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Thank You to All Who Made Our **UNITED TOGETHER Celebration Possible**



On Wednesday, June 14 over 600 supporters gathered at United Way of Long Island's UNITED TOGETHER Celebration, raising more than \$715,000. Guests celebrated the collective impact people and organizations in our community make through United Way. Along with title sponsor Bethpage Federal Credit Union, we also recognized three extraordinary United Way Champions (pictured above) and community advocates who stand united in helping families across Long Island.

UNITED TOGETHER 2023 Honorees are leaders who have shown dedication, ongoing generosity, and commitment to help United Way of Long Island advance the common good through education, health, and financial independence. This year, United Way of Long Island was proud to recognize:

The Anthony J. Stupore Memorial UNITED TOGETHER Volunteer Champion – Gene M. Bernstein, Chairman of the Board of Northville Industries and Chair of United Way's Project Warmth Fuel Fund

UNITED TOGETHER Corporate Champion – Brookhaven National Laboratory

UNITED TOGETHER Labor Champion - John J. Murphy, International Representative of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada



Theresa Regnante, President & CEO of United Way of Long Island, introduced Rochelle and her children, who found themselves in a precarious situation when they were forced to live in a shelter due to their financial struggles. Rochelle's determination and hard work paid off when she was able to secure a job and move into an apartment. The family will continue to have access to resources through the United Way Family Support Project to achieve financial stability and build a brighter future.

"Compassion starts with kindness and fuels the generous spirit that we all possess," Theresa said. "When we reach out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all."





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Thank you to Bethpage Federal Credit Union for your continued support and for inviting United Way of Long Island to participate in this year's Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach.

United Way was on the boardwalk raising funds to support our veterans and active military families. For a small contribution attendees spun the wheel and won super prizes. Through the generosity of those in attendance, over \$5,200 was raised.

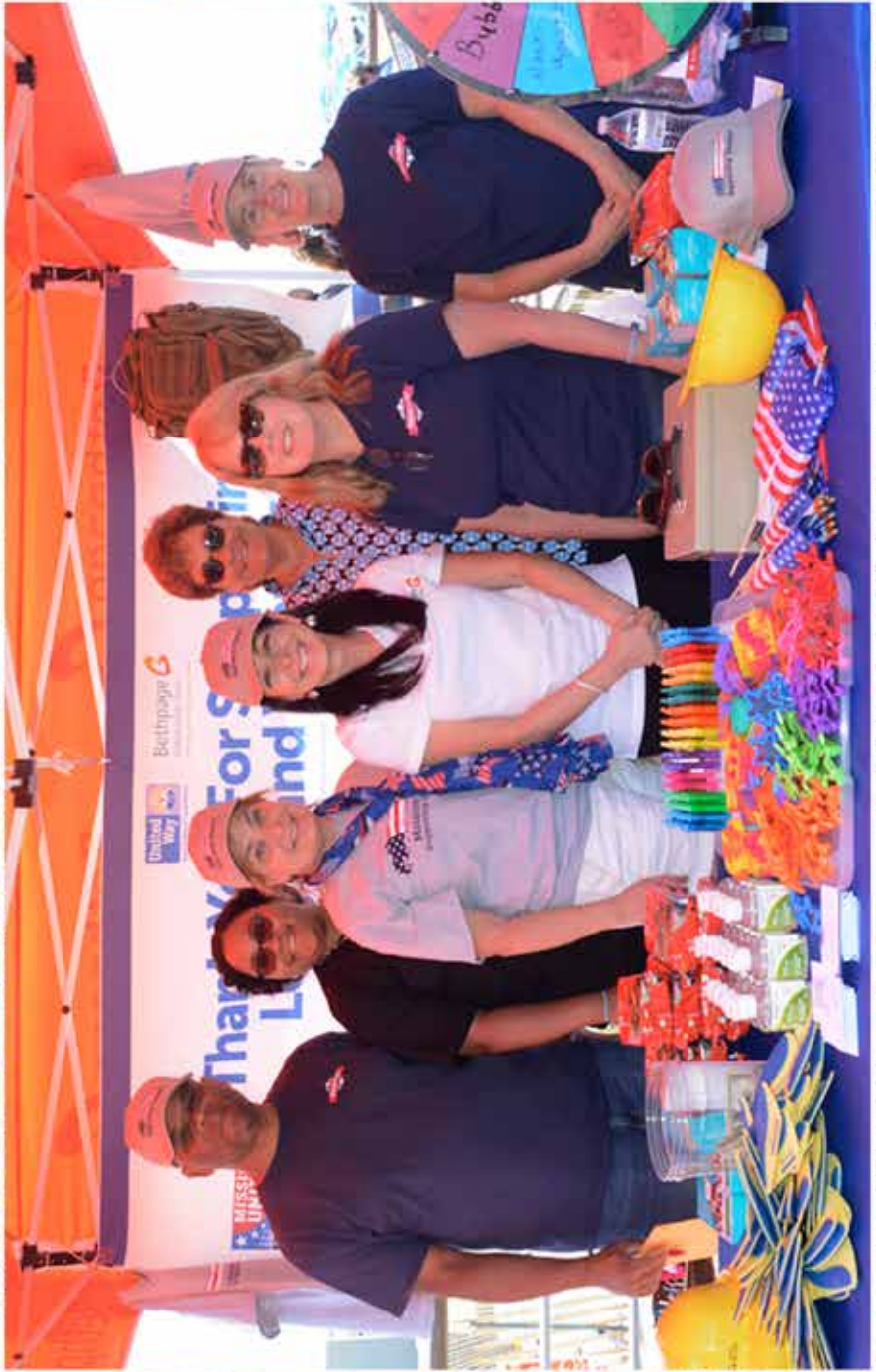
There are over 80,000 veterans living on Long Island, and a significant portion are seniors who have become especially vulnerable in recent years. Additionally nearly 2,000 veterans are attending colleges many of which have young families and yet are still struggling to get by.

Thank you Bethpage Federal Credit Union for helping us support our local heroes!



For more information on Mission United visit:
www.unitedwayli.org/missionunited







YouthBuild Graduation 2023

On August 23rd, we celebrated the accomplishments of the Class of 2023.

"Being a part of YouthBuild has changed my life in so many different ways! I've built lifelong friendships, networked, traveled to the capital, and enrolled in college-level courses such as entrepreneurial business. With the support I received, I even took classes to study more about myself and my goals while I learned lessons that will help me throughout life. I was never good at talking in front of crowds, but I now have the confidence to speak from what I learned during a public speaking class. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for us all."



Bethpage Federal Credit Union Community Service Day



On May 4th, Bethpage Federal Credit Union employees volunteered with United Way of Long Island to support the VetsBuild program. Emmy award-winning reporter at WABC-TV, Stacey Sager, was on site to tape a special news presentation.





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Programs



Stuff-A-Bus

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



Now in its 15th 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. and Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW to deliver the supplies generously donated by companies, organizations, and individuals across Long Island.



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Since 2014, United Way of Long Island has administered the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) generously funded by Bank of America, providing high school and college students with paid internships and hands-on career training. 37 students, ages 14-23, were employed for six-weeks with 30 non-profit host agencies in communities throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. For more information visit: www.unitedwayli.org/SYEP





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POWERUP!

Wind, Solar & Renewables Career Training

Congratulations to United Way of Long Island's PowerUp Wind, Solar & Renewables graduates! Our energy career training operates out of United Way's E3 SmartBuild Training Center in Deer Park. The center includes a portable prototype wind turbine. Since 2022, 200 Long Islanders have completed the 50-hour program curriculum and training. Another 100 are slated to complete the program this year.





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Surviving Long Island's high cost of living on \$55,500 a year or less: The biggest challenges



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By Beth Whitehouse

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Every month, Christine Fernandez juggles her family's bills. If she must decide between paying the \$3,383 rent for the five-bedroom home in Shirley where she lives with her husband and five children or their electric bill, it's the electric bill that gets dropped.

"I'd rather have no lights than no roof," she says.

That kind of choice is not uncommon for Long Island families living at the poverty line in a region where the cost of living continues to climb. The federally defined national poverty level for a family of four should be almost doubled for Nassau and Suffolk counties — to \$55,500, according to a 2022 report by the Suffolk County Legislature's Welfare to Work Commission titled "Still Struggling in Suburbia: The Unmet Challenges of Poverty in Suffolk County."

One in five Long Island residents lives on that economic precipice.

In many families, the adults may be working, but they still struggle because they are earning more than the national poverty level of \$30,000, yet far less than the \$100,000 required to meet the basic needs of a family of four in Suffolk — without frills such as entertainment, vacations or restaurants, according to the report.

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They are stretched by rents that keep getting raised, by child care costs that gobble up take-home pay, by inflation ballooning the cost of food, by old cars that can't be relied upon, and by unexpected health or household emergencies.

Often, they are in financial limbo because they make too little to cover all their expenses but too much to qualify for government aid.

How do they survive here? Here are the stories of four Long Island families:

Rochelle John, 36, says she "lives paycheck to paycheck because even though she lives in what's considered affordable housing in Coram, "To me, I don't think it's affordable."

She pays more than \$1,600 a month for a two-bedroom apartment, with three children, ages 13, 6 and 5, in one bedroom and herself in the other. She earns \$19 an hour as a manager at a fast-food restaurant where she's worked for five years. She works four 10-hour shifts a week, plus occasional overtime, and when she's working, her 13-year-old daughter watches the younger siblings. She does not receive child support, and the children's father is not involved, she says.

"Now I have something else I have to deal with. They tell me I'm going to need to become a teacher just to know in school. I have to get something called a 504. I have no idea about all these fancy words." A 504 plan enables a diagnosed child to get services they need to succeed in the classroom.

"I think I've cried so much I don't even have tears in my eyes anymore," John says.

Santander Bank Opens New Branch In Hempstead

The Fulton Avenue location features two ATMs for 24/7 banking.

Jerry Barmash, Patch Staff

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Santander Bank has opened a new Hempstead branch on Fulton Avenue. (Google)

HEMPSTEAD, NY — Santander Bank has opened its newest branch in Hempstead.

As part of the Fulton Avenue grand opening, Santander announced its commitment to community.

Santander Bank presented a \$300,000 check to La Fuerza Community Development Corporation during the June 28 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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The bank also delivered a \$15,000 grant to the United Way of Long Island's YouthBuild workforce program, designed to support educational and career training for young adults in low-income communities.

"We are proud to serve the needs of the Hempstead community. In fact, that phrase is painted on one of the interior walls as a reminder that our customers are at the center of everything we do. We are excited to open this branch which is conveniently located in one of the most populated shopping centers in Hempstead," Yajaira Lopez, Santander Bank Tri-State Region President, said.

The new location has a welcoming environment for customers, starting with murals of local landmarks. There are several spaces designated to interact with members of Santander, including a "nook" to meet privately about their financial needs.

The branch is outfitted with free Wi-Fi for customers, a dual function digital screen that provides marketing content and can be utilized for seminars and two ATMs—one inside and one walk-up on the exterior of the building that offers 24-hour ATM availability, allowing customers to bank any time.

"Coupled with our digital tools and capabilities, we're now able to help more people and businesses on Long Island prosper," Lopez added.



MEET THE FAMILY

CHRISTINA ETIENNE, 28



Christina Etienne's greatest goal is something previous generations may have taken for granted: being able to afford to move out of her parents' house by the time she's 30.

"I want my own space," says Etienne, 28, who lives with her mother and stepfather in Freeport. "Knowing that 30 is kind of creeping up on me and I'm still living at home . . . My generation is pressed."

Etienne is single and working full time installing solar panels. She's paid \$19 an hour. If she works a full 40 hours, her gross pay would be \$760 a week, or \$3,290 a month, before taxes. But some weeks

THE FAMILY

Christina Etienne, single, lives with her parents

WHERE SHE LIVES

Freeport

BIGGEST AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGE

Moving out of her parents' house

she doesn't work a full 40 hours due to weather or other issues beyond her control.

"Certain seasons are better than others," she says. "Cold, raining, sun goes down sooner. Those few extra hours make such a difference. If I work 8

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a.m. to noon, I'm only getting paid 8 a.m. to noon." She estimates her yearly pay to come out to about \$32,000 before taxes. "If I move out, all my money will go to rent," she says. She estimates renting even a small apartment would cost her \$2,000. She doesn't pay rent to live in her own bedroom at home, but she still faces all her other expenses, she says. Her monthly car payment is \$300, and her car insurance is \$400. "That's \$700 a month right there," she says.

There's also her cellphone bill, not to mention groceries. Fortunately, she says, she doesn't also have the burden others in her generation do: She does not have student loans. Etienne graduated from high school in Brooklyn in 2013, and she did one semester of interior design courses at Nassau Community College before realizing she loved doing electrical work. She took a free six-week course with United Way of Long Island called Power Up! Wind, Solar and Renewables Career Training and landed a job installing solar panels. She says the program helped her pursue a nontraditional career path, and she is the only female on her team. She longs to be financially independent. "I do want to start a family," she says. "I want to settle down. I have considered leaving the state and going to Georgia or Texas, and if I were to stay, it is just because my family is here.

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ISLANDWIDE

Summer food program to offer meals to kids on LI, state

BY JOHN VALENTI

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In an effort to let no kid go hungry, the 2023 Summer Food Service Program plans to provide meals to about 400,000 New Yorkers, the state Education Department announced.

It will kick off in July at nearly 2,500 sites statewide, including parks, pools, camps, libraries and schools.

As part of Tuesday's announcement, officials released an interactive USDA map families can access online to search for a service location, using an address, town, city or ZIP code.

Statewide, more than 495 organizations will serve meals every day, officials said, with summer sites offering "nutritious, healthy meals for chil-

dren, often with fresh, locally sourced produce."

Meals will be available for pickup or delivery to eligible children in rural areas who can't get to a meal site. It is anticipated that more than 20 million nutritious meals will be served to New York children this summer.

In addition to the online map — fns.usda.gov/meals4kids — families can text "Food" or "Comida" to 304-304. You can also call the USDA National Hunger Hotline at 866-3-HUNGRY or 877-3-HAMBRE or call 211 in New York State or 311 in New York City.

The Summer Food Service Program was established to ensure low-income children age 18 and younger receive healthy meals when schools are not in

session, officials said.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service administers the program at the national level, while the State Education Department administers it at the state level.

"These programs are vital to ensure that children from low-income families have equitable access to nutritious meals during the summer break, helping to combat food insecurity and promote overall well-being," State Education Department Commissioner Betty A. Rosa said in a statement. "The Summer Food Service programs support educational continuity by ensuring that children return to school in the fall ready to learn, as proper nutrition is closely linked to academic performance."

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Featured News

ALICE Workers Were Celebrated as Essential Heroes During Covid-19, Yet They Do Not Earn Enough to Support Their Families

By Theresa A. Regnante, President & CEO, United Way of Long Island

Posted on September 3, 2023



There are dueling storylines about America's workers in recent headlines, and both are true. Inflation has cooled, unemployment is low, and wages have grown. In contrast, 5 million households are behind on rent and 401K hardship withdrawals rose 36%.

There are two starkly different economic realities in America. One in which middle- and high wage workers saw savings and wealth increase throughout the pandemic. And another for those working in low-income jobs, whose wages stagnated over 15 years. These essential workers were locked out of the economic booms and are still reeling from another battering sustained during the pandemic.

As we celebrate America's workers this Labor Day, we at United Way of Long Island ask leaders from the boardroom to the statehouse to join us in using our ALICE data to drive innovative solutions and on-the-ground impact needed to create change for these low-wage workers we call **ALICE** (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed).

Recognizing ALICE Workers

ALICE workers were recognized for their heroics during the pandemic, yet they continue to struggle to afford the basics for their families. Their storyline hasn't improved. ALICE workers were always living here and delivering for us – as our childcare professionals, home health aides and delivery workers. Though they earn above the Federal Poverty Level, their wages are not enough to cover the rising costs of housing, food, childcare, health care, and transportation – the essentials needed in today's modern economy.

The outdated and incomplete measurements our country uses to document financial hardship have distorted how we understand the challenges facing these hardworking neighbors as they strive for financial stability.

The poverty level vastly underestimates how many households are experiencing hardship. New York State's latest ALICE report, produced with our research partner United For ALICE, demonstrates that 3,316,600 million households – 45 percent, more than four in ten – are walking a financial tightrope, unable to afford this state's high cost of living.

A key contributor to the number of ALICE households in New York is the fundamental mismatch between the cost of living and what jobs pay. For example, 47% of Personal Care Aides (the most common occupation in New York) were below the ALICE Threshold in 2021.

On Long Island, 130,599 households in Nassau County and 171,921 households in Suffolk County are struggling to afford these fundamental needs. This means that 31.5% or 302,520 of Long Island households fall below the set income ALICE Threshold budget for survival.

These families don't qualify for federal assistance and can find themselves needing help from organizations like United Way of Long Island to recover from an unexpected cost or emergency situation.

Other 2023 ALICE Report key findings:

- In Nassau County, the average Household Survival Budget is \$84,528 or \$42.26/hour for a home with two adults and two school age children.
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- 51% percent of all jobs in NYS pay less than \$20/hour or \$40,000 annually for full time work. Even working multiple jobs often does not provide sufficient income to meet the ALICE threshold.

The ALICE Report raises awareness about a significant but hidden segment of community members. They work hard for the wages they earn but are falling short of covering life's basic costs. It also underscores how essential ALICE is to our communities' economic well-being and when ALICE is forced to make difficult choices, the entire community faces consequences.

United Way of Long Island is showing up for ALICE, filling some resource gaps and offering 211 Long Island for confidential information and referrals related to support services but we alone cannot bring ALICE households to financial stability. We invite you to discover more about United Way's positive, enduring impact and join our giving community by visiting www.unitedwayli.org.

If we are united in purpose for our essential workers, together we can write a new storyline that puts financial stability in reach for ALICE, improving life for all Long Islanders.

And there's no better way to celebrate Long Island's workforce than that.

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September 7, 2023



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Long Island developers use solar panels, more to create green homes

By Jonathan LaMantia

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Long Islanders looking for environmentally friendly homes are starting to gain more options, as local developers bet that homebuyers will want to go green and potentially save money in the process.

Two organizations are making that bet at vastly different price points.

Marc Weissbach, a 56-year-old architect venturing into development, has planned 29 homes in a subdivision built on about 30 acres in Baiting Hollow, part of the Town of Riverhead. The first home, which was recently completed, sits on a street that marks a path to the Baiting Hollow Golf Club and has distant views of its fairways from the second floor.

The 3,200-square-foot Modern Farmhouse-style home, with four bedrooms and 3½ bathrooms, has all the hallmarks of luxury living — high ceilings, top-of-the-line appliances, a three-car garage and a \$2.1 million asking price.

New construction, energy efficient, under market value

Rick Wertheim of United Way of Long Island holds a structural insulated panel in a nearly completed Wyandanch home. Credit: Danielle Silverman

In Wyandanch, Wertheim doesn't need to worry much about finding a buyer — the opportunity to buy a new construction house for less than market value is a rare opportunity.

But he wants the project to be as efficient as possible to keep costs in check for the United Way and to deliver energy savings for the homebuyer who moves in. To qualify, that buyer will need to earn 80% of area median income or less, which is \$86,200 for a single person or \$123,100 for a family of four, according to federal guidelines.

"Every home needs to be built like it's a rocket ship; every system is dependent upon the other," Wertheim said. "Our building envelope has to be rock solid."

In Wyandanch, Rick Wertheim, 61, is spearheading construction of the United Way of Long Island's latest energy-efficient home on a corner lot that it acquired for free from the Suffolk County Landbank, which works to redevelop distressed properties.

United Way plans to sell the home for below market value, aiming for between \$400,000 and \$415,000, depending on finishing costs, Wertheim said. A lottery for the three-bed, two-bath home — which is in a neighborhood of single-family houses near Wyandanch Memorial High School — is open through Sept. 30, he added.

Both will be net-zero energy-ready homes, which means the properties can produce most, if not all, the energy they use annually. For these homes, that will be accomplished through solar panels.

"When a homebuyer comes in, we'll be able to let them know exactly how much renewable energy ... will offset their energy use," Weissbach said. "Net-zero energy-ready means when you come in, we could have this so that your carbon footprint would be zero."



Controlling the flow of air and preventing the loss of energy is the mission. "On a hot day we don't we don't want [air] to come in, but on a cold day we don't want it leaving," he said.

The home's components all serve that goal. It starts with the structural insulated panels, or SIPs, that make up the exterior. The panels, built elsewhere and assembled by Wertheim's team over three days, have a steel frame with a foam core and a magnesium oxide skin to keep out moisture. The house is also designed to withstand hurricane winds, slow the spread of fires and remain accessible to homeowners as they age in the house.

The home's field of solar panels, which costs \$34,000 including installation, power its heat pump, and an energy recovery ventilator system helps bring in fresh air without adding too much humidity to the house. Wertheim calls these systems the house's "heart and lungs."

"I can't rely on Mother Nature and happenstance," he said. "Most people consider a house needs to breathe. That's a fallacy. A house needs controlled, balanced ventilation with fresh air changes."

The United Way of Long Island has built 29 homes around the area since 2014, when it became a partner in the U.S. Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Homes program, which has recognized the nonprofit with eight awards for housing innovation.

Wertheim estimated the additional cost of building an Energy Star-certified home, which has lower utility costs, is about \$5,000 to \$7,000 more than a home that just satisfies local building codes. Adding features to bring the home close to net-zero emissions, including those that improve air quality and conserve water, costs about \$25,000 more than only complying with code.

"Those energy savings get passed down through generations," Wertheim said, "and it's just a better product because those homes are healthier, they're safer and they're more comfortable. There's never a draft." Affordable green homes

Retired Army Sgt. Brian Pullis, 35, is a believer. In 2019, he moved into one of the United Way's homes, which was built on the site of a previously abandoned house in East Patchogue that the nonprofit purchased at a reduced price from the Suffolk County Landbank.

"I actually have bad allergies, and I do notice a difference," he said. "Some days I'll be working and sneezing my butt off, and I'll go home and it'll just go away because the air is completely sealed and purified through a purification system."



Pullis' purchase of the three-bedroom house deepened an already strong connection to the United Way. When the Coram native left the military in 2013 he had trouble transitioning to a civilian career path after three tours in

Afghanistan as part of the 82nd Airborne Division's 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He was delivering pizzas for a time before finding the United Way's VetsBuild program, which trained him in green construction and HVAC systems.

— Retired Army Sgt. Brian Pullis

He landed a job in 2014 with the heating oil supplier Meenan as an HVAC technician, and now lives in the home, built by the VetsBuild program he completed, with his wife, Katelyn, and their 3-month-old daughter, Emily.

"It's kind of like things went full circle. I worked with the VetsBuild program. Learned the trades with them, and then used the skills I learned to elevate myself to afford a home their program built," Pullis said. "As a veteran too, it feels great to know my home was built by veterans learning a skill that could give them a career."

Pullis bought the home for \$397,500 and said his monthly mortgage payment is now about \$2,600 a month. The south-facing side of its roof is covered in solar panels and it, too, features a heat pump and energy-recovery ventilator. Most months, he said he pays only a tax charge of \$14.95 for electricity, with the bill rising to about \$100 in months with less sun. When his solar panels produce more energy than the house uses, the money is banked and credited for future months.

United Way estimated the house saves about \$3,200 a year in utility costs, compared with a house built to code. That savings gave Pullis the initial confidence to buy the home and now allows him to spend on projects, such as a new patio.

"Not having the stress of all these other bills made it a lot easier to realize maybe I can actually afford this," he said. Pullis is required to live in the home for 10 years before he can sell it and keep any money in excess of what he paid for it. He's optimistic that the home's energy efficiency and cheap utility bills will be valued by buyers in the future.



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Opinion | Building a safety net to protect our veterans from suicide

By Margaret Harrell

Monday, Aug 14



Bob Woodruff Foundation Got Your 6 partner Armed Services Arts Partnership, uses art education to help veterans improve their well-being and social connectedness. (Courtesy Armed Services Arts Partnership)

While even one death is too many, our veterans continue to die from suicide at significantly higher rates — 57% — than those who have not served; and it is the [second leading cause of death for veterans under the age of 45](#). Yet there is hope that we as a country can finally marshal our collective resources to diminish what has seemed like an intractable crisis.

The answers lie in part, in nonprofit and civic organizations understanding what works, and in realizing that they can't do it alone.

First, it's essential to identify the key strategies we must implement if we hope to avert suicide. These fall into two categories requiring different kinds of interventions. One is *suicide prevention*, which is often used as a blanket statement but whose measurable results are focused on mental health. The second is what I have termed "*suicide protection*," which also includes [practical solutions for financial insecurity, healthcare and access to communities of shared interests and support](#).

As a social scientist who relies on evidence to make funding decisions, I look at a program's desired outcome and the analytics an organization can provide in achieving this. While many nonprofits express intent to prevent suicide, a profoundly important goal, we know from [clinical practice guidelines by the Department of Defense](#) and the Veterans Administration that cognitive behavioral therapy is the only approach in the preventive toolkit with a strong enough efficacy for those organizations to recommend it.

We as a nation have vast nonprofit resources that we can bring together to supplement the government services that work. We can also build partnerships among like-minded veteran organizations to synergize their offerings, and especially to serve the veterans at risk who are not seeking mental healthcare. Together we can create a protective safety net for the broader community of veterans at risk.

The good news is that many organizations such as [Bastion Community of Resilience](#) and [United Way of Long Island](#) are already doing important work in alliance with others to address a broad range of needs to ensure veterans' wellness.

Yet barriers still exist, even among those who are committed to their mission to serve the military and veteran community. We hope that with greater recognition of suicide protection, organizations that are focused solely on specific services such as legal aid or employment assistance, can then see the benefits — indeed the imperative — of aligning with other service providers.

The Bob Woodruff Foundation, or BWF, has seen how powerful a network can be. We partner with 300+ best-in-class organizations that comprise the [BWF Got Your 6 grassroots network](#) of civic and veteran organizations across the country. They help

In contrast, *suicide protection* tackles a broader set of factors: legal problems, unemployment or financial loss that can cascade to the dissolution of friends and family and ultimately the feelings of social isolation and hopelessness that are the breeding ground for tragedy. This builds upon factors identified by the CDC [to watch for and ways to create environments of support](#).

Successful organizations must seek to get at these root causes — providing professional services, employment, housing, and food, along with mental health care for depression and anxiety. To protect these veterans, organizations can cultivate feelings of connection and usefulness rather than feelings of loneliness and being burdensome to others.

It may seem like a semantic issue, but clarifying the differences between suicide prevention and suicide protection can be transformative in nonprofits' strategies to collaborate with others and build holistic supports for veterans.

Let's start by considering how an organization can best complement federal resources.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has successfully reduced deaths by suicide of veterans receiving its care, but its reach is limited. [Not all veterans are eligible for VA services](#), and fewer than half of eligible veterans use VA services. This is evident in the suicide data: [fewer than 40% of those who died by suicide in 2020 \(the most recent year of available data\) had recently been seen by the VA](#). Of those seen by the VA, fewer than half received mental healthcare.

Communities benefit when local organizations have a clearer understanding of their roles, strengths, and opportunities to partner in both suicide prevention and suicide protection. Leaders and stakeholders will be better able to assess the full range of coverage in their geographic areas, prioritize resources, and ensure that every American neighborhood is a safe landing zone for our service members, veterans, and their families.

The tragedy of veteran suicide cannot go unshared. With a greater awareness of the crucial roles our veteran organizations can play on their own and in concert with others, we can create a stronger national network of advocates — and better protect those who served to protect us.

Dr. Margaret Harrell, PhD, is chief program officer at the Bob Woodruff Foundation, a leading philanthropic organization enabling veteran and military service members and their families to lead stable and successful lives.



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Disabled Vet Celebrates Move Into Columbia Terrace Home

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A disabled Navy veteran cut the ribbon on her new home Monday, moving into Columbia Terrace, a community designed for veterans.

"I am overwhelmed. This is my dream come true," JoJo Maria Timpanero said. "My new home is beautiful. I can only say thank you from the bottom of my heart. Without everyone's concern and generosity for me, I would be homeless today. To walk into this beautiful home and know that is mine, it's mine to cherish, to have, it's beyond belief. This is my home, this is where I belong, this is Huntington."

Angel Cepeda, director of the Community Development Agency for Huntington, led the celebration of her ownership of the two-bedroom, two-bath unit at Columbia Terrace and Lowndes Avenue.

With her move-in, most of the units are spoken for.

The process of bringing the projection to completion has been arduous, with the state, county, builders, unions, veterans groups, insurance companies and banks all involved with their own requirements, and grants, each with their own spend-or-lose deadlines.

"What it (the development) shows is that things are possible when different levels of government work out," Cepeda said. "While it hasn't been smooth throughout this 10 or 12 year process, we have been able to see leaders at the federal, state and local level coming together so that this would benefit our residents."

With her purchase, just one unit remains available, with veterans getting preference. The process of bringing the projection to completion has been arduous, with the state, county, builders, unions, veterans groups, insurance companies and banks all involved with their own requirements, and grants, each with their own spend-or-lose deadlines.

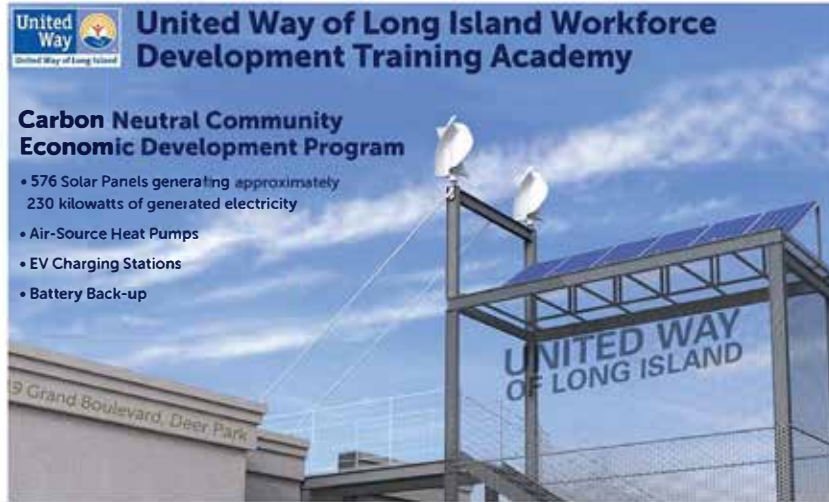


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EMCOR Group Assists United Way Net Zero Energy Project



The \$2.4 million Net Zero Energy Building Campaign will improve the energy efficiency of United Way of Long Island's headquarters.

Photo courtesy of United Way of Long Island

July 26, 2023



DEER PARK, N.Y. — Heritage Mechanical Services, a member of the EMCOR Group, is helping United Way of Long Island (UWLI) transform its headquarters here into a facility that will empower Long Islanders to improve their lives.

Heritage is contributing labor and services valued at \$15,000 to UWLI's Net Zero Energy Building Campaign, an award-winning project that provides skills training for populations in need while setting a new standard in renewable energy for nonprofit organizations across Long Island.

As this \$2.4 million project improves the energy efficiency of UWLI's headquarters, the renamed Entenmann Family Center for Hope will be a hands-on training ground for UWLI's Workforce Development Training Academy. The Academy consists of United Way's signature programs that serve veterans and young adults who are looking for careers in the fast-growing renewable energy industry.

In addition, with 576 PV solar modules, the Entenmann Family Center for Hope will function as a "command center" for nonprofit organizations across Long Island that are impacted by catastrophic events, like 2012's Super Storm Sandy, allowing these organizations to continue serving the communities that rely on them when their own facilities are unavailable. In May, *Long Island Business News* honored the Net Zero Energy Building Campaign as Long Island's "Top Green Project" as part of its 2023 Real Estate, Architecture, and Engineering Awards.

The Net Zero Energy Building Campaign, funded with a grant from the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) and a naming gift from the Entenmann family, now includes the EMCOR Group as well as the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (via a gift championed by Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean-Pierre), the Robert B. Catell family, Brookhaven Science Associates, Bethpage Federal Credit Union, the Town of Babylon, and Flushing Bank. The campaign has also received in-kind support from the Haugland Group, Cameron Engineering, and Atom Power. In addition, two training partners — the Long Island Power Authority and Bank of America — have contributed through support of the Workforce Development Training Academy.

"The benefits and opportunities we're creating through the Net Zero Energy Building Campaign are an example of the good that comes when labor, industry, and government work together to benefit our communities," said Theresa A. Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island. "We are grateful to EMCOR Group for their work on this project, and we are looking forward to realizing the benefits for our Long Island communities."



Scott Maskin, Victoria Tingora, AnnMarie Ayers and Cheryl Mazzonetti / Photo is courtesy of CMM Cares

Nonprofits join forces to support a Long Island family

Adina Genn // July 25, 2023

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When a U.S. veteran on Long Island needed support, several local nonprofits joined forces to help.

The organizations collaborated in an effort to assist AnnMarie Ayers, a veteran who had served in the U.S. Navy. After her military service, Ayers had struggled with not only cancer, but also military post-traumatic stress disorder and a layoff that was triggered by the pandemic.

CMM Cares, a Ronkonkoma-based nonprofit, was among the organizations ready to assist. Founded in 2019, the organization says it was built on the belief that by bringing the Long Island community together, it can make a "huge difference in the lives of its neighbors." So when Ayers was nominated for the CMM Care's Adopted Family Program, the organization took note.

Ayers was able to keep her family in their home through a mortgage remediation program she learned about from United Way of Long Island. John Diaz, United Way's director of community impact, guided Ayers' through the process and then took that assistance a step further by nominating her for the CMM Cares program.

Members of CMM Cares developed a program that specifically addressed the challenges Ayers was facing.

"It's incredible the impact we can make by working together, pooling our resources and combining our efforts as nonprofit and for profit organizations," Joe Campolo, chairman of the board at CMM Cares, said in a statement.

"Individually nonprofits help many, together we can change lives," he added. "We look forward continuing to help those in need, one Long Island family at a time."

Each year CMM Cares supports three to four Long Island families in need. After hearing Ayers' story, the organization was determined to further help her get back on her feet and make a lasting impact on her life.

CMM Cares approved a customized support plan designed to provide Ayers with both short-term and long-term assistance. In addition to purchasing immediate household necessities, the organization helped her create a long-term plan to pay down her debt and get ahold of her finances, which was a factor in her PTSD recovery.

CMM Cares then introduced Ayers to Lisa Gatti, CEO of Islandia-based [Pal-O-Mine Equestrian](#).

Gatti welcomed Ayers into Pal-O-Mine's military program, which includes equine-assisted psychotherapy sessions. As an EAGALA Designated Program, they have EAGALA-certified professionals on site with specialized training and experience working with the military community. Its onsite EAGALA certified professionals who are specialized training and experience working with the military community. Through the program, Ayers spends time at the farm, building relationships with the horses to reduce anxiety and find peace from her military PTSD.

Ayers was also gifted a complete solar energy system donated by SUNation Energy's not-for-profit SUNation Cares.

SUNation CEO Scott Maskin, who serves as a board member for CMM Cares, stepped in to help alleviate some of the Ayers' monthly expenses. Once completed and connected, this renewable energy system is designed to aid Ayers and her family with lower monthly electricity bills and more control over their energy. Through the donation of 21 solar panels, along with equipment and labor for the installation, this solar energy system will generate approximately 5,344 watts of energy annually. This is estimated to offset about 74% of the Ayers home energy use and greatly reduce their monthly electricity costs, according to CMM Cares.

Also collaborating on supporting Ayers was Salvatore Ferro, a councilman at Town of Huntington.

Scene & Seen

United Way of Long Island Honors its Forces for Good

By Long Island Press

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On Wednesday, June 14 over 600 supporters gathered at United Way of Long Island's United Together Celebration, raising more than \$715,000. Guests celebrated the collective impact people and organizations have made in the region through United Way of Long Island. Along with title sponsor Bethpage Federal Credit Union, three extraordinary United Way Champions and community advocates (pictured below) were recognized.

Theresa Regnante, President & CEO of United Way of Long Island, introduced Rochelle and her children, who found themselves in a precarious situation when they were forced to live in a shelter due to their financial struggles. Rochelle's determination and hard work paid off when she was able to secure a job and move into an apartment. They will continue to have access to resources through United Way of Long Island's Family Support Project to achieve financial stability and build a brighter future. "Compassion starts with kindness and fuels the generous spirit that we all possess," Theresa said. "When we reach out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all."

Gene M. Bernstein, Chairman of the Board of Northville Industries and Chair of United Way's Project Warmth Fuel Fund, received the Anthony J. Stupore Memorial Volunteer Champion Award for his distinguished history of volunteer service and profound commitment to advance the common good. The award was presented by Aaron Choo, Vice Chair of United Way of Long Island's Executive Committee and Vice President Gas Field Operations and Programs—Downstate, National Grid.

Brookhaven National Laboratory was recognized with the Corporate Champion Award for their ability to mobilize and enhance the community through innovation. Presented by Bob Catell, Co-chair of United Way of Long Island's Net Zero Energy Building Committee and Chairman of the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center at Stony Brook University, the Lab has been an exceptional United Way of Long Island partner for over three decades.

John J. Murphy, International Representative of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada accepted the Labor Champion Award. Matty Aracich, member of United Way of Long Island's Board of Directors and President of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, presented the award for John's outstanding efforts to help better people's lives through dedicated service.

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Robert B. Catell, Co-Chair of United Way of Long Island's Net Zero Energy Building Committee and Chairman of the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center at Stony Brook University
David Calone, United Way of Long Island Board Member and CEO, Jove Equity Partners LLC
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L to R: Magdalonie Paris-Campbell, United Way of Long Island Board Member and External & Legislative Affairs Regional Director – Long Island, AT&T Services; David Calone, United Way of Long Island Board Member and CEO, Jove Equity Partners LLC; Jennifer B. Cona, United Way of Long Island Board Member and Founder and Managing Partner, Cona Elder Law PLLC



United Way Long Island's Holistic Response to Need



Bob Woodruff Foundation
May 18, 2023 // Food Insecurity

Just east of the big city of Manhattan, Long Island, New York, is home to more than 7.5 million people, including 105,000 veterans and the [United Way Long Island](#). With one of the highest living costs in the country, it is increasingly difficult to live in this beautiful place.

This is especially true for many veterans on the island.

We spoke with [Craig Fligstein](#), chief grant officer & VP strategic partnerships, and [Jennifer Carpenter Low](#), vice president of marketing & communications at United Way of Long Island, to better understand the challenges facing Long Island's veterans.

The Bob Woodruff Foundation in partnership with [Craig Henemark Philanthropies](#) supports veterans through their investment in the United Way Long Island. United Way Long Island is a force in the battle against housing, food insecurity, and joblessness among Long Island veterans. With a commitment to serving those who've served our nation, our organization is a driving force in fighting homelessness and ensuring dignity.

Holistic Answers

Food insecurity is an ongoing challenge for many veterans and their families, and United Way Long Island understands it. "Food insecurity, housing, and income are interrelated factors that often impact veterans, particularly those facing challenges," United Way recognizes that a multi-pronged need is a symptom of the issue. By joining to meet with food banks, community centers, and volunteers.

"What this gives the United Way is that it's a sort of a compound of different services, resources, and the like," says Jennifer.

United Way Long Island means a safety net for veterans, ensuring no veteran goes hungry. From mobile food pantries and gift cards of food to food banks where veterans can access nutritious meals and advice and connection to shared experiences. The programs meet veterans where they are in the community and cover multiple touchpoints to ensure veterans can access these services.

The ALICE Report

[United Way ALICE](#) (Asset Limited, Income constrained, employed) low research and advocacy group representing individuals and families who work and earn an income but still struggle to meet their basic needs and afford a decent standard of living. Founded by United Way of Southern New Jersey, United Way ALICE has spread to more than 20 states, including New York. The most recent report shows that 22.2% of Long Island families either have limited budgets or worse.

Veterans often face more economic difficulties than the general population due to factors that have nothing to do with their military service, including service-related disabilities, limited civilian job experience, mental health problems, and access to benefits and support services.

"The ALICE Report tells about economic challenges served, they've identified," explains Craig. "So, they get out of the military and are struggling financially because the cost of living is very difficult for veterans to keep up with."

For many Long Island veterans with disabilities and a history of long unemployment, the means even more difficult.

It's All Connected

United Way of Long Island works to improve the lives of veterans of all ages. They take various programs and initiatives to address each group's specific needs and challenges.

Some veterans in Long Island are "aging in place" or staying in their homes. United Way Long Island assists with household needs by providing, for example, and grocery delivery for those residents.

"The Bob Woodruff Foundation grants for food insecurity have helped hundreds of veterans who just cannot find any other means to make it," Craig says.

For young veterans, United Way Long Island shows them employment and places them in green careers.

How can you get them on the path of growth and prosperity by showing the light of their career paths that they just might not be aware of," says Craig. "They have the career pathways seen as a job."

That's critical to combat the risk of homelessness among veterans who returning to civilian life. United Way Long Island's foundation of support, including the support of our needs, is a critical step.

Through working with charities with housing agencies, financial institutions, and the community, they work to help veterans with all kinds of housing opportunities.

United Way Long Island's commitment to veterans' well-being has [transformed countless lives](#). Their comprehensive approach to addressing the risk factors among veterans is a great example of how veterans' organizations can operate.



Courtesy of United Way of Long Island

Revamped United Way HQ named for Entenmann family

David Winzelberg // May 31, 2023

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The **United Way of Long Island** has named its Deer Park headquarters the Entenmann Family Center for Hope, following the family's sizeable gift to the nonprofit's renewable energy initiative.

The Entenmann family donated \$300,000 towards the United Way's Net Zero Energy Building Campaign, which is transforming the nonprofit's 31,000-square-foot building on Grand Boulevard into a model of renewable energy efficiency. The renovated facility will be used as a training ground for the organization's Workforce Development Training Academy, which includes the VetsBuild, YouthBuild, and PowerUp! Wind, Solar & Renewables programs that prepare veterans and young adults for a career in the renewable energy industry, according to a United Way of Long Island statement.

The renovations on the Deer Park headquarters include one of the largest solar arrays for any nonprofit in the state, along with heat pumps, electric vehicle charging stations, and battery backup, helping United Way of Long Island avoid more than \$65,000 per year in energy costs. The project, which was named "Top Green Project" as part of LIBN's 2023 Real Estate, Architecture, and Engineering Awards, is expected to be completed this fall.

The Entenmann Family Center for Hope will also function as a "command center" for nonprofit organizations across Long Island that are impacted by catastrophic events, allowing the organizations to continue serving the communities who rely on them when their own facilities are unavailable.

"We, as a family, are honored not only to be part of United Way of Long Island but to have their Deer Park headquarters named The Entenmann Family Center for Hope," Jaime Padden, a member of the Entenmann family, said in the statement. "It's been the support and loyalty of the Long Island community that enables us to continue fulfilling the wishes of my grandmother, father, and uncles in giving back to young adults, veterans, and all Long Islanders. It's through United Way that growth and progress are accomplished, and we are proud to be a partner."

The Net Zero Energy Building Campaign, funded with a lead grant from the New York State Energy Research Development Authority, now includes the Entenmann family as well as the Long Island Power Authority, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Bank of America, the Bob Catell Family, Brookhaven Science Associates, **Bethpage Federal Credit Union**, the Island Outreach Foundation, Suffolk Transportation Service, the Town of Babylon, **Flushing Bank** and many others. The campaign has also received essential in-kind support from the Haugland Group, Cameron Engineering, Emcor and Heritage Air, and Atom Power.

"The Entenmann family's gift marks the next significant milestone for United Way of Long Island," Theresa Regnante, president and CEO of United Way of Long Island, said in the statement, "and we are proud to have Entenmann's as one of our longest-standing philanthropic partners. Given their history with our organization, it is truly fitting that our headquarters will be known as the Entenmann Family Center for Hope."

Beacon (Babylon,NY)

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"TOB is helping United Way of Long Island transform Deer Park headquarters into a visionary facility"

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August 03, 2023

The Town of Babylon is helping **United Way of Long Island** transform its Deer Park headquarters into a visionary facility that will empower countless Long Islanders to improve their circumstances, careers, and lives.

The Town of Babylon is contributing \$49,500 toward United Way of Long Island's Net Zero Energy Building Campaign, an award-winning project that provides essential skills training for populations in need while setting a new standard in renewable energy for non-profit organizations across Long Island.

As this \$2.4 million transformational project brings United Way of Long Island's Deer Park headquarters into the next generation of energy efficiency, the renamed Entenmann Family Center for Hope will be a hands-on training ground for **United Way of Long Island's** Workforce Development Training Academy. The Academy consists of United Way's signature VetsBuild, YouthBuild, and PowerUp! Wind, Solar & Renewables programs, serving veterans and young adults who are looking to carve out a career path in the fast-growing renewable energy industry.

In addition, with 576 PV solar modules, the Entenmann Family Center for Hope will function as a "command center" for non-profit organizations across Long Island that are impacted by catastrophic events like 2012's Super Storm Sandy, allowing these vital organizations to continue serving the communities who rely on them when their own facilities are unavailable.

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"The benefits and opportunities we're creating through the Net Zero Energy Building Campaign are an example of the good that comes when labor, industry, and government work together to benefit our communities," said Theresa A. Regnante, President and CEO of United Way of Long Island. "We are grateful to the Town of Babylon for their support of this project, and we are proud to call the Town of Babylon our home."

To learn more about supporting the Net Zero Energy Building Campaign, visit www.unitedwayli.org/energychallenge.

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Hello LinkedIn connections!

I don't post much on here. However, I'm back on my fundraising grind and I could really use your help!

This year, I'm working with the United Way of Long Island to support Mission United, a critical funding source for programs that support U.S. military veterans and their families.

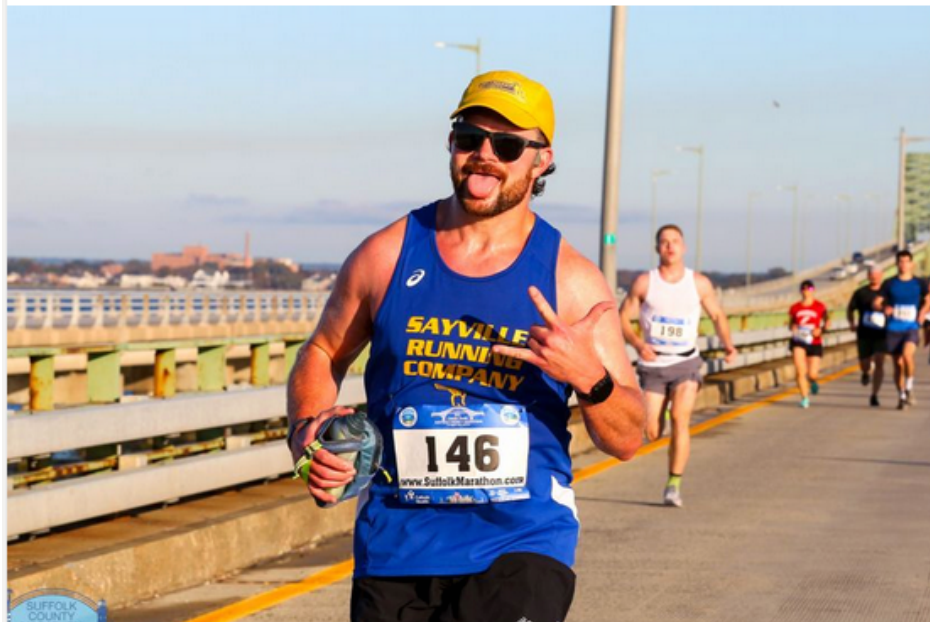
Mission United funding helps provide services and resources in career training, employment assistance and emergency financial aid, as well as aligning existing services and creating solutions where there are gaps in support. More than 67,000 veterans live in our Long Island communities (!), and as someone who is honored to have friends and family who have served our country I'm looking to do what I can to support those in need.

United Way of Long Island is an Official Partner of the TCS New York City Marathon, which I am proud to say I will be participating in as part of Team Mission United. My goal is to raise \$5,000 between now and the end of October for our Long Island veterans. My first milestone is to raise \$1,000 by the end of July.

Below is the link for my fundraising page. Can you help me get there? Every dollar counts, and no contribution is too small.

<https://lnkd.in/e3jD953k>

I really appreciate your help and support! Much love to you all 🙌





United Way of Long Island

July 10 ·

Thank you, Bank Of America, for providing the tools to help tomorrow's leaders succeed. We are proud to join you to help prepare a pipeline of community-minded students to be useful in the workforce.

#UnitedWay #LiveUnited #ThankYou



United Way of Long Island

June 22 ·

Join our informative webinar on "Your Path to Student Loan Freedom." Explore forgiveness options, including PSLF, IDR, and BDR. Gain valuable insights and effective strategies for managing your student loans. Don't miss out!

#StudentLoanDebtNY #EquitableEconomicRecovery #unitedwayli #liveunited #edcap

Your Path To Student Loan Freedom: Maximizing Your Forgiveness Options

(Before Payments Resume !)

Join us Thursday,
June 29, 2023 at 7:00 PM
for a FREE webinar!



United Way of Long Island

July 24 at 1:01 PM ·

Our YouthBuild students are giving back to their community and harboring new relationships. They helped residents at the Totten Towers plant flowers on the grounds.

#UnitedWay #LiveUnited #YouthBuild



United Way of Long Island

August 14 at 12:00 PM ·

Happy Team Mission United Monday! Next up, we have Lisa. To help support Mission United, visit www.unitedwayli.org/teammissionunited #MissionUnited #UnitedWay #Veterans

INTRODUCING LISA

Years Running: 15

Why Run with TMU: I chose to run for Team Mission United because it makes me proud to be able to help support our veterans and their families.

Fun Fact: The 2023 NYC marathon will be my 5th marathon!

New York City Marathon 2023

RUNNING TO SUPPORT VETERANS

Like Jojo

#TeamMissionUnited



United Way of Long Island

July 21 · 🌐

Another class in the books! Congratulations to our latest PowerUp! students on graduating from the program, we wish you the best as you take the next steps in your career.

#UnitedWay #LiveUnited #PowerUp!



United Way of Long Island

June 20 · 🌐

At our UNITED TOGETHER Celebration, we had the pleasure of recognizing Gene M. Bernstein, Chairman of the Board of Northville Industries and Chair of United Way's Project Warmth Fuel Fund, [Brookhaven National Laboratory](#), John J. Murphy, International Representative of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, & NYSPTA for their continued dedication and service to strengthen our community. #F... See more

We are proud to recognize our
FORCES FOR GOOD CHAMPIONS



United Way of Long Island

June 13 · 🌐

Special thanks to TWU (Transport Workers Union) Local 252 for inviting the United Way of Long Island to their 7th Annual Spring Picnic this past Sunday. TWU Local 252 is a proud supporter of UWLI and has helped us make an impact here on Long Island!



United Way of Long Island

June 21 · 🌐

Change doesn't happen alone and we would like to thank our United Way Champions, generous sponsors, supporters, and volunteers for making this year's UNITED TOGETHER Celebration such a success. Because of you, we are making a greater impact to create a stronger, healthier, and more equitable region for all Long Islanders. #LIVEUNITED



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May 29 · 🌐



United Way of Long Island

May 31 · 🌐

We are proud to have such a dedicated community partner in [Bethpage Federal Credit Union](#). Working alongside our [#VetsBuild](#), the [#BethpageVolunteers](#) were able to experience the impact of the work Bethpage and United Way are leading for LI veterans: https://loom.ly/WUOC_HY

Learn more: <https://loom.ly/qTFpTp4>

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United Way of Long Island

June 1 · 🌐

United Way of Long Island is grateful to the Entenmann family for generously supporting our [#NetZeroEnergy](#) Building Campaign. Their signature gift to the award-winning project helps provide essential skills training for LI communities, and sets a new standard in renewable energy for nonprofit organizations in our region. Thank you, Entenmann family!

Learn more: <https://loom.ly/fK6VgP0>

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United Way of Long Island

June 8 · 🌐

Congratulations to [#YouthBuildLI](#) graduate Nancy on completing her [Long Island Beauty School - Hempstead](#) certification and starting her career as a cosmetologist. Through YouthBuild, Nancy was able to get the support, education and help that she needed to gain financial stability. Learn more: www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuild-long-island



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**NET ZERO ENERGY
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United Way of Long Island

May 26 · 🌐

United Way of Long Island is honored to receive a \$10,000 Grant from @Webster Bank for our #YouthBuild Program. Their partnership helps us to create more opportunities for young people on Long Island, including education, leadership and workforce training, and access to financial counseling. Thank you, Webster Bank, for your dedication to positive systemic change. Visit www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuild-long-island to learn more.

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United Way of Long Island

May 24 · 🌐

Thank you, [Stanley Black & Decker](#), for generously outfitting our Workforce Development Training Academy's hands-on programs. Their contribution also includes individual sets of tools for when the #PowerUp! Wind, Solar & Renewables participants are placed in jobs.

Learn more about how United Way of Long Island is working to support skilled trades in the energy sector: <https://loom.ly/mbrZX-g>

#MakersGrant, #ImpactChallenge, #EmpowerMakers... See more



United Way of Long Island

May 29 · 🌐

United Way of Long Island is grateful to the [The Bob Woodruff Foundation](#) for continuously investing in the health and stability of Long Island veterans. Through their contributions, we are able to help thousands of veterans struggling with food insecurity, employment, and housing and financial hardships. Learn more: <https://www.unitedwayli.org/vetsbuild>



United Way of Long Island is at Jones Beach.

May 28 · Wantagh · 🌐

Wings Up! We are thrilled to be at [Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show](#) with our dedicated Board Chair and Chief Legal Counsel of [Bethpage Federal Credit Union](#), Lynda Nicolino. Thank you for supporting United Way and Long Island's veterans! 🇺🇸 #liveunited #missionunited #unitedtogether



Bob Woodruff Foundation

May 24 · 🌐

Food insecurity is an adversary affecting many veterans and their families, and [United Way of Long Island](#) refuses to ignore it. By addressing the problem head-o-... See more



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United Way Long Island's Holistic Response to Need



United Way of Long Island

April 26 ·

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained and/or Employed) residents make up 44% of New York's total population. On Long Island, 26% of Nassau households and 32% of Suffolk Households are ALICE, and one crisis away from being homeless. The United for ALICE Report provides us a framework to understand, measure and the tools to help our ALICE neighbors. Don't miss today's virtual event at 12pm: <https://loom.ly/kaHTVQA>
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Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar: ALICE in the Crosscurrents: COVID and Financial Hardship in...



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As the devastating loss on Maui continues to unfold, United Way needs you! Please donate to Maui United Way and provide vital help to those who need it the most at <https://linkd.in/dquUAWde>.



Maui Fire and Disaster Relief Donation Page

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Long Islanders are working hard for their wages, but unfortunately, those wages might not be enough to cover life's basic costs. Newsday's "Feeling the Squeeze" series shined a light on the real economic outlook for Long Islanders like Christine and Rochelle, who are part of United Way of Long Island's network of care. We work with many community partners to support ALICE -- Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed -- families by assisting with financial literacy, education, and workforce readiness daily. The United Way ALICE Report provides county-by-county and town-level data and analysis of how many households are struggling. Learn more or read more....

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1mo · Edited

Thank you @psegli, for sponsoring Brentwood High School's "PSEG Innovators Robotics Course & Workforce Club." This after-school VEX Robotics program is designed to promote multicultural inclusion and empower high school students with new problem-solving skills.

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#STEMEducation #BUFSD #BrentwoodNY #BrentwoodStrong #PSEGLI



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Scholarship applications are due today! One application can open the door to one of five different scholarships, including scholarships for women, community college students, active volunteers, and more. Apply here before midnight: <https://loom.ly/TRdhYCO>



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