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# Featured Stories

# YOUTH OPPORTUNITY



*Tyricka with William Kee of 1199SEIU at the 2025 United Together 60th Anniversary Celebration*

## Still Striving to be Better

Tyricka, 25, struggled with self-doubt but was determined to make something of herself. She was jobless, poor, and tired, but always tried to keep her head high and push through feelings of frustration. That's when a friend of her mentioned United Way of Long Island's YouthBuild program. Tyricka enrolled immediately.

Tyricka was committed each day to give YouthBuild 100% knowing that success had everything to do with hard work and dedication. YouthBuild supported and encouraged Tyricka to achieve her goals each step of the way. Through her determination, she secured employment at Northwell health and is now an 1199SEIU member.

"YouthBuild has instilled so much positivity within me, and gave me the push I needed," said Tyricka. "I was a young girl trying to change my life for the better when I enrolled in YouthBuild but today I am young lady, transitioning into the woman I was always meant to be."



# FINANCIAL SECURITY



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PROJECT WARMTH  
Emergency Fuel Fund  
helping Long Islanders Afford Home Energy



As a hardworking mother of two and a homeowner, Nia took great pride in providing stability for her family. But when her oil burner broke, the financial strain quickly became overwhelming. The repair company recommended a full replacement, quoting far beyond her budget and an expense she simply couldn't afford. Without emergency funds, she did what she could, saving every extra dollar while struggling to keep up with her regular bills. The cost of replacing the burner set her back significantly, and with winter approaching, she faced the harsh reality of falling behind.

Determined to find a way forward, Nia turned to her sister for advice. Having received support from Project Warmth, her sister recommended reaching out to United Way of Long Island. Nia hesitated at first, unsure if help was available for someone like her, someone working hard but caught in an unexpected financial hardship. But when she called, she was met with compassion and action. United Way responded immediately, processing her request and ensuring her oil tank was filled within the week.

The relief was immediate. With her heating costs covered, Nia was able to catch up on other bills, preventing further financial strain on her household. She no longer had to worry about how she would keep her family warm. Now, she shares her story with others, encouraging those in need to seek support and reminding them that help is available.

"I work really hard for my family, but one small hiccup in life can leave you behind," Nia reflected. "There are companies out there that care for the middle class, and United Way is one of them."



# CompanySpotlight



FourLeaf Federal Credit Union, dedication to strengthening the Long Island community by supporting initiatives that create lasting impact, is woven into the fabric of who they are. As a proud partner of United Way of Long Island for over 16 years, FourLeaf contributes to programs that provide vital resources for local families, students, and veterans. Through this commitment, the credit union helps ensure a brighter, more equitable future for all and has set the standard for what it means to show up in our community.





# Newsletters

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At Laurel Park Elementary School in Brentford, the start of each school year comes with excitement and sometimes, worry. While teachers provide supply kits for families, many students arrive with only a few items, and some with none at all. That's where United Way of Long Island's Stuff-a-Bus initiative steps in, transforming what could be a challenging start into one filled with possibility.

Assistant Principal Hannah recently shared her heartfelt gratitude during our Young Professionals Network event, where she reflected on the program's profound impact.

*"Thanks to these donations, our staff can confidently assure that every child has the tools they need to succeed from day one."*

Hannah shared a story of a student who was living in a shelter and arrived at school carrying her supplies in her arms. When Hannah learned the child had lost her backpack and her family couldn't replace it, the school was able to provide a brand-new one and in her favorite color.

*"Her joy was immediate and genuine," Hannah recalled. "Moments like these, handled with care and discretion, help our students feel safe, supported, and valued."*

From pencils and paper to backpacks and special projects, Stuff-a-Bus continues to provide more than supplies; it provides dignity, joy, and a sense of belonging for Laurel Park's students.

*"Please know how deeply grateful we are. Your support makes a difference every single day."*

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**August is National Make-A-Will Month**

By planning a legacy gift, you can create a lasting impact that will benefit future generations, ensuring a brighter tomorrow for all Long Islanders.

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YouthBuild Long Island is dedicated to changing the path of Long Island's youth by addressing the core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. At YouthBuild, young people ages 16-24 work toward their GED High School Equivalency Diploma while learning essential job skills.

Taoyuan came to The United States from China when he was a child. He struggled in school and left before graduating. Being in a large class with many students was incredibly overwhelming. His high school recommended he join YouthBuild to receive help getting his GED. Before finding YouthBuild Taoyuan was feeling hopeless and struggling with depression. He describes it as "a very dark time when I couldn't see a future for myself."

Things started to change for the better when he joined YouthBuild in 2023. Taoyuan says,

***"It was incredible to finally meet someone who actually cares"***

The YouthBuild team was welcoming, patient, and truly cared about his future. For the first time, he had a support system that was ready to meet him where he was and help him succeed.


After seven months of hard work Taoyuan not only passed his GED exam but received top marks. He is now enrolled full-time at Nassau Community College. He has 4.0 GPA two semesters in a row and is working towards transferring to a four-year program. For the first time in a long time, he is feeling mentally healthy and happy. He is incredibly grateful for his YouthBuild family and would encourage others who are struggling to join the program because of how much it has helped him. He knows that he can turn to YouthBuild and United Way of Long Island, and they will always be there for him.

We are incredibly proud of Taoyuan's progress but more importantly he is proud of himself. *"Taoyuan is a perfect example of how in the darkest moments, having the right supportive people becomes the brightest light and makes all the difference."* - Cheri-Ann Rougier, United Way of Long Island Career Development & Education Director. Lives can change for the better when you treat someone with patience and let them know you care.


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[Learn More about Together Long Island](#)

**United Way of Long Island has teamed with Newsday to support a new, year-long cause marketing initiative: Together Long Island.**

**Together Long Island provides a platform for non-profits and for-profits alike to share stories of their work and philanthropy in the community.**



### Youth Opportunity

Every young person deserves the opportunity to thrive. At United Way of Long Island, we help children get off to a good start and empower youth to reach their full potential by breaking down barriers to success. We advance what works for education and enrichment, fostering a future where every young person can realize their dreams.



### Healthy Community

Everyone deserves the opportunity to live their healthiest life. At United Way of Long Island, we help people overcome barriers to good health by improving access to nutritious food and quality health education and services, including preventative care, maternal and child health, mental health support, and more.



### Financial Security

Everyone deserves the opportunity to earn a living that can sustain a family and build security for future generations. At United Way of Long Island, we're helping hard working families make ends meet while connecting them with the education, financial tools, and job training opportunities to empower them to create a better, more sustainable future for themselves and their loved ones.



### Community Resiliency

Every community deserves the opportunity to prosper. At United Way of Long Island, we work with our neighbors to build resilient communities that are ready for any challenge. Through initiatives in crisis response, environmental stewardship, and disaster preparedness, we are strengthening the foundations of communities for a more sustainable and secure future.

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# Events

# UNITED WAY OF LONG ISLAND CELEBRATES COMPASSION AND COMMUNITY IMPACT AT UNITED TOGETHER 60TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON



United Way of Long Island hosted its UNITED TOGETHER 60th Anniversary Luncheon, a celebration of compassion and community impact, on June 18 at The Crest Hollow Country Club. The event highlighted stories of individuals like Stephanie, representing the transformative power of community support.

At the heart of the event was a tribute to compassion, the kind of compassion that changes lives. It's seen in people like Stephanie, a proud U.S. Army Veteran and longtime Long Island resident, who turned to United Way during one of the most difficult chapters of her life.

Stephanie served her country from 1979 to 1981, stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, and Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. Service runs deep in her family. Her father was an Army Captain, her sister also served, and her son later joined the Air Force. Yet when she returned to civilian life in the early '80s, she found little support for veterans. "There was no help when we were discharged, no financial, health, or career assistance," she recalled. "We were on our own."

For the past 25 years, she has worked as a school bus driver, providing stability for her family and dreaming of retirement alongside her husband. But those plans were tragically interrupted when her husband was diagnosed with blood and lung cancer. The illness strained their finances, and two years later, she lost him. "It's been a financial struggle since his death," she shared. "I still have a mortgage and utility bills to pay on my own. The dream of retirement is gone."

This past winter, with rising energy costs and no one to lean on, Stephanie turned to United Way of Long Island for help. Through Project Warmth, she received emergency home energy assistance to keep the heat on in her home. "It made such a difference to know someone was there for me," she said. "I was feeling so alone."

She also received a Safe-at-Home Kit, which included an air purifier, masks, sanitizer, and COVID-19 safety resources, small but essential tools to help her stay healthy while living independently. A Stop & Shop gift card helped ease the burden of rising grocery prices, and she is currently exploring United Way's Older Adult Home Modification Program to add safety upgrades to her home, allowing her to age in place with dignity.



Stephanie's resilience is a reminder of why United Way of Long Island exists; to serve those who have served us, and to uplift those navigating hardship with quiet strength. "I work hard. And I'm proud of my service," she said. "Years ago, Veterans were not appreciated. Now, when people see my Army cap and thank me, it reminds me I'm not invisible."

The luncheon, attended by over 750 guests, raised \$807,000 to support United Way of Long Island's mission, nearly the most ever raised by the event. This milestone underscores the generosity and commitment of donors, partners, sponsors, and volunteers whose collective efforts drive positive change across Long Island.

"Compassion is the fuel that ignites our soul. We are immensely grateful to our Labor Champion, 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East; our Anthony J. Stupore Volunteer Champion, Lynda Hullstrung of Deloitte & Touche LLP; and our Corporate Champion, MagnaCare," said Theresa Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island. "Their dedication exemplifies the spirit of service that guides our mission to build a stronger, more compassionate Long Island."

Supporters and community members' unwavering support continues to make a profound difference. Together, United Way celebrated 60 years of impactful service and looks forward to the next 60, fostering a more resilient and connected Long Island.



VIEW THE EVENT IMAGE GALLERY AT: [HTTPS://WWW.UNITEDWAYLI.ORG/2025UTCIMAGES](https://www.unitedwayli.org/2025UTCIMAGES)



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**For those interested in becoming a Compassion Champion and joining our mission, visit [www.unitedwayli.org/LIcompassionfund](http://www.unitedwayli.org/LIcompassionfund).**







# girlswho build



## Inspiring the Next Generation

United Way of Long Island launched Girls Who Build on August 13th and 14th to spark curiosity and confidence in young girls while exposing them to career pathways in construction, clean energy, and engineering.

Over two days, 22 girls ages 15–17 took part in hands-on workshops, site tours, and interactive learning stations led by industry leaders. The program created opportunities for these girls to imagine futures in fields where women are by and large underrepresented.

Through partnerships with organizations like The Haugland Group, National Grid, Girls Scouts of Nassau, Girls Scouts of Suffolk, Girls Inc. Long Island, Orsted, PSEG Long Island, North Atlantic States Carpenters Council, Opportunities Long Island, WDI, Interplay Learning, Morrison Mentors and the National Society of Black Engineers, the girls engaged directly with role models who shared their personal journeys, answered questions, and talked about resources available to help them achieve their goals.



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# 29th Annual Gala

Thursday, September 18, 2025

5:30pm



*New Venue*

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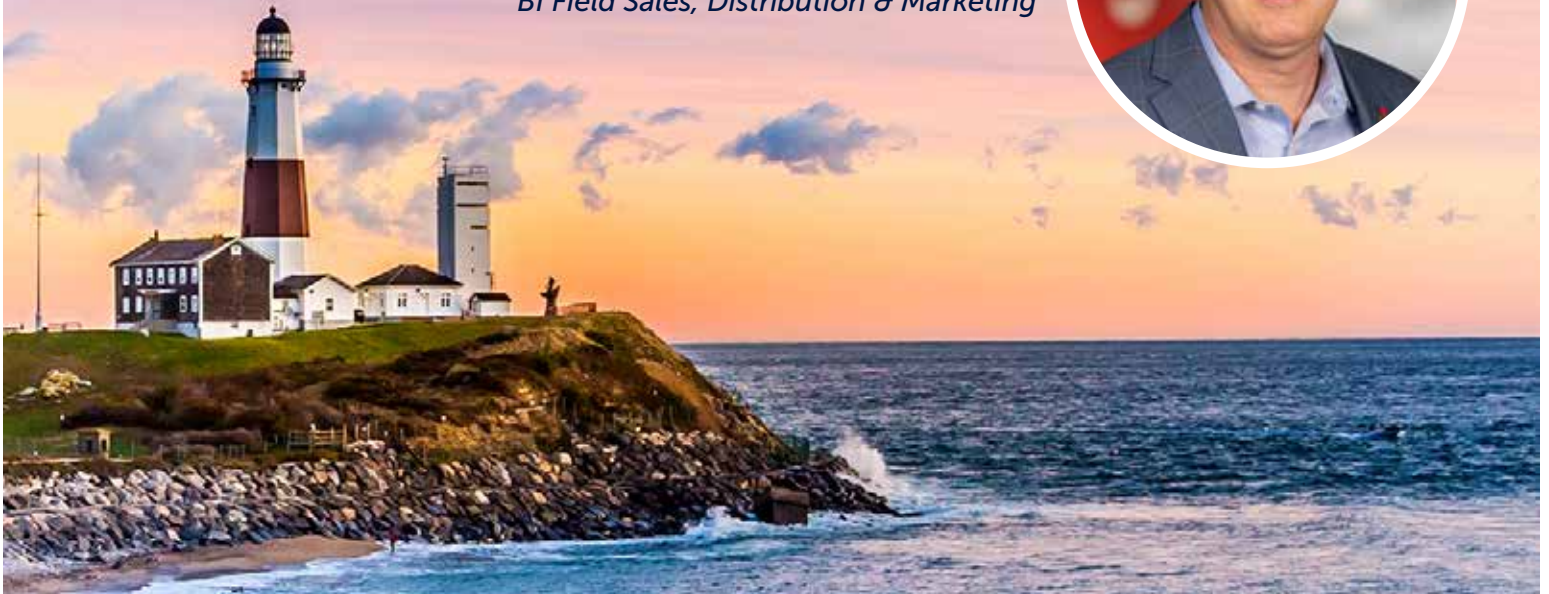
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## Our Mission:

We continue to support our mission to make a difference here on Long Island, bringing the insurance community together to change the lives of many Long Islanders in need, as well as making a difference in the communities where we live and work.





United Way of Long Island's Young Professionals Network (YPN) hosted its highly anticipated Summer Social on August 7 at Blue Point Brewery, bringing together over 200 attendees for an evening of networking, entertainment, and community impact. The event successfully raised more than \$20,000 and collected several boxes of school supplies to benefit United Way's Stuff-A-Bus initiative, which provides backpacks and essential school supplies to elementary students across Long Island, ensuring they have the confidence they need to succeed.

Now in its 18th year, Stuff-A-Bus continues to ensure that children from underserved communities walk into the classroom prepared to learn and succeed. The funds raised from the Summer Social will directly support the purchase of supplies for the upcoming school year.

Hannah McCarthy, Assistant Principal at Laurel Park Elementary School in Brentwood, top left, shared:

"The donations we've received through the Stuff-a-Bus initiative have made a profound impact on our school community. Each year, our teachers share supply lists with families, but we know that many students arrive with only a few items or sometimes none at all. Thanks to these donations, our staff can confidently ensure that every child has the tools they need to succeed from day one."

One moment that stands out in her memory involves a student living in a shelter who arrived at school carrying her supplies in her arms. When Hannah learned the child had lost her backpack and her family couldn't replace it, the school was able to provide a brand-new one and in her favorite color.

The Summer Social was made possible thanks to the dedication of the YPN Co-Chairs: Justin Merk, FourLeaf Federal Credit Union; Lauren Grasso, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek P.C.; Brendan Bateman, Flushing Bank; the YPN committee; and the generosity of its sponsors. Attendees enjoyed craft brews, live entertainment, raffles, and meaningful opportunities to connect with fellow young professionals passionate about making a difference in their community.







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For more information about  
United Way of Long Island's Young Professionals Network  
and other initiatives, visit [www.unitedwayli.org](http://www.unitedwayli.org).







**Support Long Island Veterans**



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# Team Mission United

As the biggest and boldest marathon in the world, the TCS New York City Marathon brings athletes from all 50 states and 153 different countries to the same 26.2-mile course.

For the ninth consecutive year, United Way of Long Island was selected as a TCS New York City Marathon Charity Partner. Since 2016, Team Mission United has raised more than \$245,000 in support of U.S. military veterans and their families on Long Island.



By supporting Team Mission United, you're helping to provide services and resources in career training, employment assistance and emergency financial aid to veterans and their families. The need for these services is particularly significant on Long Island as there are more than 80,000 veterans living in our communities.



# Team Mission United

## 2025 TCS New York City Marathon Sponsorships



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### **\$10,000 Finish Line Champion**

- Exclusive Presenting Sponsor – TMU Presented by [Your Company]”
- Premier logo placement on marathon team shirts (largest and most prominent)
- Recognition in press releases, social media, website, and event materials as the top-tier sponsor
- Company feature in a United Way Headlines
- Dedicated social media highlighting sponsor’s commitment to veterans
- Company logo on the United Way Mission United webpage
- Logo on Race Day signs
- Recognition in post-event thank-you video

### **\$5,000 Marathon Medalist**

- Premier logo placement on marathon team shirts
- Recognition as Presenting Sponsor in all marketing materials (flyers, press releases, social media, and website)
- Featured company spotlight in a United Way newsletter
- Dedicated social media post thanking the sponsor
- Company logo on the United Way Mission United webpage
- Recognition in post-event thank-you video

### **\$2,500 Mile Marker**

- Logo on team shirts (second-tier placement)
- Company name in press releases, flyers, and social media posts
- Shout-out on social media and in a United Way newsletter
- Company name on the Mission United webpage
- Recognition in post-event thank-you video

### **\$1,500 Hydration Station**

- Company logo on team shirts (third-tier placement)
- Name listed on event materials and social media posts
- Recognition on the United Way website

### **\$1,000 Pace Setting**

- Name on team shirts
- Name included in event promotions and social media
- Recognition on the United Way website

### **\$500 Starting Line**

- Acknowledgment in event promotions
- Name included in a group social media post thanking sponsors
- Recognition on the United Way website



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# Women United Celebration

**October 8, 2025**

**6:00-8:00pm**

**Jones Beach Energy & Nature Center**

**150 Bay Parkway, Wantagh, NY 11793**



Join us for an evening of wine & light bites as we celebrate the launch of Women United, a movement of passionate women committed to making a difference. Enjoy an inspirational program, connect with like-minded individuals, and be part of something powerful.

RSVP by October 3rd using the QR Code or

**<https://forms.office.com/r/EP0Ftsu09k>**

For more information about Women United contact Bridget Mantello at [bmantello@unitedwayli.org](mailto:bmantello@unitedwayli.org) or visit: [www.unitedwayli.org/WomenUnited](http://www.unitedwayli.org/WomenUnited)



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## The FourLeaf Air Show was a huge success!

Thank you FourLeaf Federal Credit Union, our volunteers, and our veterans for reminding Long Islanders what Memorial Day Weekend is all about.







# Programs



## YOUTHBUILD UPDATE

- YouthBuild moved into their new space
- YouthBuild Global came to take pictures of YBLI
- Mental Toughness was held in July to begin serving young people in Hempstead.
- CPR Training
- In preparation for construction modules participants built and painted bird houses. Bird Houses
- Paul Fleishman conducted a Public Speaking Workshop for participants.
- Participants began getting fitted for work attire at Career Couture.







# Stuff-A-Bus

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



Now in its 17th year, United Way of Long Island's annual Stuff-A-Bus program provides elementary school students with new school supplies, preparing them for their academic studies, building their self-esteem, and setting them up for success.

United Way is partnering with Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. to deliver the supplies generously donated by companies, organizations, and individuals across Long Island.





## Thanks To Our Lead Supporters



### Supporters include:

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# POWERUP!

## GREEN BUILDING & RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

PowerUp! is in full swing as both classes are starting their Fall sessions this month. There will be two more English and one more Spanish cohort planned to round out 2025.





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## READY TO START A CAREER THAT OFFERS GROWTH, STABILITY, AND SUSTAINABLE IMPACT?

United Way of Long Island's Workforce Development Training Academy provides **FREE** specialized education in clean tech and renewable energy, preparing participants for the in-demand roles that are shaping the future of our planet.

Our training academy is designed to meet the evolving needs of eco-friendly employers, while also setting trainees on the path to a financially secure and sustainable career.

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Take the first step toward a greener future with United Way's Workforce Development Training Academy. Classes are available in English and Spanish.

To register use the QR code or visit  
[www.unitedwayli.org/WDTA](http://www.unitedwayli.org/WDTA)



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**Homes and  
Community Renewal**

# ACCESS TO HOME FOR HEROES PROGRAM

United Way of Long Island is proud to offer a new initiative that honors the service of our nation's veterans. The Access to Home for Heroes/Veterans Program provides financial assistance to make accessibility modifications to the primary residences of veterans with disabilities. These modifications empower veterans to live safely, independently and comfortably in their homes.

## Examples of Eligible Modifications Include:

- Wheelchair ramps, stair glides, and handrails
- Roll-in showers with grab bars and handheld showers
- Widened doorways
- Non-skid flooring and accessible appliances
- Easy-to-reach kitchen workspaces and storage
- Raised electrical outlets and lowered light switches
- Relocation of bedroom or bathroom to first floor

## Eligibility:

- Veteran status with documentation
- Substantial physical limitation due to disability (service-related, age-related, or health-related)
- Must be a primary residence (homeowner or renter) in Suffolk County
- Household income

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum Annual Income (@.80% AMI)	\$109,200	\$124,800	\$140,400	\$155,880	\$168,360	\$180,840

*\*Income not to exceed 120 percent of area median income.*



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# IMPROVING HEALTH STARTS AT HOME

If you or someone in your household has Medicaid, you may qualify for free home repairs through the Medicaid 1115 Waiver program.

**This program helps improve your health and safety by fixing problems in your home like:**

- Mold or pest issues
- Poor ventilation or insulation
- Unsafe stairs, floors, or railings
- Indoor air quality/asthma concerns
- Slip and fall hazards



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## **What's Covered?**

You may receive up to \$10,000 in home repairs focused on health and safety.

## **More Than Just Repairs**

Through this program, United Way of Long Island can also connect you to other services at no cost to you, including:

- Rental assistance
- Food and nutrition assistance
- Non-emergency medical transportation
- Utility support

## **Who Qualifies?**

- You must have active Medicaid
- Your home must have conditions that impact your health and safety
- Both renters and homeowners may be eligible

Get started today to see if you qualify or to refer someone:  
Contact Isabelle at [Idesilier@unitedwayli.org](mailto:Idesilier@unitedwayli.org) or 631.940.3736



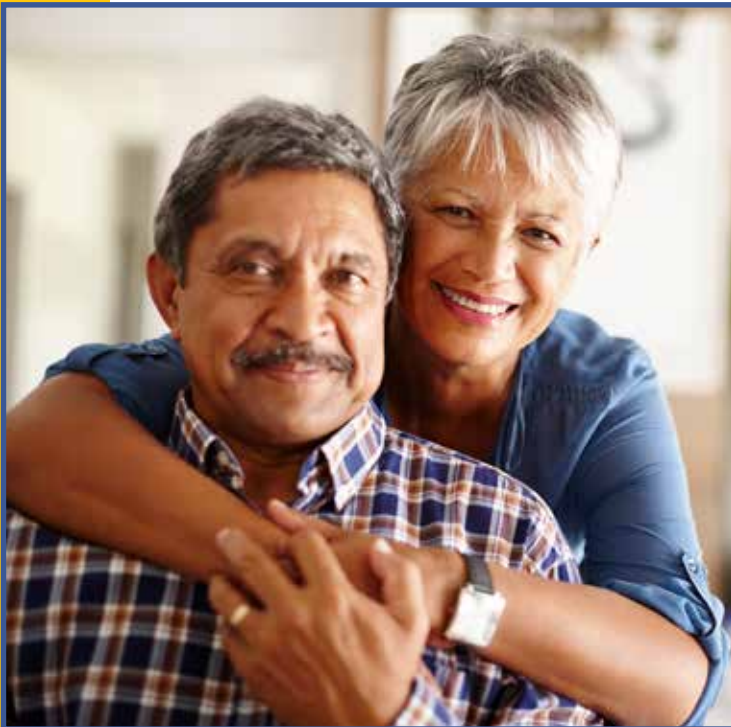


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**Safe**  
**at Home**  
for Seniors

# Are you 62 or older living in the town of Brookhaven or Islip?



United Way of Long Island and the Town of Brookhaven and Town of Islip have partnered to help seniors stay healthy & safe in the comfort of their homes by providing health & safety supplies.

- Want to keep your home safe & healthy this flu and Covid season?
- Would FREE supplies like disinfectants and air purifiers help you?

**We Can Help, contact us for assistance**

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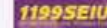
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When Amanda DiGrazia, 37, put her two young children in private day care, she and her husband had to dip into savings to pay \$49,000 for a year at one point.

As their kids have gotten older, those expenses have decreased, the Seafoord resident said. But new bills come along, including expenses to lease and buy out a lease on cars for both her and her husband.

Clothes also have gotten more expensive, and so has shopping for Christmas and birthdays.

"It seems like anytime that we're saving money somewhere, there's someplace else that it needs to go to," said DiGrazia, who helps her husband run a business.

DiGrazia is not the only one feeling the squeeze.

As the cost of living continues to rise, more Long Islanders — along with the state at large — are struggling to cover basic expenses, according to new data from United for ALICE, an economic research arm of the nonprofit United Way. That also means fewer families have extra money to save at the end of each month for financial emergencies, like a car repair or medical expenses, experts said. According to a March survey from WalletHub, at least 1 in 5 Americans have no emergency savings account.

"The personal saving rate, which is the percentage of money that you're saving relative to your income, has been declining for 20 to 30 years," said Steve Kent, chief economist of the Long Island Association's Research Institute, referencing data from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

## Harder to save for rainy days

On Long Island especially, it's become more difficult for households to cover basic expenses, making it harder to save for emergencies, said Theresa Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island.

People know it's important to save, but at the end of the day, "the decisions are already made for most families. There is not an opportunity to put back money for a rainy day fund," she said.

Twenty-seven percent of households in Nassau County were above the federal poverty

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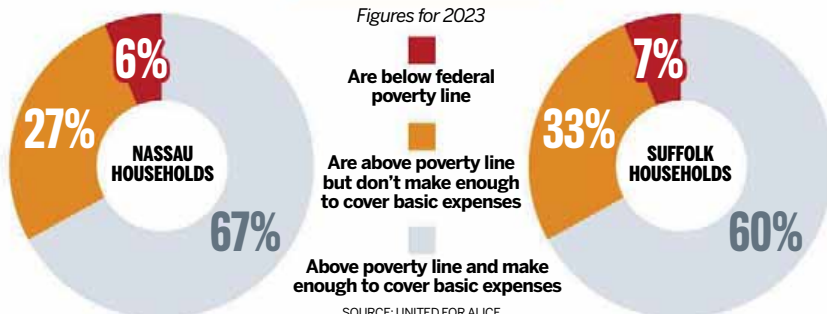
## WHY IT IS SO HARD TO SAVE

As costs of food, housing and basic needs rise, LIers struggle to secure money for future



## STRUGGLING ON LI

Figures for 2023



line but still struggled to pay their bills in 2023, according to a new report from United Way research arm United for ALICE.

ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, and represents families above the federal poverty level who still cannot make ends meet.

Another 6% of households in Nassau were below the federal poverty line in 2023, according to the report.

Also in 2023, 33% of households in Suffolk were above the federal poverty line but still struggled to pay their bills, and 7% were below the federal poverty line.

ALICE research in New York is sponsored by the nonprofit United Way of New York and the Albany-based Business Council of New York State Inc.

In Nassau County, to cover basic expenses in 2023, a household with two adults and two children would need at least \$109,452, according to ALICE data. If those two children are in child care, that number rises to \$133,380. A single adult would need to make at least \$45,672.

In Suffolk County in 2023, a family of four with two children would need to earn at least \$110,448 and, if the children are in child care, \$141,456, according to ALICE. A single adult would need at least \$46,944.

The median household income is \$141,568 in Nassau and \$124,045 in Suffolk, according to United for ALICE. The nonprofit noted in its report that "certain groups are disproportionately represented due to systemic racism, ageism, gender discrimination, and geographic barriers that limit many families' access to resources and opportunities for financial stability."

On Long Island, that includes Black, Hispanic and Indigenous households, as well as homes headed by a single parent, according to United for ALICE.

"We obviously live in a community where there's a premium to live here," Regnante said, citing high taxes, rents and housing prices among the factors that make it difficult to afford Long Island.

"More people who are gainfully employed, who are working at what we would call a livable wage, are really struggling," she said.

Between 2010 and 2023, the

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in delinquencies.

Mortgage balances and home equity line of credit balances both rose as well from the previous quarter, according to the New York Fed.

### Nonprofits a safety net

Many local nonprofits, like United Way, offer safety net programs to help out Long Islanders in case of emergency.

United Way of Long Island runs a program called The Compassion Fund meant to help bridge financial gaps, such as fixing a car or covering medications. The nonprofit also offers a nonemergency 211 line for households at or below ALICE thresholds to help with financial emergencies.

The Health and Welfare Council of Long Island also offers financial resources by distributing federal funds to community organizations through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

The South Huntington-based nonprofit, which has been around since 1947, has seen a decrease in allotments even as needs for issues like food insecurity or health care assistance have increased, said president and CEO Vanessa Baird-Streeter.

That need for financial aid has been worsened by federal layoffs, she said, adding the organization has not yet received its federal funding for 2025.

"Usually you need to have

### TIPS FOR SAVING

Ryan Derousseau, a certified financial planner at United Financial Planning Group in Hauppauge, offers these tips:

- **An emergency fund typically covers** three to six months of expenses, he said. Determine what you're spending and how much you'd need to cover bills during that time period.
- **Three months might be enough** for someone with steady employment, he said, while six months offers more protection for those concerned about layoffs or who are self-employed.
- **When managing expenses, examine** "what you need, what is actually bringing your family value and you're getting use out of," Derousseau said. There might be expenses, such as subscriptions, that could be "culled" and free up money for savings.
- **It's also a good idea to budget** for non-monthly expenses, such as car insurance and vet bills, he said.
- **Store emergency funds in a high-yield savings account**, which offers a higher interest rate and remains accessible.
- **Prioritize paying off credit cards** before building more than a month of emergency savings, he said. It also might be a good idea to automate savings deposits each month.

three to six months of emergency savings, but I think that's exacerbated on Long Island because of the high cost of living," she said. HWCLI has offered financial coaching workshops in the past, but does not provide the service on a regular basis.

The general rule of thumb is to try to put at least 20% of monthly income toward saving and debts, said Millie Nieves, branch manager at M&T Bank in Riverhead, which is among several Long Island banks that offer financial education.

Ideally, money could be deposited into a separate savings

account automatically, or a certificate of deposit, she said.

It has become harder for Long Islanders to save, she acknowledged, due to a rising cost of living. But that's another reason to try to build wealth rather than spending it.

"Start small and pay yourself first," she said. "Make it a habit to save."

For someone living paycheck to paycheck, "definitely look to your current employer for options or benefits that they do have to help save money, such as, can they match your 401(k)?" she said. "Is your company help-

ing with HSA contributions?"

Plus, there's a lot of online resources, including a financial education center at M&T's website, Nieves pointed out. The bank also regularly hosts financial literacy sessions for community members.

### Younger people, fewer funds

Younger people are less likely to have financial safety nets. The median emergency fund for Gen Z, those born between 1997 and 2012, is \$200, according to GOBankingRates. The personal finance site attributes this to most still attending high school or college, or earning lower salaries as workers early in their careers.

Millennials, born between 1981 and 1996, are not much better off, with a median emergency fund balance of \$500, according to GOBankingRates. Sixty percent don't know how they'd cover an unexpected bill, the site says, with financial pressures from student loan repayments, high rent and rising costs.

Gen X, born between 1965 and 1980, have a median \$868 in emergency savings and Baby Boomers, born between 1946 and 1964, have a median \$1,000 in emergency savings.

New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury established a fund to help students stay in school despite unexpected expenses, such as car repairs, when the pandemic hit in 2020.

The program was a direct response to students reaching out when the state went on lockdown because they did not have the money to get home, said Tiffani Hinds, associate provost for student engagement and development.

Full- and part-time students can apply for up to \$500 in emergency aid to bridge financial gaps, she said. More than 700 reached out for help during the pandemic, though the number has significantly dropped since then — only 10 students attending the Long Island campus requested funds this year, Hinds said.

### Saving not impossible

"We're educating our students to go out into the world and to change it in a better way," she said, noting it's unlikely that many college students have emergency funds to fall back on.

"A lot of our students are going through life while they're with us and so for us to be able to assist them through their personal emergencies, through their catastrophes, in some small way, is great for



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— Theresa Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island

their success," Hinds said.

For Dylan Pacer, 35, an analyst for Northwell, as difficult as it may be, building up savings is not impossible. He's been able to save enough, although it's been "slightly harder" because of inflation and expensive day care bills.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, the Lake Ronkonkoma resident has embraced healthier personal finance habits, which has made it much easier to put money away. He's aware of price increases, but it hasn't impacted him as much because he shops sales and usually buys store brand products.

His family is also higher income, he acknowledged, and has just one child in the house.

An increasing cost of living has been "driving people off of Long Island," he said. "I'm in a fortunate position; I can afford it . . . But I understand" that, for a "younger person trying to start a life here . . . it's very difficult."

Oscar Garcia, 33, of Miller Place, said it's actually been easier to save money lately than it has been in the past.

"We budget more," he said. "We also have better jobs."

At the end of the day, he's focused on being mindful about where he spends his money, and that has been enough.



## ON OUR ISLAND



*Courtesy of United Way of Long Island*

### **Project Warmth receives \$600K grant for 2,000 in-need LI families**

Thanks to a \$600,000 grant from National Grid Foundation, Project Warmth helped 2,000 Long Island families stay safe and warm this past winter. This gift alone brought Project Warmth more than halfway in reaching that goal: 1,988 children, 704 seniors, 50+ veterans.

Of the 2,000 families served, 81% required emergency assistance due to a health-related concern, while 19% needed support following the loss of a job or a loved one. Additionally, 92% of the families included at least one vulnerable individual, who are most at risk during periods of extreme temperatures.

Project Warmth has served as a safety net for three decades, ensuring that individuals who do not qualify for government assistance still receive the help they need whether they heat their home with gas, oil, electric, wood or propane.

# EMERGING LEADERS

## UNDER 30

### Long Island Business News announces 2025 Emerging Leaders Under 30 honorees

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Long Island Business News has selected the recipients of this year's [Emerging Leaders Under 30 Awards](#).

The Emerging Leaders Under 30 Awards honor promising and dynamic young professionals who demonstrate significant professional accomplishments and unwavering integrity, and contribute to the Long Island region through community service as well as a dynamic work ethic. The honorees were selected by the editorial staff of Long Island Business News.

A list of winners is below:

#### 2025 Emerging Leaders Under 30 Awards

Tyler E. Alvarez, Merrill Lynch

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"The 2025 Emerging Leaders Under 30 honorees are professionally successful, but also understand that giving back is part of the mission. They juggle busy jobs, education and family commitments, and still find the time to make a difference in the lives of others," said Suzanne Fischer-Huettnner, managing director of BridgeTower Media/Long Island Business News. "They are the best and brightest of the next generation of Long Island leaders, and we are pleased to honor each of them."

The winners will be recognized at a celebration on Monday, Aug. 4, at [Crest Hollow Country Club](#), 8325 Jericho Turnpike in Woodbury. Networking, food stations and drinks begin in the Coral Beach area (outdoors, weather permitting) at 4:30 p.m., with the awards celebration at 5:30 p.m. followed by continued networking, an ice cream sundae dessert bar and drinks. The event hashtag is #LIBNevents.

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Honorees will be profiled in a special section in the August 8 issue of Long Island Business News and will be available online at [libn.com](#).

For more information and the most updated listing of sponsors, visit [libn.com/event/emerging-leaders-under-30/](http://libn.com/event/emerging-leaders-under-30/).



## Long Island's Top 50 Women in Business to be celebrated at silver anniversary event | Long Island Business News

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Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the **Top 50 Women** in Business Awards recognize Long Island's top women professionals for their business acumen, mentoring and community involvement. The program's honorees are selected by a judging committee and represent the most influential women in business, government and the **nonprofit** fields.

Four women will be inducted into the Circle of Excellence, receiving the award for a third and final time.

A listing of honorees is below:

### 2025 Top 50 Women in Business

#### Circle of Excellence

Dr. Maria P. Conzatti, Nassau Community College

Constantina S. Papageorgiou, Esq., Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP

Theresa A. Regnante, United Way of Long Island

Yolanda Robano-Gross, Options for Community Living

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"The 2025 Top 50 Women in Business are inspiring leaders who have made significant contributions to Long Island and beyond. They are high-achieving role models who mentor and encourage future generations to pursue their own paths and ambitions," said Suzanne Fischer-Huettnier, managing director of BridgeTower Media/Long Island Business News. "Their unwavering integrity and commitment to community and dedication to charitable efforts across Long Island is outstanding. We at Long Island Business News congratulate and celebrate this year's honorees and the many women who have been recognized as Top 50 Women in Business over the past 25 years."

The honorees will be recognized at an event on Thursday, Oct. 16, at Great Hollow Country Club, 8325 Jericho Turnpike in Woodbury. An exclusive winner networking reception begins at 5 p.m., followed by a general networking reception at 5:30 p.m. and dinner and the awards celebration at 6:30 p.m. The event hashtag is #LIBNevents.

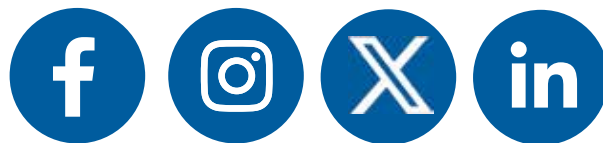
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Honorees will be profiled in a special section of the Oct. 17 issue of Long Island Business News and will be available online at [libn.com](http://libn.com).

For more information and the most updated listing of sponsors, visit [libn.com/event/p50women/](http://libn.com/event/p50women/).



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**Sally Librera**

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Sending a big shout out to the **National Grid** NY teams who showcased some of the BIG Work we are delivering for Long Island customers and communities.

Our Northwest Nassau Transmission Reliability Project is a massive undertaking - reinforcing our gas system across 12 municipalities to increase its capacity and reliability. While at the project site with **Edward Owsinski**, **Marissa Blockus**, **John Wolf**, and **Andrew Mulvey**, I got the chance to meet with Mayor Adam Hoffman of the Village of Lake Success as well as our partners at **The Hallen Construction Co., Inc.** Impressive to see the efficient approach, neighbor engagement and focus on safety. I'm proud to share that the project is ahead of schedule.

I also visited our great friends and partners at **United Way of Long Island** in Deer Park for a wonderful Girls Who Build event. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to meet and speak with the 22 inspiring high school students from Nassau and Suffolk Counties who are exploring exciting careers in STEM. Thanks to **Yaryl Gonzalez**, **Mariah Dignan**, **Michelle Zarifis**, and **Nelvie Howard** for making the program a success.

And I had a fun time with **scott beloff** and **Francesco B.** at our impressive Materials Lab, our state-of-the-art facility that conducts advanced testing for our NY gas system.

A BIG thank you to everyone for working on these projects. It was wonderful to spend time with everyone, including **Brian Sapp** and **Wendy Frigeria**, to learn about our great work.



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**Magdalonie Paris-Campbell, MSW**

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I am honored to serve as co-chair for United Way of Long Island's Women United Campaign. I joined Women United to turn empathy into impact and help drive meaningful change for women and girls across our community. This initiative brings together passionate, purpose-driven leaders who are committed to empowering the next generation.

If you're looking for a meaningful way to lead with purpose, this is it.

A heartfelt thank you to the inspiring women alongside me on this journey — **Rosalie Drago**, **Lynda Hullstrung**, Jamie K. Titus, and **Bridget Mantello** — your leadership and dedication continue to elevate this important work.

👉 Want to get involved?

Contact me, drop a comment below, or visit <https://lnkd.in/g9zPzzX4>

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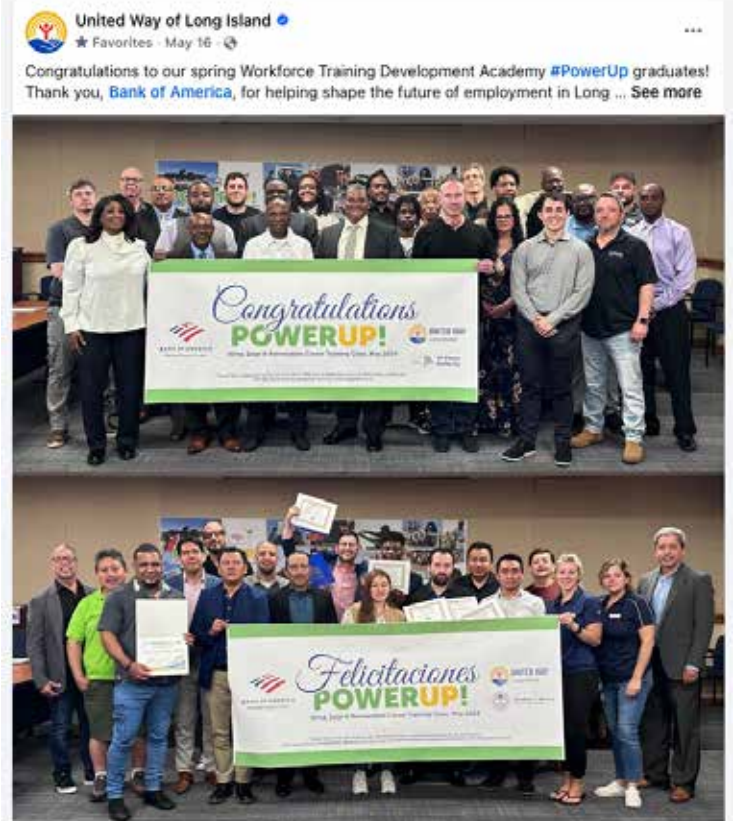


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