

UNITED TOGETHER



HELPING LONG ISLANDERS

Over the past several months, United Way has responded to the needs of Long Islanders experiencing unparalleled hardship. Through United Together: A Response Fund for COVID-19, and with a safety net of community partners, thousands of lives have been impacted, including families, individuals, veterans, young mothers with newborns and healthcare responders. To date:

- Over 6,000 newly unemployed individuals received emergency gift cards to afford critical basic needs of food and household supplies
- Nearly 2,000 families, who are expecting or with newborns, were granted gift cards to purchase baby essentials through Born United
- More than 5,000 frontline healthcare responders were provided with take-home meal kits for their families
- 211 Long Island responded to more than 6,200 calls in 3 months – a 228% increase from the same time duration in 2019
- United Way is launching Safe at Home to assist seniors with supportive services so they can safely shelter in place



United Way of Long Island has received many letters from recipients expressing their sincere gratitude for the help they received:

"Today was difficult for me fighting the hardships of this time. I received my gift card and knowing that there is support is comforting. I want to give thanks to United Way. Thank you!" - Jessica

"We received the United Way gift card today. My wife was crying due to the generosity - me too but sssh :) - We are so appreciative that in this tumultuous time United Way reached out and helped us ALOT! Hopefully we will have better days ahead and be able to reciprocate." - Robert and Susan

"Thank you so very much for your assistance. I cannot tell you what a big help this is for me. I am finding it very difficult to provide for my 4 young teens. The gift card will go a long way to help feed them." - Christine

HELP US HELP FAMILIES IN NEED • GIVE TODAY
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E3 SmartBuild Center



Building Homes, Building Careers

The **E3 SmartBuild Training Center** is a state-of-the-art lab where students learn building science, energy efficient, high performance home construction. A partnership between United Way of Long Island and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the **E3 SmartBuild Training Center**, is the only one of its kind on the East Coast. This educational hub offers expanded career opportunities to students while providing tomorrow's workforce with the skills needed to build a Long Island community that leaves a lighter footprint on the environment.

The E3 program includes:

- Weatherization • Green Building Practices • Sustainability
- Certification Courses • Energy-Related Training Opportunities
- High Performance Zero Energy Home Building

The **E3 SmartBuild Training Center** is the cornerstone of United Way's YouthBuild and VetsBuild Training Green Construction programs. For more information and to see a course list visit: www.unitedwayli.org/e3

Inaugural Founding Partner: • Bank of America

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Healthy Homes



Everyone Deserves to Live in a Healthy Home

United Way of Long Island's **Healthy Homes Long Island** initiative works to build homes that are both good for the environment outside and promotes the well-being of those living inside the home itself, like Jeffrey and his service dog, Romeo. When retrofitting existing homes, or building new ones, United Way's Housing and Green Building department puts strong emphasis on using sustainable materials that do not deteriorate or cause chronic health concerns, especially asthma in children.

Helping families stay healthy is part of our core mission at United Way of Long Island - which is why our **Healthy Homes Long Island** initiative works to inform families of the importance of maintaining a home that is not only energy efficient but fosters the well-being of those living inside. We arrange for a certified Long Island professional to conduct a comprehensive Healthy Home Energy Assessment of your home to identify any efficiency or health and safety-related issues your home may have. Visit unitedwayli.org/healthyhomes for more information.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, almost 6 million U.S. homes have moderate to severe physical infrastructure problems - such as water leaks and intrusion; injury hazards; pests; and heating, plumbing and electrical deficiencies. In addition, an estimated 30 million homes have indoor environmental hazards, including physical safety hazards, lead-based paint hazards, and pests.

www.unitedwayli.org/healthyhomes

Supporting Organizations:



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Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

HOPWA is a HUD funded program allowing agencies to purchase and develop energy efficient housing units that provide safe, healthy, affordable and sustainable solutions for low income HIV-positive individuals and families. The towns of Islip and Brookhaven receive the funding and United Way of Long Island administers the **HOPWA** program for the region.

- **HOPWA** is a permanent housing solution for low-income and homeless HIV-positive people on Long Island.
- Each housing project meets EPA Energy Star requirements and ZERH requirements, which recognize builders for their leadership in increasing energy efficiency and improving indoor air quality. By developing homes that are ZERO Energy Ready, will save significantly on operational expenses.
- Through the efforts of the United Way of Long Island, 66 **HOPWA** houses have been developed for more than 200 HIV-positive individuals and their families on Long Island.

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Mission United



Supporting Long Island Veterans & Their Families

MISSION UNITED is a critical funding source for programs supporting United States military veterans and their families as they transition to civilian life. **MISSION UNITED** focuses on case management and emergency financial aid, career training and employment and connection to available local resources. The need for these services is particularly significant on Long Island where more than 95,000 veterans live.

Case Coordination & Emergency Aid to help military personnel and their families. Services provided through our community partner organizations:

- Association for Mental Health & Wellness/Suffolk County United Veterans 631.924.8088 ext. 1503
- Family Service League/Armed Forces Relief and Welfare • 631.650.2182
- Mental Health Assoc. of Nassau County/Vet2Vet • 516.489.2322 ext. 1312
- Make It Count Foundation: info@makeitcountfoundation.org
- United Veterans Beacon House • 631.665.1571

VetsBuild Training at United Way's E3 SmartBuild Training Center, a state-of-the-art facility equipped with the latest technology and equipment, provides students with hands-on training in Green Construction, Weatherization and Facility Maintenance.

Veteran Resources are available through 211LI.org, United Way's online resource to find information on a wide array of local services especially for veterans. Together with our supporters, United Way of Long Island's **MISSION UNITED** program is helping our local heroes write the next chapter of their journey, as their service to their country comes to an end. www.unitedwayli.org/missionunited

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YouthBuild Long Island



On The Right Track

YouthBuild Long Island is a signature program of United Way of Long Island, dedicated to changing the path of Long Island's at-risk young adults by addressing the core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. At YouthBuild, low-income young men and women, ages 16 - 24, work towards their TASC High School Equivalency Diploma while learning essential job skills. Serving young adults from **Brentwood, Central Islip** and **The Incorporated Village of Hempstead**.

Participants can choose from a variety of vocation training paths including:

- Building Trades & Weatherization
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Home Health Aide
- Food Manager Certification
- Manufacturing
- Medical Billing & Coding
- Digital Skills
- Early Child Care

YouthBuild Long Island graduates take away the skills that are necessary to succeed on any career path: • Customer Service • Computer Literacy • Career Readiness

Support of the YouthBuild program gives young men and women a second chance to establish a productive life. www.unitedwayli.org/youthbuildli

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D.R.E.A.M.S. For Youth



DREAMS Become Reality

The DREAMS for Youth Scholarship Program grants awards in these areas:

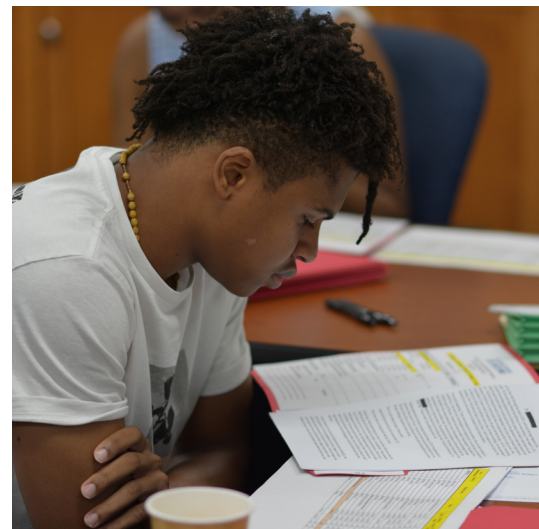
- **Academic:** Assists with costs associated with educational goals at a college, university, private or vocational school. Applicants must be in grade 12, demonstrate financial need and show a commitment to community service. Financial awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.
- **Enrichment:** Assists with costs associated with activities that enrich the mind, body and spirit. Examples may include music, singing, dance, art lessons, computer graphics training, acting, photography, fashion design, specialized summer camps, etc. Funds may be used for enrollment fees and/or supplies. Applicants must be in grades 7-12, demonstrate financial need and show a commitment to community service. Financial awards range from \$100 to \$2,500.

Since its inception in 2002, United Way of Long Island has awarded grants totaling over \$1,000,000. The DREAMS for Youth Advisory Board, comprised of grade 7 to college age student volunteers, work under the guidance of United Way staff to make award decisions.

For an application go to: www.unitedwayli.org/dreamsforyouth

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- The Dreams R Us Foundation



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