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DREAMS FOR YOUTH

"I'd like to express gratitude to United Way for your continuous support and kindness towards students as we reach for our goals"

Guided by a Mother's Strength

Throughout her adolescence, Kristyne looked up to her mother's strength. As a first-generation Dominican American, Kristyne's mom knew the value of hard work and would often guide Kristyne through her education. While looking at a plethora of scholarships, her mother had found, United Way of Long Island's DREAMS for Youth scholarship stuck out to Kristyne. She appreciated United Way's mission statement and commitment to lifting communities.

Kristyne's time in college was not perfect. Her interest in studying abroad was squashed by the pandemic and she had to work two jobs. However, the DREAMS for Youth scholarship allowed her to take a step back and relax, knowing that there were people who cared about her success. She was able to spend more time getting involved on campus, specifically in organizations aligning with her passion for psychology. She graduated in 2022 with a degree in psychology.

Having gone through mental health struggles, Kristyne understands the counseling system and the importance of mental health care. She is a Behavioral Specialist and the Clinic Coordinator at a Center for OCD and Anxiety. She hopes to open an independent practice focusing on trauma-informed therapy. Kristyne is grateful for the flexibility in her field and the opportunities to help break cycles of generational trauma.



Support and So Much More...

Jamith is a hardworking father who was struggling to make ends meet. He sought help from United Way of Long Island's community partner agency, Housing Help Inc., when he was homeless. At the time, Jamith had a young daughter and his wife was pregnant. Their daughter was registered as 'homeless' at her school. United Way worked closely with Jamith to secure housing and rental payments while he was looking for employment.

Housing stability is crucial for children's development. After finding housing in a different school district, United Way and its network of partners negotiated an agreement with the district, enabling his daughter to attend the remainder of the school year by assisting with transportation. She finished the scholastic year strong.

To mitigate high housing expenses, Jamith's family was provided with grocery store gift cards. His wife was also connected to an agency that provided baby items and furniture.

Jamith secured a new career in Landscape Architecture and was subsequently promoted, which included a salary increase. Free financial counseling further helped Jamith save money and improve his credit score. Through ongoing support from United Way of Long Island's Family Support Project, families like Jamith's have access to the resources they need to succeed in school, work, and life.



Events









Over 300 guests attended the 28th Annual Gala at The Mansion at Oyster Bay, raising over \$220,000 to benefit United Way of Long Island, Guide Dog Foundation, Long Island Insurance Education Foundation, and Color Me Cancer Free! Foundation. Since 1995, the LIIC has contributed more than \$7 million to local nonprofit organizations.

The Annual Gala honors industry and business leaders whose commitment to the community has significantly improved the quality of life for their neighbors. This year's distinguished honoree was Charles E. Makey III, President and CEO of Merchants Insurance Group.

"I have traveled throughout the country over the past 28 years, and I have never seen an insurance community like the Long Island Insurance Community. That is evident from the charitable contributions of over \$7 million over the years," said Charles E. Makey III. "Cammy Belser, one of the founders of this event and one of the most influential Merchants executives, would have been very proud to see the success of this event. She mentored me, and being here tonight is extra special."

This year's Platinum Sponsors were Merchants Insurance Group and Hudson Valley Agency Alliance; Gold Sponsor: Risk Placement Services; Silver Sponsors: Acrisure, Affiliated Agency Inc., AIG, CNA, HUB International, NEC Specialty, and SterlingRisk Insurance.

(L-R: Linda Nicolino, Chief Legal Counsel at Bethpage Federal Credit Union and United Way of Long Island Board Chair; Theresa Regnante, President & CEO of United Way of Long Island; Gloria Gargano, Small Business National Sales Executive Director and LIIC Board Co-Chair; Mary Mondrick, Senior Sales Executive Select Account Division at Travelers and LIIC Co-Chair; Maria Thomas, VP of Brokerage Sales & Client Relations at Friedlander Group, Inc. and LIIC Board Co-Chair) at right Charles E. Makey III.



































ENERGIAACTIVA!

Formación profesional en energía eólica, solar y renovables



United Way of Long Island's workforce development program, 'Power Up! Wind, Solar & Renewables', held its second Spanish-speaking cohort this month. This free training generously supported by Bank of America is focused on creating a foundation and pathways to secure careers in the renewable energy industry for Long Islanders.

In partnership with Pronto of Long Island, the course covered: Hands-on Training for Next-Generation in Construction, Building Science Principles, Assistance with Job Placement, and OSHA 10.

According to the New York State Department of Labor, over 10,000 new industry jobs will be available in New York State by 2030. The 2020 Census reported that Hispanic residents represented 20.2 percent of Long Island's population, growing by more than a quarter within a decade.

Since 'Power Up! Wind, Solar & Renewables' inception in 2022, there have been nearly 300 graduates. Approximately 60% have gained employment and are on the way to financial stability and careers in the energy industry through connections made in the workforce program. Many other graduates have gone on to achieve advanced training.

Power Up! graduates are proficient in the installation of clean heating and cooling technologies, high-efficiency HVAC, heat pumps, solar panels, EV Charging and the benefits of renewable energy. The program is made possible by Bank of America, New York Empire State Development, and National Grid Ventures.

The Power Up! program is open to youths, veterans, unemployed workers and those seeking new careers leading to employment in the renewable/sustainable, smart grid, and green construction industries. To learn more and/or to apply, visit **www.unitedwayli.org/powerupcareertraining**.







Support Team Mission United as they run in the 2024 TCS New York City Marathon to benefit Long Island Veterans

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RUNNING FOR A CAUSE

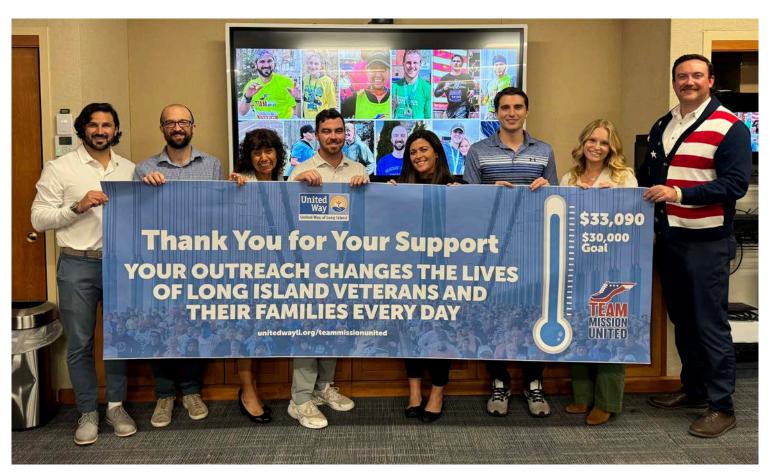


Team Mission United is a dedicated group of runners who are committed to supporting United Way of Long Island's Mission United in the 2024 TCS New York City Marathon in support of Long Island's veterans.

Long Island has one of the largest veteran populations in New York State and one of the highest concentrations in the United States. Mission United provides

critical programs to veterans as they transition back into civilian life including employment services, education, financial services, health and housing support.



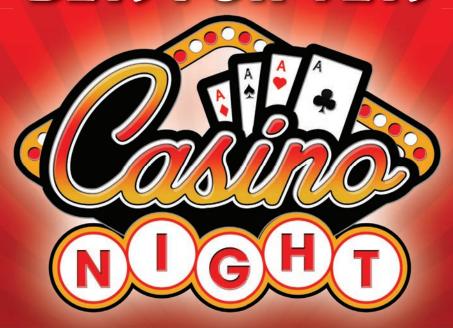


Team Mission United Runners, Alex, Andrew, Alma, Liam, Samantha, Daniel, Abby and Thomas

For the eighth year in a row, United Way of Long Island was selected as a charity partner for the 2024 TCS New York City Marathon, which will take place on Sunday, November 3rd. United Way's Team Mission United runners are raising \$30,000 in support of U.S. military veterans and their families on Long Island. The runners came together for an appreciation dinner at United Way headquarters a week before the race. Since 2016, Team Mission United has raised more than \$210,000. The TCS New York City Marathon covers all five boroughs of the city, while attracting over 50,000 participants and finishers. The commitment this team has shown as they raise funds to benefit Long Island's veterans is inspiring.

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All proceeds benefit United Way of Long Island's Mission United initiative which supports programs that serve Long Island's Active Military, Veterans and their families in the areas of case management and emergency financial assistance.





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Programs





United Way of Long Island celebrated its 16th Annual Stuff-A-Bus school supply distribution in partnership with Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., delivering over \$50,000 worth of essential school supplies to elementary students across Nassau and Suffolk counties. This initiative ensures that students from all communities are equipped with the vital tools they need for academic success.

This year, the event saw tremendous success, special thanks to United Way's Young Professionals Network, which raised \$20,000 to support the program through their annual Cornhole Tournament and Networking Event. In addition, throughout August, United Way of Long Island, alongside local companies, collected essential school supplies for local students.

Stutt-A=Bus

The Success of Our Students... Starts With YOU!





On September 13, 2024, volunteers from National Grid and Zebra Technologies generously donated their time to pack school buses with boxes filled with school supplies. Their assistance with distribution ensured that thousands of local students are prepared for the school year ahead.

Several organizations and school districts received supplies from United Way of Long Island to prepare students for the academic year ahead including; ABBA Leadership, Community Development Corporation of Long Island, Colonial Youth, Hicksville Boys & Girls Club, Housing Help, Mineola Ministries, Nassau County Office of Youth Services, Pride for Youth, Pronto of Long Island, Rescue Angel, Restoration Revival, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, SCO Family Services, The Retreat, Wings of Empowerment, Wyandanch Homes & Property, YouthBuild Long Island, and Brentwood, Central Islip, Copiague, Hicksville, Patchogue-Medford, Uniondale, Valley Stream, and Westbury school districts.



United Way of Long Island's Stuff-A-Bus program is part of a broader effort to strengthen education, a key pillar in the organization's mission to promote financial stability and opportunity for all. Since 2008, Stuff-A-Bus has delivered over 1 million back-to-school supplies to children. By providing vital supplies, Stuff-A-Bus aims to set students up with the proper tools for academic success while increasing the economic opportunity of students' families. To learn more about Stuff-A-Bus, visit www.unitedwayli.org/stuff-bus

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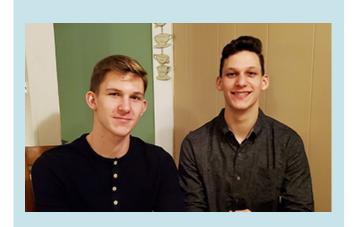
D.R.E.A.M.S. Scholarships

DETERMINATION. REALIZATION. ENRICHMENT. ACADEMICS. MISSION. SERVICE.



Since its inception in 2002, United Way of Long Island has awarded scholarships and/or grants, in the areas of Academics & Enrichment, totaling more than \$1,000,000. The D.R.E.A.M.S. For Youth Advisory Board, comprised of 7th graders to college students, works under the guidance of United Way staff to make award decisions. The Dreams R Us Foundation provides support for D.R.E.A.M.S. For Youth scholarships.

Academic Awards - 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 a commitment to community service. Financial awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,000.



D.R.E.A.M.S. For Youth Scholarship applications open for the 2025 academic year on October 1, 2024.

For more information or to download an application visit:



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Contact 211 Long Island for information and referrals related to education and support services.



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We assist student loan borrowers with:

- Determining repayment options
- Developing strategies for tackling student loan debt
- Accessing student loan forgiveness resources
- Understanding your financial future
- Mediating with loan servicers and lenders
- Obtaining referrals for additional resources

Request an Appointment

Use the QR Code or visit www.unitedwayli.org/SDAP or call 631.972.5534 to request an appointment with a Student Debt Counselor. A member of our team will follow up with you to schedule a session within 24-48 hours.

United Way of Long Island is a member of the EDCAP Network.









DREAMS DO COME TRUE

The United Way of Long Island's D.R.E.A.M.S. for Youth scholarship helped eliminate roadblocks for Kristyne and allowed her to focus on her education. Knowing that people cared about her success, she spent time getting involved on campus in organizations aligning with her passion for psychology. She graduated in 2022 and is on her path to open her own practice focusing on trauma-informed therapy.

"Thank you to everyone who contributed to my success" – Kristyne.

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Home / periodical / article / NYPA Board of Trustees Approves Funding for Clean Energy Workforce Training Initiatives

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The New York Power Authority Board of Trustees recently approved the release of \$2.55 million in funding to seven community-based organizations that will implement clean energy industry workforce development initiatives throughout New York State.

The funding stems from a NYPA commitment in the 2023-24 Enacted State Budget to support the efforts of the state's Office of Just Energy Transition (OJET).

The New York State Department of Labor established OJET last year to connect workers to opportunities for jobs in the clean energy economy through upskilling and training with a focus on serving those in under-resourced communities.

"The Power Authority is doing more than simply supplying workforce development programs with funding; it is full partner in the mission to provide New Yorkers with the training needed to succeed in the State's clean energy economy," said NYPA Chairman John Koelmel. "As part of its commitment to strengthen the pipeline of skilled workers for the clean energy industry, NYPA will continue to collaborate with local job training initiatives in communities across New York."

In May, the NYPA Trustees <u>approved</u> \$2 million to support workforce development initiatives that provide employment training and employment opportunities for residents in disadvantaged communities located in the vicinity of NYPA power projects.

The NYPA Trustees approved an additional \$550,000 at their October meeting in furtherance of its commitment to create job opportunities in the clean energy field.

In this tranche of spending, \$2.55 million will be allocated to seven firms that responded to a request for proposals issued by the Power Authority in July seeking partnership opportunities. As a result of this funding award, NYPA will be helping to provide support to nearly 1,500 New Yorkers in the form of employment training in the clean energy industry.

The seven recipients are:

- ITEC Training & Education Center in Rochester
- NYC District Council of Carpenters Training Center in Manhattan
- The Resilience Education Training and Innovation Center in Brooklyn
- Soulful Synergy in Queens
- St. Nick's Alliance in Brooklyn
- United Way of Long Island in Deer Park
- Urban Green Council in Manhattan

NYPA will collaborate with the training providers to develop technical training opportunities, hands-on experience, paid internships and full-time jobs for people entering the workforce and advance training opportunities for those traditional utility workers to ensure that both new and current employees have the requisite skills and qualifications to participate in New York's clean energy field.

"The New York Power Authority funding awarded to these seven firms will support nearly 1,500 New Yorkers with upskilling and training for the clean energy jobs of tomorrow," said NYPA President and CEO Justin Driscoll. "Just as NYPA is committed to securing and supporting a reliable supply of renewable energy for New Yorkers, it is also preparing New Yorkers for careers that will help the state achieve its climate action goals."

As part of its workforce development priorities, NYPA has already committed \$12.65 million in funding to create, expand and support workforce training initiatives in partnership with local organizations and NYSDOL.

In addition to its new workforce training commitments, the 2023-24 Enacted State Budget provided NYPA with enhanced authority to develop, own and operate renewable energy generation and storage projects, either alone or in collaboration with other entities.

Under the expanded authority, NYPA's projects will support the state's renewable energy goals in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, maintain an adequate and reliable supply of electric power and energy in the state, and support the new Renewable Energy Access and Community Help (REACH) program, which will enable low-income and moderate-income electricity customers to receive bill credits through the production of renewable energy by NYPA. NYPA will publish its first biennial strategic plan for renewable energy development in January 2025.



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Courtesy of United Way of Long Island

United Way of LI distributes \$50K worth of school supplies

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Miles de estudiantes reciben útiles escolares a través del programa Stuff-A-Bus de United Way of Long Island



10 octubre 2024



Más de \$50,000 en útiles escolares esenciales fueron donados a organizaciones comunitarias y a los distritos escolares de Brentwood, Central Islip, Copiague, Hicksville, Patchoque-Medford, Uniondale, Valley Stream y Westbury. Foto: Unitedwayli.org

United Way of Long Island celebró su 16vo. año de distribución de útiles escolares Stuff-A-Bus en asociación con Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., entregando más de \$50,000 en útiles escolares esenciales a estudiantes de primaria en los condados de Nassau y Suffolk.

Esta iniciativa garantiza que los estudiantes de todas las comunidades estén equipados con las herramientas vitales que necesitan para el éxito académico.

Este 2024, el evento tuvo un gran éxito, gracias especialmente a la Red de Jóvenes Profesionales de United Way, que recaudó \$20,000 para apoyar el programa a través de su Torneo de Cornhole y Evento de Networking anual.

Además, durante todo el mes de agosto, United Way of Long Island, junto con empresas locales, recogió útiles escolares para los estudiantes locales.



El 13 de septiembre de 2024, voluntarios de National Grid y Zebra Technologies donaron generosamente su tiempo para llenar autobuses escolares con cajas llenas de útiles, incluidas mochilas, bolígrafos, lápices, marcadores, carpetas, fichas, barras de pegamento y más, y los entregaron a los estudiantes de los distritos escolares de Brentwood y Central Islip.

Su ayuda con la distribución aseguró que miles de alumnos de Long Island estén preparados para el año escolar que comienza.

«Cuando proporcionamos útiles de calidad a nuestros estudiantes, aliviamos las cargas financieras y les permitimos concentrarse en el aprendizaje. United Way está sumamente agradecida con todos nuestros seguidores y colaboradores que ayudan a hacer realidad Stuff-A-Bus», dijo Theresa Regnante, presidenta y directora ejecutiva de United Way de Long Island.



Por su parte, Victor Vientos, director de ingeniería de National Grid, señaló, «En National Grid, servir a nuestros clientes y a la comunidad es algo natural, pero trabajar con United Way y asociarnos con Stuff A Bus para poder ayudar a los estudiantes a comenzar el año escolar de la manera correcta es realmente un honoro.

Varias organizaciones y distritos escolares recibieron suministros de United Way de Long Island para preparar a los estudiantes para este año académico, entre ellos:

ABBA Leadership, Community Development Corporation of Long Island, Colonial Youth, Hicksville Boys & Girls Club, Housing Help, Mineola Ministries, Nassau County Office of Youth Services, Pride for Youth, Pronto of Long Island, Rescue Angel, Restoration Revival, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, SCO Family Services, The Retreat, Wings of Empowerment, Wyandanch Homes & Property, YouthBuild Long Island, y los distritos escolares de Brentwood, Central Islip, Copiague, Hicksville, Patchogue-Medford, Uniondale, Valley Stream y Westbury.

Stuff-A-Bus contó con más de 40 empresas contribuyentes y patrocinadores principales, entre los que se incluven:

Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc.; Esquire Bank; Local 338 RWDSU UFCW; Green Acres; National Grid; National Grid Ventures; RXR; Merchants Insurance Group; and Sheehan Accountants & Advisors.

Los principales patrocinadores de Stuff-A-Bus de la Red de Jóvenes Profesionales son: Bulovas Restoration Inc.; Bethpage Federal Credit Union; The Mosquito Guido; Gas Tec Plumbing and Heating; SK Pool Care; Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C.; Flushing Bank; Clear View Building Services; Borg Insurance Agency & Associates; y G-Rock Handcovers Inc.



#UnitedWay #StuffABus #Education

El programa Stuff-A-Bus de United Way of Long Island es parte de un esfuerzo más amplio para fortalecer la educación, un pilar clave en la misión de la organización de promover la estabilidad financiera y las oportunidades para todos.

Desde 2008, Stuff-A-Bus ha entregado más de 1 millón de útiles escolares a los niños. Al proporcionar suministros educativos vitales, Stuff-A-Bus tiene como objetivo proporcionar a los estudiantes las herramientas adecuadas para el éxito académico y, al mismo tiempo, aumentar las oportunidades económicas de las familias de los estudiantes.

Para más información sobre esta loable iniciativa visite https://www.unitedwayti.org/ stuff-bus.



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Stuff-a-Bus Success! Cordello Receives 200 Boxes of Supplies



STUFF-A-BUS SUCCESS! CORDELLO RECEIVES 200 BOXES OF SUPPLIES

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September 13, 2024

Cordello Elementary School was the recipient of nearly 200 boxes filled with school supplies for students to successfully complete their school assignments.

The United Way of Long Island, Zebra Technologies, and Suffolk Transportation Service teamed up to provide the school items under their Stuff-a-Bus initiative. Students, under the guidance of Cordello Elementary School Principal Dr. Nathaniel Marner, unloaded the bus filled with boxes of supplies for school officials to appropriately distribute to students in the school community.

News 12 Long Island was on hand to provide coverage of the event. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sharon A. Dungee acknowledged the generosity of the United Way of Long Island, Zebra Technologies, and Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. for their extremely generous donation of which the students of Cordello Elementary School will be the beneficiaries.

This marks the 16th consecutive year in which Cordello Elementary has been the beneficiary of the Stuff-a-Bus initiative.

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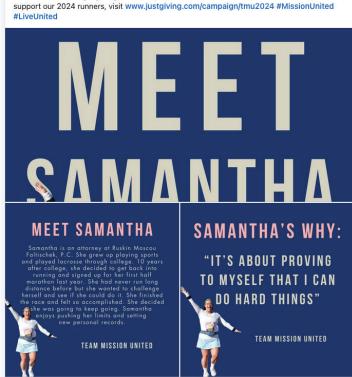












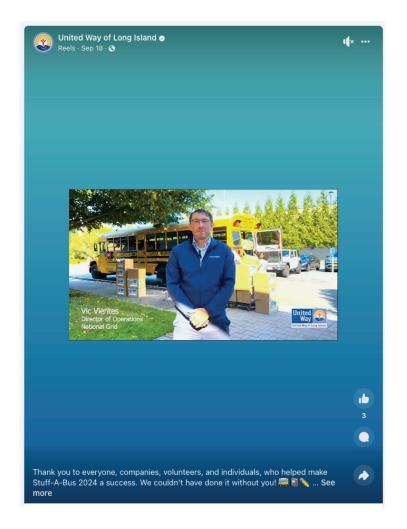


United Way of Long Island 🥏

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"I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to raise money for our veterans and Team United. I can't wait to see everyone this fall!" To support our 2024 runners, visit https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tmu2024. #missionunited #liveunited

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MEET JOSEPH

Joseph is the assistant vice president of Suffolk Transportation Services, a family-owned company that operates school buses, fixed route transit, and provides para-transit services. He ran cross country in high school and after a brief histus, in his senior year of college he met a girl and he rediscovered his love for long distance running. He ran his first half marathon that year with her and now, exactly two years later, he is grateful for the amazing apportunity to run with his and controlled the services of the services

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JOSEPH'S WHY:

"YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE LIFE WILL TAKE
YOU, SAY YES TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES,
CONTINUE CHALLENGE YOURSELF
MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY, AND NEVER
TURN DOWN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT
A GREAT CAUSE."

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Abby says "I know the impact that being in the U.S. military can have on not only an individual, but on an entire family, and I am privileged and honored to give back in any capacity that I can!" To support our 2024 runners, visit https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tmu2024. #missionunited #liveunited

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MEET ABBY

Abby's dad has been a runner for her entire lite. When she was 10, she ran her first 5k with him and won the "13 and under" category. She became more serious about running during her freshman year of callege and has run four half marathons since. She has always said i she had the chance to run the New York City marathon, she would come out of "ratirement." Abby is excited to give back to our veterans and their families while achieving a bucket list item. Running has been life changing for Abby because she found something that allows her to overcome mental health struggles and the voice in her head telling her.

TEAM MISSION UNITED

ABBY'S WHY:

"I WANT TO SHOW PEOPLE THAT YOUR ONLY LIMIT IS YOUR MIND. IF YOU WORK AT SOMETHING AND BELIEVE YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH IT, YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AT HOW MUCH YOU CAN DO."





Thank You