

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

United Way of Long Island is confronting difficult issues related to race, racism, equity and social justice. We recognize structural racism, ethnic discrimination and other forms of oppression have contributed to racial disparities that have existed in the past and persist in the present. We acknowledge those inequities are the result of policies and practices that work to marginalize entire populations of people. We unequivocally denounce racism/ethnic discrimination because it undermines the well-being and vitality of

our communities. Our United Way seeks to dismantle disparities and strives to engage residents and community members, especially those whose voices have traditionally been marginalized, in the shared work of fortifying equity and empowerment. We work with public and private partners to co-create solutions that ensure everyone has the resources, support, opportunities and networks they need to thrive. We commit to leveraging all of our assets to create more equitable communities.

### **OUR IMPACT**

United Way of Long Island offers high-impact solutions at very low cost by being efficient and transparent. 85 cents of every dollar that is contributed to the Long Island Impact Fund (L.I.I.F.) supports crucial programs for more than 100 nonprofit partners. Join us. Make an investment in changing a life. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. Contributions to United Way of Long Island support Education, Financial Stability, Health, and our Community Partners.

> Because of PSEG Long Island... United Way of Long Island is able to develop innovative and impactful signature programs that provide critical assistance to Long Islanders in need.

#### United Way of Long Island's Core Programs & Services

Mission United partners offer support to Long Island's over 98,000 active military, veterans, disabled veterans and their families.

Project Warmth provides grants on behalf of residents facing heat & utility emergencies directly to home energy companies.

D.R.E.A.M.S. For Youth helps students reach their dreams through higher education, community service and enrichment grants.

YouthBuild helps young adults complete their high school education and find a financially secure future and career path.

Stuff-A-Bus provides students across Long Island with the digital and traditional learning supplies they need most in order to thrive in school.

Safe At Home for Seniors & Veterans is a managed health and safety outreach program for seniors and other vulnerable Long Islanders with a variety of challenges.

Family Support Project helps families have long-term financial stability to prevent homelessness, ultimately leading to educational stability for their children.

E3 SmartBuild Training Center is a state-of-the-art facility where students learn building science, energy efficiency and green construction. The 5,000 sq. ft. facility serves as the home base for training Long Island's housing innovation workforce of the future.

Housing Initiatives is a program led by our award-winning team that builds and refurbishes green and energy-efficient homes providing safe, healthy, affordable, durable and sustainable permanent housing solutions.

2-1-1 Long Island connects people in need to local health and human service agencies and programs 24/7 via its 2-1-1 call center an online at www.211LongIsland.org.





## **Your Support Impacts Our Community**

"PSEG Long Island has a longstanding commitment to our community and making it a better place to live. I am proud to lead this team of employees who consistently demonstrates its care and support to our neighbors in need," said Dave Lyons, interim president and COO, PSEG Long Island. "One way we accomplish this is through our annual United Way of Long Island campaign. This important program offers our employees the opportunity to help those who need it the most. PSEG Long Island's support helps the United Way of Long Island make a difference in the lives of veterans, seniors, young children, people with disabilities and families in need across our entire service territory. Again this year, we have an opportunity to demonstrate the role we play in caring for and giving to our community."

"United Way of Long Island plays a vital role in making sure that our neighbors who are struggling receive the help they so greatly need. Especially now as we recover from the pandemic, it is even more important to continue to work together," said Pat Guidice, Business Manager, IBEW Local 1049. "When we give to United Way, we play an important role in making sure Long Island families have a warm home during the cold winter months, financial assistance so they can keep food on their tables and equal access to a quality education. IBEW Local 1049, including many of our members from PSEG, is very proud to work side by side with United Way of Long Island." - Pat Guidice, Business Manager, IBEW Local 1049





As the only United Way in the region, United Way of Island is Long well-known

throughout the non-profit community, government departments, organized labor, and corporate sectors. United Way's 99 affiliated community partners are located in every township on Long Island and include most major non-profit organizations in the region, including educational systems, behavioral health centers, workforce training systems, Red Cross, YMCA, faith-based agencies, homeless shelters, food pantries, senior programs, disability providers, youth agencies and more.

Across Long Island, hardships have increased for more than 1 out of 3 families. Surging inflation is costing the average household more than \$300 extra every month, leaving these families to struggle to make ends meet.

According to United Way's ALICE Report, 31.5 percent of households in Suffolk and Nassau County fell below the set income threshold needed to live and work. That is more than 350,000 homes that are struggling to afford basic needs. In an average Long Island home of 4, with two working parents and 2 school age children, the household survival budget is \$86,436, or \$43.22/ hour.

Households are being forced into dangerous dilemmas of having to choose whether to pay their utilities, rent, purchase medication or buy food. The trade-offs are often detrimental to the family.

United Way of Long Island's 2-1-1 Call Centers have unsurprisingly seen a 16 percent uptick in requests for emergency financial assistance for basic needs.

But amid these challenges, lies a deep well of hope called United Way of Long Island. We partner with change making organizations so they can keep doing what they do best; Helping communities rise up.



# **WE MAKE LONG ISLAND WORK**

### EDUCATIO



Having access to a good education is critical to children and youth as they are our future. Supporting their academic learning and hands-on skills gives these young people a better opportunity to be successful in school and in life.

### **INCOME**



Being financially secure is essential for people to live productive lives, while contributing to the growth of the economy and workforce. Financial and employment growth over time will create stronger households and stronger neighborhoods.



By keeping all of our neighbors healthy, both physically and mentally, we will improve educational outcomes, job performance and create more resilient families. It also ensures a better life for those who are most vulnerable, including children and seniors.







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Your Support of United Way of Long Island reaches every neighborhood, every individual and every family... every day, throughout the region. visit: www.unitedwayli.org



Over 70 individuals received college enrichment scholarships

132 young adults and veterans acquired career skills and credentials for better jobs by participating in YouthBuild, VetsBuild and Power Up Wind, Solar and Renewables



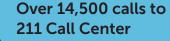


Over 1.100 households were provided with **Emergency Fuel** Fund grants during the winter



The Older Adult Home Modification **Program helps** homeowners 62 or older with home modifications which allows them to age in place





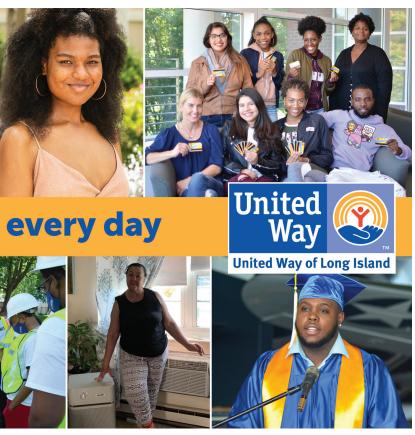




387.499 web hits to 211LongIsland.org



Our Family Support Program provided homeless prevention services to 100 families through career training, financial counseling and support services





7.500+ students received school supplies through the Stuff-A-Bus Program

113.454 children. families and seniors accessed health related services



Figures reflect July 2021-June 2022