

2023 Annual Report



BECAUSE IT TAKES MORE THAN FOOD TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Long Island Cares[®] INC



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“What I say to someone struggling is that they have already gotten through the hardest step just by walking through that front door to accept help. I say, ‘You did it, don’t worry, we’re nice here’ and just try to comfort them however I can.”

— Donna, (Lindenhurst)
South Shore Service Center Volunteer





A Message from Our President and CEO

Long Island Cares starts each new year filled with fresh opportunities and challenges, and we are filled with a sense of optimism and purpose. In the face of the changing landscape of our community, donors, volunteers, staff, and partners, we are united with determination to help fight hunger and food insecurity across Long Island. Together, we have proven time and time again that when we connect in a spirit of compassion and solidarity, there is no obstacle too great to overcome.

Together, we are building a community where the comfort of a meal is not just a privilege but a right. In 2023, we faced challenges serving the increased numbers of people seeking food assistance on Long Island, yet through tireless dedication and collaborative efforts, you helped us reach more individuals and families in need than ever before.

Our 2023 Annual Report highlights the impact of the work of Long Island Cares, revealing the resilience and compassion that lie at the heart of our community. But

successes go beyond just numbers—they represent how staff, donors, volunteers, and partners come together to touch the lives of so many people. From providing healthy meals to people struggling to put food on the table to increasing vital support and resources to our neighbors in need, the effect of our work resonates across our region.

Long Island Cares is profoundly grateful for your unwavering support and dedication to realizing our founder, Harry Chapin's vision of a hunger-free Long Island. Thank you for your unwavering trust, support, and **steadfast belief in the transformative power of community.**

Sincerely,

Paule T. Pachter, ACSW, LMSW

President & Chief Executive Officer, Long Island Cares, Inc.

Thank You to all the generous people who have made hunger relief a priority, giving our neighbors hope for a better future

Our Mission & Values

Our Mission

To bring together all available resources for the benefit of the hungry and food insecure on Long Island and, to the best of our ability, provide for the humanitarian needs of our community. Our goals are to improve food security for families, sponsor programs that help families achieve self-sufficiency, and educate the public about the root causes and consequences of hunger on Long Island.

Our Organizational Values

L Leadership	Setting a vision, initiating action, creating benchmarks, and best practices.
I Innovation	Fostering creativity, flexibility, and adaptability that challenges constraints and drives progress for the benefit of those we serve.
C Collaboration	Diversity and achieving shared goals and solutions with diverse partners, clients, member agencies, donors, volunteers, and other stakeholders.
A Accountability	Organizational reliability, personal responsibility, transparency.
R Respect	Compassion and respecting the dignity and inherent worth of those we serve and those we work with.
E Empowerment	Trust and giving all staff, clients, and member agencies tools, training and information to make their own positive impact.
S Stewardship	Our commitment to thoughtfully managing and caring for all our resources.



Our team is dedicated to providing food, education, and compassion on a daily basis.

The Long Island Need

234,000 people on Long Island are food insecure – including **69,000 children**.



The U.S.D.A. defines food insecurity as the lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy lifestyle.

40% of food-insecure Long Island households earn too much to qualify for programs like SNAP but struggle to afford the high living costs in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

243,000 kids lost access to free/reduced lunch on Long Island





In 2023, our five satellite locations provided a total of **1,412,428 meals** to our visitors, marking a **36.9% increase** from the previous year.

What is a Satellite Location?

Our satellite locations, known as “First-Stop Food Pantries,” are fully funded and operated by Long Island Cares. Strategically positioned, we have five pantries serving Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Location	People Assisted	Increase since 2022
Bethpage	28,405	46%
Freeport	69,778	36%
Hamptons	13,416	33.5%
Huntington	8,568	25.6%
Lindenhurst	28,659	43.1%

How We Address the Need

In our mission to achieve a hunger-free Long Island, Long Island Cares adopts a comprehensive approach that addresses immediate needs and underlying causes.



Food and Funding

Our donors are at the heart of our operation, providing the support necessary for our work to continue. The food we distribute to our clients comes from a variety of sources including your donations, purchased items, our retail rescue program and government commodities.



The Team

Together, our volunteers and staff work tirelessly to sort, pack, and distribute food and other essentials.



Our Programs

Our programs are diverse, designed to tackle hunger from various angles. They include mobile food trucks, nutrition programs, Baxter's Pet Pantry, veteran services, children's nutrition programs, emergency response services, and New Paths to Achievement.



Our Member Agencies

Long Island Cares supports 330 Member Agencies, including food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, and school pantries. We provide funding, resources, and support to help them fulfill their missions.



Our Satellites

Our network of five satellite First-Stop Food Pantries play a crucial role in providing individuals and families with access to fresh produce, protein, grains, nonperishables, and other essential items, ensuring they have access to healthy and nutritious food.

Your Impact on Long Island

Your unwavering support fuels our success. Thanks to you, thousands of Long Islanders are nourished and children can focus on being kids without worrying about their next meal. Your donations do more than provide meals; **they offer hope** for a hunger-free future on Long Island.

BECAUSE OF YOU...



14,527,093
pounds

of food & products were distributed to our network member agencies.



33,816
adults and children
received food from our mobile food assistance trucks.

2,166
volunteers

dedicated

29,289
hours

of their time to fighting hunger.



157,513
clients

were served at our satellite locations.

328,596
pounds

of pet food and supplies were distributed.

Operations & Inventory Control

Long Island Cares addresses the pressing issue of food insecurity on Long Island with our dedicated operations team acting as the bridge between your donations and the tables of those in need.

Our operations extend to supermarkets and food retailers across Long Island, where our drivers pick up donations of food nearing expiration or considered imperfect by retailers, but still safe to consume. Our **Retail Rescue Donation Program**, working with Corporate partners like Shoprite, Stop & Shop, King Kullen, Amazon, BJ's Wholesale Club, Costco, Target, and more, **rescued a total of 3,817,771 pounds of food**.

This represents an **increase of 1,208,488 pounds** or a 46.5% increase since 2022. This food is made available in our First-Stop Food Pantries or within **Gus' Grocery Corner** for our Member Agencies to distribute in their communities.



Our operations team is grateful for the support of donors and volunteers like you, who bring us closer to our goal of a hunger-free Long Island each day.





In the past year, our operations received a total of **15,388,811 pounds of food.**

This included **5,800,220 pounds donated**,
4,808,519 pounds purchased, and
4,780,072 pounds from federal sources.

Of this, **14,527,093 pounds were distributed** directly to individuals and families facing food insecurity across Long Island, averaging **1.2 million pounds of food per month.**





Our dedicated volunteers have generously contributed an impressive total of **29,289.14 hours** of their time this year.

With the invaluable support of **2,166 individual and corporate volunteers** tirelessly sorting, packing, and distributing food, Long Island Cares continues to make a profound impact in the ongoing battle against food insecurity on Long Island. Their selfless efforts are the cornerstone of our mission, bringing hope and nourishment to countless individuals and families in need.

Check out all of our
volunteer opportunities.



In 2023, our five First-Stop Food Pantries collectively assisted **157,513 individuals**, providing a total of **1,412,428 meals** to our visitors.

Programs

Our programs stand at the forefront in the battle against food insecurity on Long Island. Through a multifaceted approach, our programs offer more than just nourishment; they provide support and education to those in need. In addition to serving the general public, we have focused programs that provide specific support to veterans, children, the homeless population and seniors.

With food insecurity numbers persistently rising on Long Island, your support enables our team to continuously help individuals and families in need.

S.O.S

Our Supporting our Seniors (S.O.S) program provides monthly distributions of emergency food to senior community centers across Long Island. These packages are designed to supplement their home pantries and monthly shopping lists, offering essential sustenance when they need it the most. In 2023, **we delivered 210,375 meals** to seniors in need, **an increase of 55,800** meals since 2022.

Mobile Services

Our Mobile Food Assistance Unit (MFAU) delivered **67,246 pounds** of emergency non-perishable food bags to **13,347 people** in Nassau and Suffolk.

The Mobile Pantry supported 79 home-bound seniors and disabled veterans by delivering **9,315 pounds** of food and products.

The Aspara'Gus' Breakfast Food Truck traveled throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties, providing breakfast for **20,390 children**.



Learn more about the programs we offer.





Every summer, Long Island Cares invites high school students to volunteer at our First-Stop Food Pantries, a truly transformative experience for many, including high school junior Diana.

“I didn’t know what to expect, but I looked forward to the work experience,” Diana said, recalling her initial excitement. **“However, the moment I stepped in, I was welcomed by staff and volunteers and felt part of the Long Island Cares family. I knew this was going to be different.”**

Diana’s journey began with a single shift at our Freeport location, expecting a routine volunteer opportunity. Instead, she discovered a warm and supportive community that embraced her like family and fostered a profound gratitude for her own privileges.

Inspired by her initial shift, Diana committed to volunteering weekly for the rest of the summer. She has since become an active member of the **Student Hunger Action Coalition (SHAC)** at Long Island Cares, a program **empowering 896 students** to leverage their unique talents in service to others.

Diana’s story exemplifies the impact of our volunteer program, not only in addressing immediate needs but also in shaping compassionate leaders dedicated to ending food insecurity.

Montier's Story

Montier is a hard-working grandmother trying to make ends meet for her large family. She lives with her husband, their five kids, and two grandchildren, making her home a bustling place.

The family relies heavily on SNAP benefits, which Montier says "always run out before the month ends." It's made planning dinners a daunting task in the face of inflation.

Montier began visiting Long Island Cares for emergency food when the pandemic started in 2020. It helped the family get by and eventually get back on their feet. But three years later, she's found herself back in the same situation.

"I used to be able to go to the grocery store and use cash to purchase food for my family. I could always go to Long Island Cares to make up for any extras that we needed. But now, we've had to cut back on almost everything at the store. It's been very difficult, and we had to get help again."

Montier likes to bring her grandchildren to our **Harry Chapin Food Bank and Humanitarian Center** First-Stop Food Pantry not only to help with groceries but to "learn that times are tough," and they must stick through it together.

Since returning to Long Island Cares, Montier says it has helped her family return somewhat back to normal. **"I'm so thankful for everyone at Long Island Cares. I would encourage everyone who needs help to come to get it. I tell family, friends, anyone. Everyone could use some extra help."**

After the end of SNAP emergency allotments in 2023, many Long Island families, such as Montier's, faced a trifecta of challenges: reduced SNAP benefits, food inflation, and the high cost of living in Nassau and Suffolk counties. These circumstances forced many to make difficult decisions, such as choosing between basic necessities like hot water or food. **Your support ensures that families like Montier's do not have to make such impossible choices.**

30% of food-insecure
Long Islanders are children



Program Highlight

Baxter's Pet Pantry

At **Baxter's Pet Pantry** in Lindenhurst, our mission is to keep families together, including their beloved pets. We provide pet food and supplies to ensure that no family ever has to choose between feeding themselves or giving up their pet.

Meet Ilenia and Arya.

Ilenia and her dog Arya formed a bond through circumstances. Arya, a shelter dog, had been returned multiple times due to being timid. The shelter sought a foster home for Arya, and Ilenia stepped in. Despite the challenges of increasing expenses, she wanted to give Arya a chance at a better life.

When COVID hit, Ilenia faced a tough choice: keep Arya or risk her being labeled "unadoptable" and sent to a kill shelter in Texas. Determined to keep Arya safe, Ilenia decided to adopt her even though it strained her budget. Feeding Arya became a challenge, especially with rent, bills, and a child to care for. Ilenia found help at Baxter's Pet Pantry. We provided her with healthy, quality pet food every month, easing her financial burden.

Despite her struggles, Ilenia remains grateful for the support. **Baxter's Pet Pantry** helps her provide for Arya, ensuring both of them are happy and healthy. "I took a chance on Baxter's," said Ilenia. "They give me exactly what I need. I'm not trying to be greedy or take advantage. I'm just getting the food she needs month by month, and I think we are both much better off because of it."



Unique Programs

With 30% of food-insecure Long Islanders being children, Long Island Cares created special programs focusing on child food insecurity. The **Pack It Up for Kids** program (under Feeding America's Backpack Program) addresses the critical lack of resources for children when school is not in session. Long Island Cares partners with schools and



community organizations to distribute backpacks filled with six weekend meals. In 2023, **10,653 bags were distributed**, supplying **63,918 meals and 21,306 snacks** to kids in need.

Our **Kids Cafe** program provides children with a safe, supervised space to complete their homework, receive nutrition education, and enjoy meals. It provided **87,159 meals**. Additionally, we are a sponsor for the federally funded **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**, facilitated through the New York State Education Department (NYSED). This program bridged the summer hunger gap, providing **21,744 breakfasts** and **25,839 lunches**. The

Summer Food Service Program is crucial, as children no longer have access to their schools' free/reduced lunch and breakfast programs during the summer.

At Long Island Cares, we believe in not only nourishing people but also helping them break the cycle of food insecurity. That's why we offer several unique nutrition and education programs.

In 2023, these non-food programs served a total of 2,310 people.

Our programs include:

- New Paths to Achievement
- Kids United Against Hunger
- Vets Work
- Veterans Coordinated Care Program
- Hunger 101
- Hope for the Homeless
- Emergency Response and Recovery

Veterans and Advocacy

At Long Island Cares, we witness the daily challenges that veterans endure, from insufficient benefits to enduring injuries and difficulty finding employment. Through our diverse programs, we strive to offer them the support they require while cultivating a sense of community.

Among these programs are **Military Appreciation Tuesdays, Veterans Outreach, Mobile Pantry, Care Coordination, and VetsWork.**

These initiatives not only focus on providing nourishment, but also on helping veterans break the cycle of food insecurity.

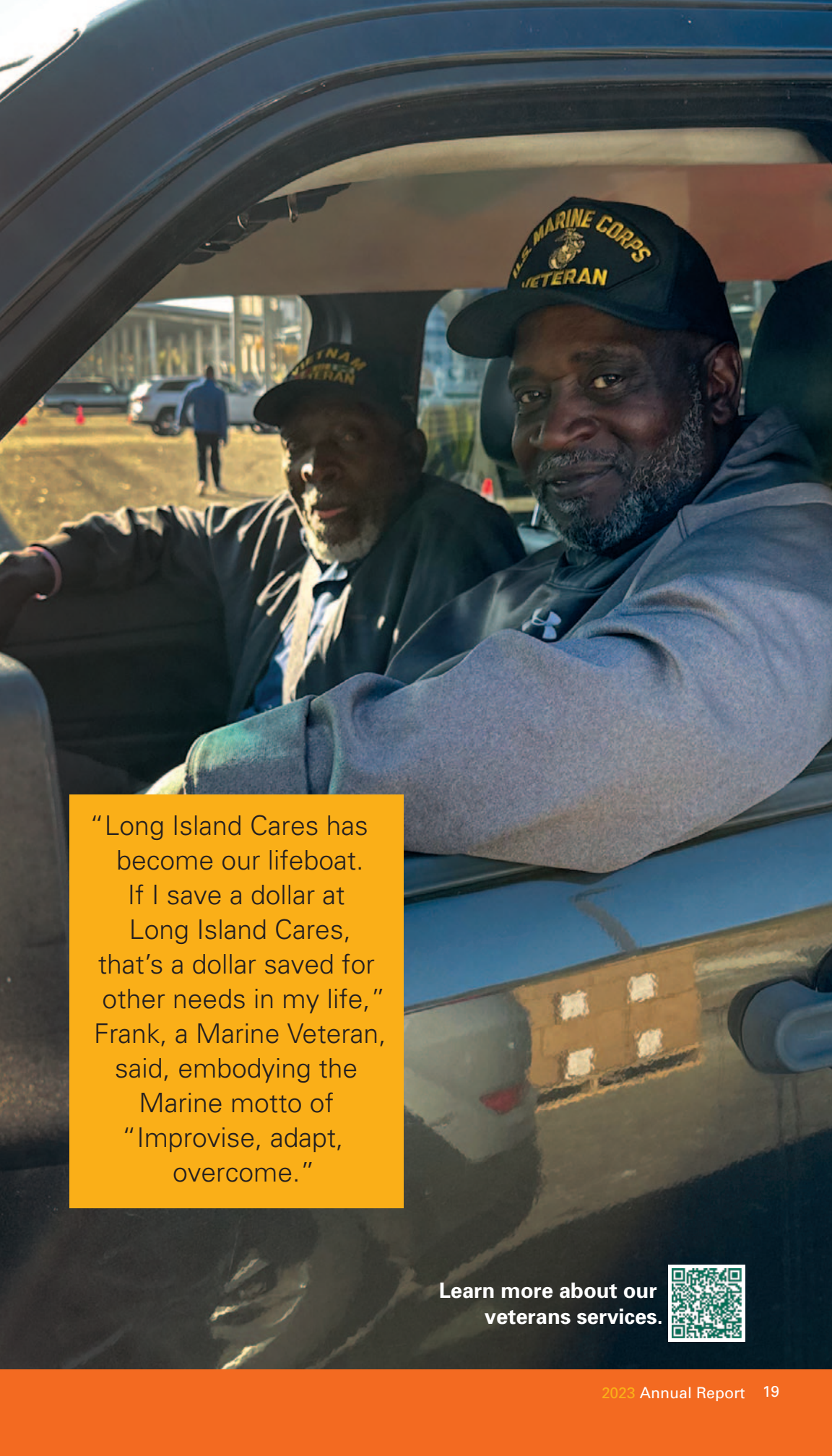


In 2023, we distributed **152,115 pounds** of food to veterans through our Mobile Outreach. Additionally, we bridged to critical services and support for 59 veterans.

Our government relations accomplishments include effectively advocating alongside Feeding NYS to maintain the previous year's historic \$22 million increase in state funding for the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP), representing a 64% increase relative to baseline funding. Our extensive joint-advocacy also helped secure \$135 million in state funding to expand no-cost school meals.

Our **15th Annual Government Affairs Breakfast** was our most well-attended yet, with over 130 elected officials, legislative staffers, agency representatives, and volunteers present. Together, we discussed ways food banks and farms can partner to strengthen the nation's food system.





“Long Island Cares has become our lifeboat. If I save a dollar at Long Island Cares, that’s a dollar saved for other needs in my life,” Frank, a Marine Veteran, said, embodying the Marine motto of “Improvise, adapt, overcome.”

Learn more about our veterans services.



Member Agencies

Member Agencies are vital partners in our mission, serving as independent Long Island food pantries that receive and utilize food donations from Long Island Cares. These agencies undergo thorough inspections and comply with regulatory requirements to ensure the highest standards of service and care.

Thanks to your generosity, Long Island Cares supported **330 Member Agencies** in 2023, collectively **running over 508 programs**. Your donations enabled us to distribute a total of **14,527,093 pounds of food and other products** to our member agencies, marking a 21% increase since 2022.



Bethany Hospitality Kitchen

It's 10:30 on a brisk Thursday morning in Central Islip at Bethany Hospitality Kitchen, a Long Island Cares-affiliated soup kitchen. Volunteers have been here since 8 a.m., prepping, cleaning, and cooking the daily meals.

Deb readies her sign-in sheet, Marge packs meals with Liv, while Jacomo and Bill handles cooking the last of the pulled pork. Everyone is smiling, part of a finely tuned machine overseen by Joe Ladolcetta.

Guests slowly arrive, sitting at picnic tables, enjoying coffee and sandwiches provided by the kitchen. The distribution begins and visitors line up for a healthy meal cooked with ingredients from Long Island Cares, often enough for two meals.

"Thank you so much for everything you do," noted one visitor with a smile. **"Bless you and Long Island Cares,"** shared another.

Cook Jacomo said, **"We're part of an incredible community here."** Volunteer Bill added, **"I'll often go outside and meet with our guests, catch up with them, and eat with them. It goes a long way to break bread with our neighbors."**

As the day winds down, Marge hands out the last meals to anyone still outside, providing families with another meal for the day.

Bethany Hospitality Kitchen is not just a soup kitchen; it's a beacon of hope, a testament to the power of community, and a cherished member of the Long Island Cares family.



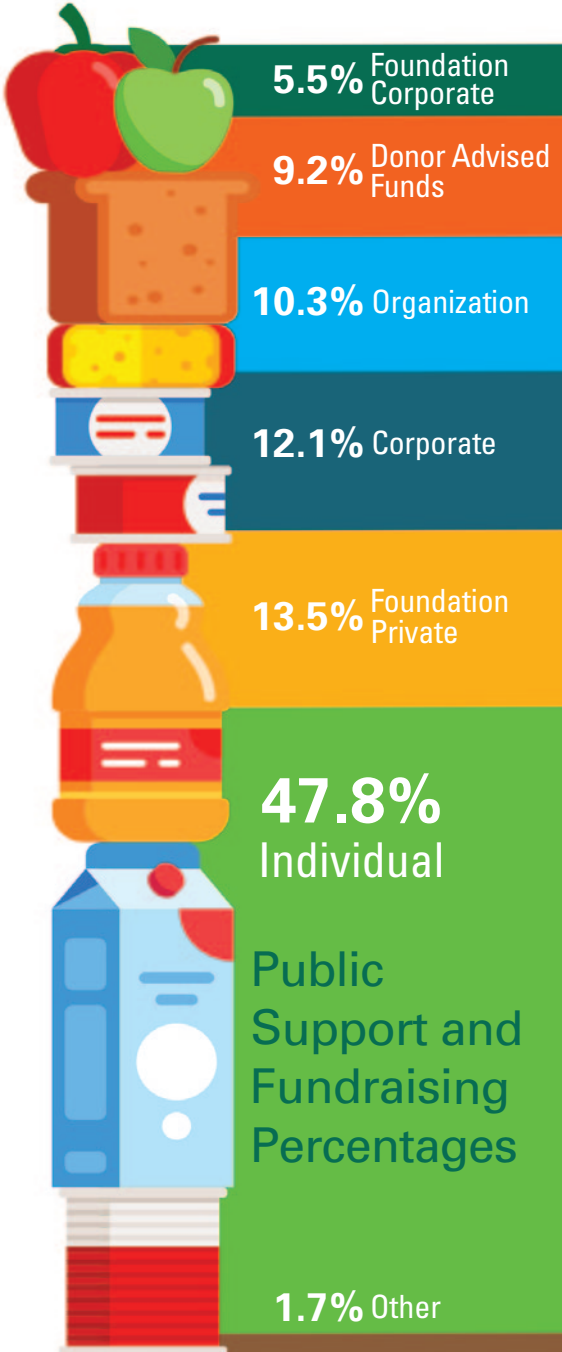
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Development & Communications

Success in achieving Long Island Cares founder Harry Chapin’s vision of a hunger-free Long Island hinges on the generosity of supporters and donors like you.

Thanks to your generous contributions, we’ve secured essential food, supplies, and equipment, recruited talented staff, and spearheaded innovative initiatives. These efforts have enabled us to broaden our programs and services, engage with new communities, and significantly increase our impact on people struggling with hunger and food insecurity.



In today’s digital age, marketing and communications are pivotal in advancing Long Island Cares’ mission to combat hunger. Through both traditional methods and online channels like social media, we are sharing stories of the lives your gifts have changed and created ways for you to engage with Long Island Cares to see the direct impact of your contributions.

Your support empowers us to continue this vital work and ensures that we can create a future where hunger is a thing of the past. We are so grateful you chose to support your neighbors through the programs and services of Long Island Cares.

Every child deserves to grow up without experiencing hunger, and no parent should face the agonizing choice between groceries and bills. Access to nutritious food is a fundamental human right we are dedicated to upholding. Our commitment to serving those in need and advocating for an end to hunger is unwavering. However, we cannot do this without **YOU**.





Debuting in 2023, the **Giving Guitar** and other **Legacy Naming opportunities** created an enduring symbol of the impact of your support at our Hauppauge headquarters, highlighting donors and encouraging continued engagement.

Learn more about Sponsorships and Naming Opportunities.



Thanks to you, we're serving more meals and spreading more smiles. Your donations are a lifeline for those in need.

With your support, we're nourishing communities and transforming lives.

Every dollar makes a difference!



2023 Major Donors

Thank you for your remarkable commitment and support in 2023. Together we can end hunger on Long Island.

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You can be a corporate donor.

We are grateful to the corporate donors who generously give their time and financial support. You are our heroes.



Finance & Administration

Long Island Cares places a strong emphasis on fostering the welfare and growth of its team members through dedicated efforts in staff engagement and training. To ensure this commitment, several initiatives were undertaken in 2023:

- **Human Resources Enhancement**

Recognizing the importance of dedicated HR support, Long Island Cares hired a full-time Human Resources Associate, demonstrating a commitment to addressing staff needs and concerns.

- **Staff Engagement Events**

Throughout the year, the Staff Engagement Committee organized nine diverse events, including two spirit weeks. These events aimed to cultivate a sense of community and camaraderie among team members, fostering a positive work environment.

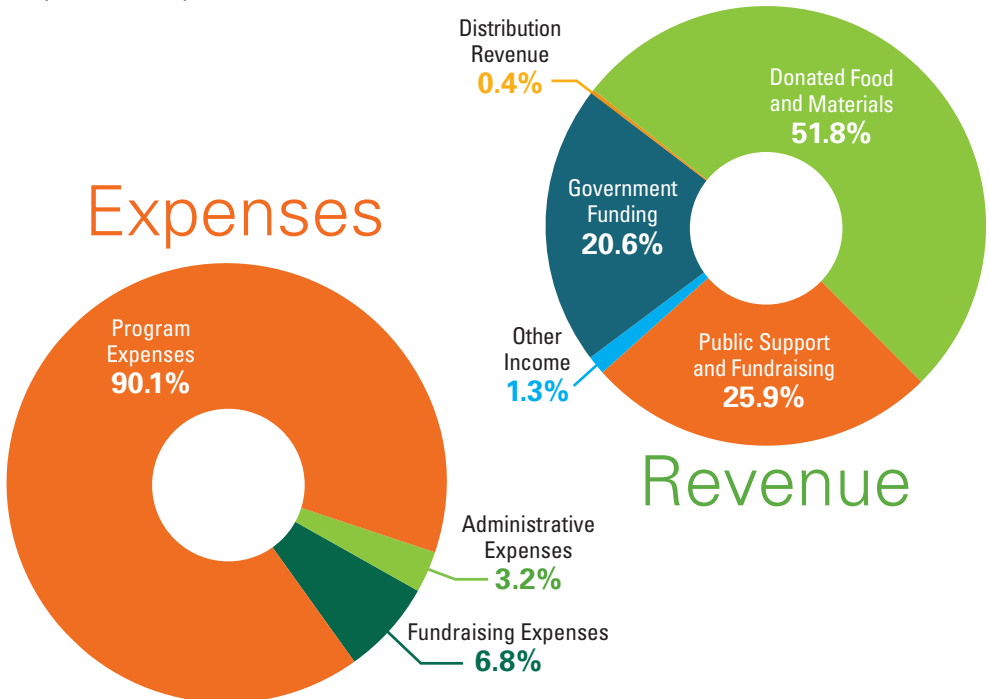
- **Training Initiatives**

The Training Committee orchestrated eight comprehensive training sessions covering a wide array of topics crucial for professional development. These sessions included Cybersecurity; First Aid/AED; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI); Media Literacy; Disaster Preparedness; Cultivating Kindness; Hunger Action/Advocacy; and Mindfulness.

- **Staff Retreat**

Additionally, a staff retreat held in July served as a dedicated platform for team members to further develop their skills and knowledge. The retreat provided a holistic approach to learning, incorporating various topics pertinent to both personal and professional growth.

We foster an unwavering dedication to nurturing a supportive and enriching work environment, where team members are empowered to thrive both personally and professionally.



Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2023	2022
Current Assets	\$14,006,133	\$14,948,039
Fixed Assets, Net	3,855,801	4,017,138
Other Assets	3,753,303	3,791,612
Total Assets	\$21,615,237	\$22,756,789
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	\$1,573,374	\$1,937,644
Non-Current Liabilities	2,423,593	2,795,482
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	16,702,862	17,226,603
With Donor Restrictions	915,408	797,060
Total Net Assets	\$17,618,270	\$18,023,663
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$21,615,237	\$22,756,789

Statement of Activities

Revenue	2023	2022
Public Support and Fundraising	\$9,390,530	\$9,203,499
Government Funding	7,492,071	6,247,956
Distribution Revenue	153,067	273,685
Donated Food and Materials	18,795,863	12,042,084
Other Income	469,492	(376,163)
Total	\$36,301,023	\$27,391,061
Expenses		
Program Expenses	\$33,059,051	\$25,871,480
Administrative Expenses	1,166,659	1,068,652
Fundraising Expenses	2,480,706	2,300,479
Total	\$36,706,416	\$29,240,611

The above data has been condensed from the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2023, audited by Nawrocki Smith, LLP Certified Public Accountants of Hauppauge, New York. Copies of the audited statements, including the accountant's unqualified opinion dated April 27, 2024, are available from Long Island Cares, Inc. upon request.

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"I'm proud to be a member of the Long Island Cares Board of Directors. Each of us deeply cares about the mission, and we're all laser-focused on it. We understand it. It's this mission that energizes us, keeps us up at night thinking about what the organization needs to be successful. When you can wrap your head around all that, when you can embrace it, you have the unique opportunity to make a real difference in someone's life." — Alan Z. Fromm



"As a longtime member of the Board of Directors, I've witnessed the increasing demand for services provided by Long Island Cares, which tirelessly serves families, friends, and neighbors throughout Long Island who face food insecurity or require assistance. I'm consistently amazed by the dedication, innovation, professionalism, and persistence of the Long Island Cares staff and moved by the enthusiasm and work ethic of our volunteers." — Michael Deering



"Being on the board of directors of Long Island Cares makes me incredibly proud. The staff and volunteers at LIC go above and beyond to fulfill their mission of providing genuine assistance to hungry and food-insecure Long Islanders in need. Giving back is the greatest gift we can give ourselves and our community. Long Island Cares makes it easy to make a difference through their many volunteer and charitable giving programs. Together, we are and can continue to make a difference."

— Andrea Rothchild

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Looking Ahead

As we anticipate the year ahead, our commitment to addressing the needs of our most vulnerable communities remains steadfast. Our goal is to offer easy access to healthy and culturally relevant food for families, seniors, veterans, and more in identified food-insecure populations on Long Island.

In 2024, we will announce the opening of our new Valley Stream food pantry. The West Nassau Center for Food Assistance and Community Support will serve as a vital resource for the community, offering a range of nutritious food items, including fresh produce, protein sources, and grains.

Following the model of our other Nassau locations in Freeport and Bethpage, the pantry will serve our neighbors monthly.

We remain committed to assisting those in need and advocating for an end to hunger. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your support.



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