MISSION UNITED supports the men and women who served our country as they transition from military to civilian life.

www.unitedwayli.org/missionunited

“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.”

General George Washington, 1789

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Nassau & Suffolk Counties are home to 14% of all Veterans in NY State (678,833)*.

* per 2018 US Census data
Saluting Our Soldiers: Your Dollars Impacting Our Veterans

United Way of Long Island’s Mission United initiative supports programs that serve Long Island’s military, veterans and their families in the areas of case management, career training and emergency financial assistance.

PARTNER AGENCIES

Association for Mental Health & Wellness:
631.924.8088 ext. 1503
Provides supportive case management connecting veterans to available services and emergency financial assistance.

Family Service League: 631.650.2182
Provides emergency aid to financially struggling military personnel, veterans and their families.

Make It Count Foundation: info@makeitcountfoundation.org
Provides resources for Optimal Housing, Education and Health.

Mental Health Association of Nassau County:
516.489.2322 ext. 1202
Provides supportive case management connecting veterans to available services and emergency financial assistance.

United Veterans Beacon House: 631.665.1571
Provides supportive case management and emergency financial assistance. Screens and enrolls veterans in United Way’s VetsBuild job training program.

Advancing in the Ranks

Romann served two tours, totaling seven years, in the U.S. Navy – one world tour and one West Pacific tour – before entering the U.S. Navy Reserves and serving an additional tour in Kuwait. Having traveled the globe, Romann was accustomed to spending limited time with his family. However, during his deployment, Romann’s wife gave birth to their firstborn. Being away for the birth and infancy of his daughter was heartbreaking, but he continued his duties to serve his country.

In 2013, Romann graduated VetsBuild. The occasion marked not only a milestone for personal achievement, but also a family milestone - his second daughter was born a couple of weeks prior and the VetsBuild graduation marked Romann’s first family outing as a unit of four. Thereafter, he entered the construction industry installing residential and commercial solar panels. Capitalizing on the technical skills and networks he created while in VetsBuild, Romann transitioned into a new job as an OSHA safety officer.

Most significantly, Romann notes that VetsBuild helped him gain a job with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as a federal grounds caretaker. He credits the skills he learned in VetsBuild with giving him the edge on his resume to land the job, in particular his OSHA Certification and ability to read blueprints. Three years later, he is still employed at the VA and is flourishing. He lives happily with his wife and two daughters, now ages 5 and 11.

He is the 2019 John Kominicki Memorial Rising Star Scholarship Recipient in recognition of his integrity, perseverance and commitment to advancing his education and leadership skills. This Scholarship recognizes an individual who, like John Kominicki, displays excellence in leadership and a zest for learning.

Romann was promoted in October 2019 to Administration Officer within the VA and will be relocating to Baton Rouge, LA.

For more information on veterans resources, visit the “Veteran Support Services” section of www.211longisland.org or call 2-1-1 (1.888.794.7633)
MISSION UNITED is a critical funding source for programs supporting United States military veterans and their families as they transition to civilian life. MISSION UNITED focuses on case management and emergency financial aid, career training and employment and connection to available local resources. The need for these services is particularly significant on Long Island where more than 95,000 veterans live.

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

Veteran Resources are available through 211LI.org, United Way’s online resource to find information on a wide array of local services especially for veterans. Together with our supporters, United Way of Long Island’s MISSION UNITED is helping our local heroes write the next chapter of their journey, as their service to their country comes to an end. www.unitedwayli.org/missionunited
There are hundreds of Long Islanders in need of essential human care services everyday, but people often don’t know where to turn. If you or a loved one needs immediate assistance, United Way of Long Island can help. Dial 2-1-1 (or toll free at 1-888-774-7633) to reach the 2-1-1 Call Center. A trained call specialist will help assess your needs and refer you to the most appropriate community resources in up to 200 languages. Just dial 2-1-1.

Connect to such services as:

- Job Training
- Family Counseling
- Education and Training
- Food Assistance
- Health Services
- Heating Assistance
- Legal aid
- Child Care
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Senior Services

The 2-1-1 Long Island database is a free, online directory of health and human service agencies and programs on Long Island – services for children, teens, adults, veterans, families and seniors in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties. With detailed information on over 10,000 community resources. Visit www.211longisland.org.

Do You Need Help?

For more information on 2-1-1 Long Island, contact:

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Helping Seniors Stay Safe at Home

- Do you need help with everyday tasks such as stocking up on groceries, ordering meals and prescriptions?
- Are you having trouble coordinating appointments?
- Are you having issues staying in touch with loved ones and are you staying safe?

WE CAN HELP

Safe At Home for Seniors is a new United Way of Long Island managed COVID-19 health and safety outreach program in partnership with a network of agencies. Our Community Navigators will help you to remain in the comfort and safety of your home, where you are best protected while maintaining social relationships. We are here to help you continue to live an active and full life as we all adjust to a “new normal”.

For more information visit: unitedwayli.org/safeathome
ALICE
Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

Working Families Still Struggle

ALICE data identifies the number of working households on Long Island where the family members do not earn enough to meet the very basic needs of housing, food, transportation, health care, taxes and, for families with small children, the cost of child care. Because these struggling families lack sufficient income to cover basic living expenses, they most certainly are not able to save for emergencies, their children’s education, their own retirement or for their future long-term care needs. ALICE households are largely a forgotten population. Their income is above the Federal Poverty Level, so they do not qualify for government assistance programs such as food stamps, housing vouchers or Medicaid. These are the families who have to choose between buying food or paying for heat; who endure periodic homelessness if the rent wasn’t paid; who put off seeing a doctor until they’re forced to visit the emergency room.

- On Long Island, an incredible 26% of households live at ALICE levels.
- ALICE households have no choice but to live paycheck to paycheck.
- In 2016 more than half of Long Island jobs paid less than $20/hour.
- In 2016 on Long Island, 302,988 households, or 33% of all working families, fall below the set income threshold needed to work and live. (American Community Survey Factfinder-US Census).

www.unitedwaylialice.org

For more information on ALICE, contact:

UWNYS compiled the cost of living and income data for every NY county. UWLI uses the ALICE data for Nassau/Suffolk to strategically plan the programs and support it offers to the community.
BeReadyLI.org, a safety collaboration between United Way of Long Island, PSEG Long Island and 2-1-1 Long Island, is a comprehensive online resource aimed at helping Long Island residents prepare before, during, and after disasters. This site compiles, in one place, all of the tools needed to stay safe, including guides to types of disasters, fun and educational Sesame Street videos for children, an interactive quiz, weather map, targeted tips for those with special needs (with ADA compliant viewing tools) and an all-in-one database for need-to-know updates and alerts.

Recognizing that it is crucial for every member of the family to be prepared in case of an emergency, BeReadyLI launched a Children’s Workshop program to help the youngest family members “Be Ready.” The Children’s Workshop is adaptable for both classroom and assembly-style presentations, offered to children aged preschool through 2nd grade. This interactive lesson captures students’ attention by using engaging videos, activities and take-home packets to help them learn and retain the information. Students learn the importance of knowing their full names, recognizing who in the community can help in case of an emergency, knowing their caregivers first and last names, and learning what should go in their ‘go packs.’ Nearly 24,000 students have participated in these workshops since 2017.

www.unitedwayli.org/bereadyli-childrens-workshop
www.bereadyli.org/education/for-kids
The DREAMS for Youth Scholarship Program grants awards in these areas:

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

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

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

For application go to: [www.unitedwayli.org/dreamsforyouth](http://www.unitedwayli.org/dreamsforyouth)

Funded by:
- The Dreams R Us Foundation

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

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YouthBuild Long Island is a signature program of United Way of Long Island, dedicated to changing the path of Long Island’s at-risk young adults by addressing the core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. At YouthBuild, low-income young men and women, ages 16 - 24, work towards their TASC High School Equivalency Diploma while learning essential job skills. Serving young adults from Brentwood, Central Islip and The Incorporated Village of Hempstead.

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

• Building Trades & Weatherization  
• Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)  
• Home Health Aide  
• Food Manager Certification

• Manufacturing  
• Medical Billing & Coding  
• Digital Skills  
• Early Child Care

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

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

United Way of Long Island is an equal opportunity employer and YouthBuild is an equal opportunity program. The YouthBuild Long Island program offers auxiliary aid, services and activities upon request, to individuals with disabilities. The YouthBuild program is federally funded by the United States Department of Labor.

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

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

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

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

- Construction and energy retrofit training at United Way’s E3 SmartBuild Training Center (Energy/Efficiency/Education) in Deer Park
- Basic training in the building sciences of home performance and weatherization in the green industry field
- A 10-hour entry level OSHA certification training
- Introduction to construction site math, tools and blueprints
- Course includes sessions on social media skills, financial literacy, workforce readiness, resume and job search techniques

VetsBuild graduates who intend to work in the Green Construction/Energy field will have an opportunity to apply and interview for subsequent advanced certification classes, such as natural gas HVAC technician, energy auditing and building project management.

unitedwayli.org/vetsbuild

Inaugural Founding Partner: Bank of America
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Project Warmth

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

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

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

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

[www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth](http://www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth)

**Major Sponsors of $10,000 or greater**
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- Northville
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- Flushing Bank
- Petro Home Services
- GHCC
- The Jones Fund for the Support of the Poor
- Carbo Industries
- Connoisseur Media Long Island
- Newsday
- Vale Brothers
- The Horace and Amy Hagedorn Fund
The Opportunities Youth Career Exploration and Access Project equips high school students with the competencies necessary to succeed in today’s workplace through an exploration of career pathways, employment skills and work readiness training. Students participate in the National Work Readiness Curriculum (NWRC), an online career readiness tool in the areas of math, reading and on-the-job skills training. The NWRC provides testing to obtain a nationally recognized credential demonstrating employment readiness to prospective employers. Students who successfully complete the NWRC may apply for competitive paid internships at local nonprofit organizations.

• Learn and explore various career pathways
• Gain meaningful work experience and training
• Begin the transition from school to work
• Work Readiness and Life Skills workshops
• Competitive paid internships available

POTENTIAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:
- Food Pantry Assistant
- Special Events
- Community Outreach
- Office Assistant
- Classroom Aide
- Camp Counselor

REQUIREMENTS: 14-17 years old and open to High School students from Brentwood, Central Islip, N. Bellport and Wyandanch. For internships, students must complete the NWRC and have working papers.

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Healthy Homes

United Way of Long Island’s Healthy Homes Long Island initiative works to build homes that are both good for the environment outside and promotes the well-being of those living inside the home itself, like Jeffrey and his service dog, Romeo. When retrofitting existing homes, or building new ones, United Way’s Housing and Green Building department puts strong emphasis on using sustainable materials that do not deteriorate or cause chronic health concerns, especially asthma in children.

Helping families stay healthy is part of our core mission at United Way of Long Island - which is why our Healthy Homes Long Island initiative works to inform families of the importance of maintaining a home that is not only energy efficient but fosters the well-being of those living inside. We arrange for a certified Long Island professional to conduct a comprehensive Healthy Home Energy Assessment of your home to identify any efficiency or health and safety-related issues your home may have. Visit unitedwayli.org/healthyhomes for more information.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, almost 6 million U.S. homes have moderate to severe physical infrastructure problems - such as water leaks and intrusion; injury hazards; pests; and heating, plumbing and electrical deficiencies. In addition, an estimated 30 million homes have indoor environmental hazards, including physical safety hazards, lead-based paint hazards, and pests.

www.unitedwayli.org/healthyhomes

Supporting Organizations:

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HOPWA is a HUD funded program allowing agencies to purchase and develop energy efficient housing units that provide safe, healthy, affordable and sustainable solutions for low income HIV-positive individuals and families. The towns of Islip and Brookhaven receive the funding and United Way of Long Island administers the HOPWA program for the region.

- HOPWA is a permanent housing solution for low-income and homeless HIV-positive people on Long Island.

- Each housing project meets EPA Energy Star requirements and ZERH requirements, which recognize builders for their leadership in increasing energy efficiency and improving indoor air quality. By developing homes that are ZERO Energy Ready, will save significantly on operational expenses.

- Through the efforts of the United Way of Long Island, 66 HOPWA houses have been developed for more than 200 HIV-positive individuals and their families on Long Island.

www.unitedwayli.org/hopwa
The E3 SmartBuild Training Center is a state-of-the-art lab where students learn building science, energy efficient, high performance home construction. A partnership between United Way of Long Island and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the E3 SmartBuild Training Center, is the only one of its kind on the East Coast. This educational hub offers expanded career opportunities to students while providing tomorrow’s workforce with the skills needed to build a Long Island community that leaves a lighter footprint on the environment.

The E3 program includes:

- Weatherization
- Green Building Practices
- Sustainability
- Certification Courses
- Energy-Related Training Opportunities
- High Performance Zero Energy Home Building

The E3 SmartBuild Training Center is the cornerstone of United Way’s YouthBuild and VetsBuild Training Green Construction programs. For more information and to see a course list visit: [www.unitedwayli.org/e3](http://www.unitedwayli.org/e3)

Inaugural Founding Partner: Bank of America

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HIV/AIDS impacts all populations and all age groups on Long Island, from Elmont to Montauk, with an estimated 6,000 Long Islanders living with HIV/AIDS... the largest number of cases of any suburban area across the US.

Since 1997, United Way of Long Island has played a major role in ensuring that HIV/AIDS services are available and accessible to Long Islanders. United Way serves as the technical support agency for Nassau and Suffolk Counties for Ryan White Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funds by contracting with and closely monitoring service providers, developing and implementing a quality management program for the region and through fiscal, administrative and programmatic oversight of the Nassau-Suffolk HIV Health Services Planning Council.

Each year, over 3,100 individuals living with HIV/AIDS and more than 71,000 units of critical medical and supportive services - such as Primary Care, Early Intervention Services, Medical Transportation, Legal Services, Oral Health Care, Mental Health Services, Medical Case Management, Medical Nutrition Therapy and Emergency Financial Assistance – are delivered.

For more information visit: www.longislandpc.org

For more information on Ryan White Part A, contact:

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

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

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

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

www.unitedwayli.org/familywize