

THANK YOU!

August 13, 2020

Freeport-Merrick Rotary Club
294 W Merrick Rd Ste 12
Freeport, NY 11520-3357

Dear Friends,

A strong community is vital to solving hunger—and I want to be the first to **welcome you** to ours! Long Island Cares believes that every family, child, and senior across Long Island should have access to the nutritious meals they need, when they need them. **Your recent gift of \$260.00 is helping to keep meals on the table for your neighbors—whether they are turning to Long Island Cares food pantries, member agencies or mobile distributions for the first time due to COVID-19, or are struggling with longer-term food insecurity.**

Did you know that **each week** the Harry Chapin Regional Food Bank provides services to nearly **300,000 people**? Your support touches the lives of the thousands of people we serve. It takes more than food to end hunger on Long Island. I am enclosing a brochure about our many programs which provide people with a “hand up” and not just a “hand out”.

I would love to learn what brought you to Long Island Cares. Please call or email me and **share your story!**

If you would like to further assist, **volunteer!** For more information visit: www.licares.org/volunteer. We are so grateful for your support; our founder Harry Chapin would be very proud!

Sincerely,

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH
innovative programs



Children's Nutrition Programs

- Kid's Cafe After School Mentoring
- Pack It Up For Kids (Weekend Meals Program)
- Summer Food Service Program
- Children's Breakfast Food Trucks

Emergency Services

- Emergency Response and Recovery Services

Mobile Services

- Mobile Outreach Resource Enterprise (M.O.R.E.)
- Hope for the Homeless
- Mobile Food Pantry
 - Home delivery
 - Ancillary Pantry
 - Emergency Distribution Services
- Mobile School Pantry

Pets

- Baxter's Pet Pantry

Seniors

- Support Our Seniors (S.O.S) Food Delivery

Veteran's Services

- Military Appreciation Tuesdays
- VetsWork
- Community Outreach & Care Coordination

Education and Training

- Hunger 101 Experiential Workshops
- Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables
- New Paths to Achievement
- Kids United Against Hunger
- Student Volunteer Corps

SIX LOCATIONS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF
a diverse long island

LONG ISLAND CARES -

THE HARRY CHAPIN REGIONAL FOOD BANK
10 Davids Drive (Harry Chapin Way) - Hauppauge
(631) 582-FOOD

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220 Broadway - Huntington Station
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BAXTER'S PET PANTRY & RETAIL FOOD RESCUE CENTER
161 North Wellwood Avenue - Lindenhurst
(631) 991-8106

HUNGER ASSISTANCE & HUMANITARIAN CENTER OF THE HAMPTONS
286 West Montauk Highway - Hampton Bays
(631) 613-3344



PARTNERING WITH GOVERNMENT TO

ADDRESS HUNGER AND FOOD INSECURITY ON LONG ISLAND



**BECAUSE IT TAKES MORE THAN
FOOD TO FEED THE HUNGRY**



*"...and truly it seems that
we are never so alive as
when we concern ourselves
with other people."*

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Long Island CaresTM INC
The Harry Chapin Regional Food Bank



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about us

Long Island Cares, Inc., founded in 1980 by Harry Chapin, a singer, Grammy Award winning songwriter and social activist has the distinction of being the first food bank to be established on Long Island.

Harry Chapin used his popularity and celebrity status in the 1970's to call attention to the issue of hunger in America and performed on average 200 concerts per year stating he; *"performed one for himself and one for the next guy."*

In 1981, on his way to perform a free concert, Harry died in a traffic accident, leaving behind a legacy of songs & accomplishments that include founding **Long Island Cares, Inc. — the Harry Chapin Regional Food Bank.**

Long Island Cares is one of almost 200 food banks across America that provides food to people impacted by hunger and food insecurity. When founded, Long Island Cares served a mere handful of agencies in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, but today, it distributes more than ten million pounds of food and supplies annually to nearly 400 member agencies in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, and operates 5 satellite offices, plus our main office and warehouse in Hauppauge.

While the distribution of nutritional food is at the heart of Long Island Cares' operations, we place major emphasis on **understanding and responding to the root causes of hunger and food insecurity**, and providing a broad array of direct service programs to meet the humanitarian needs of our region.

This focus, along with our unique programs distinguishes Long Island Cares from other similar hunger relief organizations.

"I am forever grateful to Long Island Cares. They helped me rebuild after Hurricane Sandy left me with almost nothing. I was not judged or denied help, instead, they gave me what I needed to get through as well as the opportunity to complete their New Paths to Achievement Program. This program got me back on my feet and helped build my future. As full circle goes, I now work full time at Long Island Cares helping others. I try to give back and pay it forward in any way I can. It is not a hand-out it is a hand-up."

- Michelle, Hauppauge, NY

LEADING THE WAY! Long Island Cares...

- First food bank on Long Island to develop direct service programs (now duplicated by other food banks across the country using Long Island Cares' model):
 - Mobile Pantry
 - Homeless Outreach Unit
 - Veterans Mobile Outreach Unit
 - Veterans Job Training and Employment Placement Services
 - Government Affairs and Social Advocacy Center
- Only food bank operating Hunger Assistance Satellite Centers: food pantries, training rooms, information and referral services in collaboration with community organizations, and specialized services for veterans, military personnel and their families.
- First food bank in the Northeast to develop a comprehensive Pet Pantry that provides pet food and supplies to families in need to keep their pets at home instead of placing them into animal shelters.
- Only food bank to provide commercially designed Mobile Breakfast Food Trucks to deliver nutritious, ready to eat, 'Grab-n-Go' breakfasts for children struggling with food insecurity.
- Only food bank on Long Island that operates NY State funded Just Say Yes to Fruits & Vegetables Program (JSY) providing nutrition education to low-income communities to promote healthy eating through fresh produce.
- Only food bank to develop a corporate mascot, AsparaGus - the Friendly Dragon, to market children's nutrition services and raise awareness of children's hunger and food insecurity.



did you know?

Long Island Cares is the only recognized food bank in the region that administers the two major government contracts and funding streams related to hunger relief:

1. NYS Department of Health, Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP). HPNAP provides funding to purchase nutritious food, fresh produce, provide food safety training and nutrition education, monitor regulatory compliance, and provide grant funding to eligible not-for-profit 501c3 community organizations to support equipment purchases, food, staff salaries and other infrastructure operations. HPNAP has designated Long Island Cares as the regional food bank since 1994.
2. U.S. Department of Agriculture - The Emergency Food Assistance Program, (TEFAP). TEFAP allows us to secure nearly 3 million pounds of food commodities manufactured and distributed by major companies to provide emergency food for clients, and in response to disaster relief efforts.