

## **FUNDS FOR HEAT FOR THE NEEDY**

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This Tuesday, United Way of Long Island activated the Project Warmth fund which received support of \$125,000 from the National Grid Foundation, and it's seeking to save Long Island's population from the low temperatures, especially for children and the elderly.

The event was held in Rockville Centre, with the presence of members from the United Way of Long Island, Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Centre and the National Grid Foundation, which explained to dozens of interested people the process and the benefits of this fund.

"More than 1,200 families will benefit from this fund and we want them to come here to get help," explained Theresa A. Regnante, President and CEO of United Way of Long Island, who also explained that, "This also helps those who are behind on payments of their utilities or have received a notification for disconnection of their services."

The Hispanic community has also benefited from the work that the initiative has brought for 20 years, including providing communities with more than \$9.8 million, helping close to 88,000 children and adults with emergency help.

Yasiris Aquino, a Dominican, mother, and head of her household, expressed that she felt thankful because she's in this situation because she cannot work any more hours. This is the best help in this hard cold winter.

For more information, please contact United Way of Long Island's 2-1-1 information center by dialing 2-1-1 or 1-888-774-7633 or on their website at <a href="https://www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth">www.unitedwayli.org/projectwarmth</a>.

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