https://www.unitedwayli.org/2021LIVEC8elebration

Check out the Northwell Health Nurses Choir video, who shared... See More
Thank you Bank of America for awarding United Way with a $75,000 grant supporting the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). The program provides high school and college students from diverse Long Island communities, with paid internships and hands-on career training. Nearly 30 students, ages 14-23, were employed with 29 non-profit host agencies in communities throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties this summer. For their Community Service Project, the students loaded up 2... See More

Registration is now open for Power Up, Wind Solar and Renewables, United Way of Long Island’s workforce development program for those seeking new careers in the offshore wind industry, renewable / sustainable, smart grid, and green construction industries. The program is FREE and the first class of 20 students will begin on October 11th. Seating is limited so act today.
Register Here: https://www.unitedwayli.org/powerupcareertraining
#renewables #careers #training #sust... See More

Take your first step towards a Career in Renewable Energy!
Enroll today in Power Up Wind, Solar & Renewables, a FREE United Way of Long Island training program and certification that will help you secure a career in the renewable energy industry.

Our 4 Week Program Includes:
• Introduction to Wind Turbines and Renewables
• EEBA* Entry Level Certification
• Online and In-Person Training
• Assistance with job placement

This program is FREE of charge and our first session begins October 11, 2021. Enrollment is limited so act now.
Scan the QR Code to register or submit your application at: unitedwayli.org/powerupcareertraining
Theresa Regnante, President and CEO of United Way of Long Island invites you to participate in an open discussion with Elaine Gross, President of ERASE Racism.

Join us for A CONVERSATION ABOUT EQUITY on OCTOBER 14 from 11am-12pm. Be a part of this virtual dialog relating to the 21-Week Equity Challenge, and how the topics and activities are making an impact on your perspectives.

Register for the "21-Week Equity Challenge" www.unitedwayli.org/equitychallenge... See More

Congratulations to the 2021 graduating class of Youthbuild Long Island...you did it! Even through this challenging year, blending in-person and remote learning, you have created a solid foundation leading to your next phase of your journey...and that is to secure a successful career. Check out the graduation ceremony www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuild-long-island.

Employers are you seeking young, eager and ready to work employees in the following industries... offshore wind, solar a... See More
It's been 13 years, and even through the pandemic, Stuff-A-Bus, in partnership with Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., is still going strong and helping young students succeed. Thanks to sponsors including AT&T, The Banyan Tree Roots Foundation and United Capital Source Inc., as well as companies, labor unions and individuals who donated funds and/or supplies... several buses were loaded up with much needed items and delivered to schools to be distributed to thousands of ch... See more

Power Up! A Wind, Solar & Renewables Training, a United Way of Long Island program, supported by Bank of America Charitable Foundation recently launched its first cohort. This 4-week program operates out of our state-of-the-art E3 SmartBuild Training Center in Deer Park, but on days like today the class gets to venture out...

With the winds in full gale yesterday, the Power Up! class visited the Town of Hempstead's Department of Conservation and Waterways in Point Lookout. ... See more
Thank you United Way Board Member Paul Fleishman for sharing your knowledge and expertise with the YouthBuild participants through “Presenting Yourself” Workshop. The attendees gained valuable tips and techniques that will help them craft thoughtful messaging and most important, build their confidence when speaking in front of groups. www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuild

Nurses on Long Island and nationwide have been widely heralded as heroic frontline workers, providing crucial care and saving lives. Now deserving nursing students are getting a helping hand themselves through United Way of Long Island’s DREAMS for Youth scholarship program; dedicated to providing financial help for higher education. United Way provided twenty students $1,000 scholarships who are enrolled in the nursing programs at Suffolk County Community College and Nassau Community College.

For the 2021/2022 academic year, United Way of Long Island awarded 59 Scholarships to students from Nassau and Suffolk Counties. For more information about the United Way’s Scholarship programs, visit www.unitedwayli.org/scholarships
Congratulations to our President and CEO, Theresa A. Regnante, and all of the honorees at Abba Leadership of Hempstead's Annual Appreciation Banquet.

This year's honorees were all recognized for their commitment and support for the residents of Hempstead Village and included, Candace Holley from Caring Hearts, Rodney Grayson from CPP, Antonio Kelley from Pichalis Media and Ivan Carmona, Owner of Mario Polias Restaurant. Thank you for everything you all do for the Village of... See more.

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Congratulations Team Mission United for braving 26.2 miles in yesterday’s NYC Marathon ... and for raising over $30K in support of Long Island veterans. You are our heroes and we are so proud! #tcsnycmarathon
Elijah enrolled in YouthBuild Long Island in October 2019 and exceeded as a participant by earning several certifications, including CPR/AED, Osha-10, Osha-30, and (MC3) Multi-Craft Core Curriculum. While his apprenticeship with Opportunities Long Island was delayed due to the pandemic, he completed the program and has forged forward. He is now employed with the Ironworkers Union working at Lincoln Center in New York City...BRAVO! For information on YouthBuild visit: www.unitedw.org.
Thank you to CPI Aero for showing your support of Long Island veterans by wearing your United Way Mission United T-shirts on Veterans Day. We salute you! #VeteransDay2021 #MissionUnited. To support Mission United visit: unitedwayli.org/missionunited

Today is #GivingTuesday2021. Please make a contribution today in support of United Way to help us continue our mission of helping Long Islanders, including Dina, a single mother of a five-year-old, watch her video story... www.unitedwayli.org/dina
Thank You

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