

Help Fill Our Food Bank!



The beginning of each year is always a slow time for us in food donations. Hunger is an issue all year round, so, we need YOUR help to fix that! We're calling on YOU to host a Food Drive for Long Island Cares this winter to help feed our more than 316,000 neighbors!

The process is simple:

- Find a location to host your drive, tell somebody, and have fun with your drive!
- Register your Food Drive with Long Island Cares: <http://bit.ly/2ITmkyQ>.

Did You Know?

- **Food Drives are a great way for students to complete their community service hours:**
After you have registered your drive, keep track of the time you spend on the food drive. With proper documentation, our Food Drive Manager will provide you with a certificate acknowledging the hours you served as the coordinator of your food drive. If you have friends help support your drive or if you did the drive as a group, they should keep track of their hours as well.
- **Food Drives can be done on your own schedule:**
During our slower months, we have fewer volunteer opportunities available at our locations. Hosting a Food Drive allows for you to still volunteer for Long Island Cares, but on your own time schedule.
- **Your business can host a food drive all year round:**
Nearly 50 locations on Long Island are official year round donation sites for Long Island Cares! Get your business signed up today!

The annual Chocolate Expo is back on **Sunday, March 5th**! Whether you have a ticket or are just in the area, bring some non-perishable food items to the **Chocolate Expo at the Cradle of Aviation Center in Garden City** and treat yourself to some amazing chocolates! We'll also be selling nifty insulated/zippered Chocolate Expo bags!

On **March 9th and 10th**, the Joseph A. Levi 58th Annual Institute for the Metro NY HFMA will be hosting a two-day conference at the Long Island Marriot in Uniondale. If you are attending this conference, please bring non-perishable food donations for LIC!

From now until March 12th, the West Hempstead Franklin Square Girl Scouts are hosting their 2017 Annual Community Food Drive! Drop off locations include St Catherine's Church, St Catherine Siena Center,

West Hempstead Public Library; Franklin Square Public Library; Ridgewood Savings Bank, and St Thomas School and Church

6th Annual Legislative Pet Food Drive – County and State elected officials from both parties join together with Long Island Cares to collect pet food during the winter. The drive is ongoing until the end of April. Call your local senator, legislator, or town supervisor to ask where you can drop off new, unopened, pet food donations. For a detailed list of all drop-off locations, please click here: <http://bit.ly/2mCuOGI>.

The following elected officials are still collecting:

New York State Senate

Senator John Flanagan

Senator Elaine Phillips

New York State Assembly

Assemblyman David McDonough

Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci

Assemblyman Brian Curran

Assemblyman Michael Montesano

Assemblyman Dean Murray

Assemblyman Andrew Raia

Suffolk County Legislators

Lou D’Amaro

Sarah S. Anker

DuWayne Gregory

Robert Trotta

Monica Martinez

Leslie Kennedy

Nassau County Legislators

Ellen W. Birnbaum

James D. Kennedy

All LI Petco locations are official pet food donation centers for Long Island Cares. We accept pet food for ALL pets including but not limited to dogs, cats, ferrets, bunnies, caged pets, reptiles, fish, and others. Please note only unopened pet food and new accessories are accepted.

We’re proud to announce the following locations are now year round collection sites for Long Island Cares! Pay them a visit with some of our most needed items:

- Pet Menu at 743 Hillside Avenue in New Hyde Park
- Sachem Public Library in 150 Holbrook Road in Holbrook
- South Shore Medical Care at 4681 Veterans Memorial Highway in Holbrook

Shopping at any of these Old Navy or Marshalls stores? Don’t forget your bag of non-perishables for donation!

Old Navy - Bay Shore, Bohemia, Hicksville, Huntington, Lake Grove, Levittown, West Babylon

Marshalls - Commack, East Islip, Huntington, Jericho, Melville, Miller Place, North Massapequa, Patchogue, Shirley, Stony Brook , West Babylon

Stopping at any of **these libraries**? Don’t forget to bring your non-perishables for donation!

Commack Branch of the Smithtown Library

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Comsewogue Library

Copiague Library

Deer Park Library

East Islip Library

Floral Park Library

Freeport Library

Hauppauge Library

Huntington Library

Islip Library

Kings Park Library

Locust Valley Library

Merrick Library

Oceanside Library

Seaford Public Library

Smithtown Library

Wantagh Library

Here are a few locations that collect year round!

American Pool—Islandia

Clovis Point Vineyard and Winery—Jamesport

Fleet Appliance—Patchogue

Huntington Arts Council—Huntington

LI Drum Center—Plainview

Party Hardy—Nesconset & Miller Place

Suffolk County Girl Scouts--Commack, Bayport,
and Riverhead

All of LI Cares sites accept donations during these hours:

Warehouse - 10 Davids Drive Hauppauge M-F 8:30AM to 4:15PM

220 Broadway Huntington Station 11746-1403 - MWF 8:30AM – 3:30PM / T&TH 9:30AM-4:30PM

84 Pine St. Freeport 11520 - MWF 8:30AM – 3:30PM / TU 8:30AM - 5:30PM / TH 10:30am-5:30pm

163 N. Wellwood Ave. Lindenhurst NY11757 - MWF 8:30AM – 3:30PM / TU 8:30AM - 5:30PM /TH 9:30-4:30



Need assistance in your job search or with personal development skills?

We're out and about in March with our Career and Personal Development Program!

- Resume and Cover Letter Preparation Workshop – Brentwood Public Library
 - Wednesday, March 8th from 4pm-5pm
 - 34 2nd Avenue in Brentwood
- Interview Skills and Communication Workshop – Brentwood Public Library
 - Wednesday, March 15th from 4pm-5pm
 - 34 2nd Avenue in Brentwood
- Time Management Workshop – Connetquot Public Library
 - Thursday, March 30th from 3pm-4pm
 - 760 Ocean Avenue in Bohemia

Please contact Lisa M. Owens at lmowens@licares.org for more information!
