

# United Way donates \$350K for Sandy

Thanks to the support of the American Red Cross, the United Way of Long Island has awarded grants totaling \$350,000 to support the continuing long-term recovery efforts of local organizations that provide services for people affected by Superstorm Sandy on Long Island.

The United Way of Long Island will draw the funds for these grants from an award made by American Red Cross in the end of last year. The organizations that have been chosen as recipients have dedicated their work to the areas of individual casework, housing assistance, interagency coordination and social service provider support. Grant recipients include, Lutheran Social Services of New York, Family Residences and Essential Enterprises Inc. (FREE), Freeport Pride Inc., The Barry & Florence Friedberg Y JCC, Central Nassau Guidance & Counseling Services Inc. and the United Veterans Beacon House.

"It has been over a year since Superstorm Sandy upended lives throughout our region, and we are proud and happy that

our long standing relationship with the Red Cross continues to allow for the support of community organizations such as these," said Theresa Regnante, president & CEO, United Way of Long Island. "The grant from the Red Cross will help Long Islanders move forward. We couldn't do the work we do without the support of the Red Cross. We are certain that this grant will go far and wide in helping families who still have urgent needs to put the pieces back together again."

John Miller, CEO of American Red Cross on Long Island, said he was proud of the collaborative efforts of the American Red Cross and United Way in helping Sandy survivors.

"The Red Cross is committed to helping all Sandy survivors recover and rebuild, and joining forces with local non-profit community entities like United Way of Long Island will increase our ability to help people who need it most," Miller said

