

2024 Annual Report



BECAUSE IT TAKES MORE THAN FOOD TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Long Island Cares[®] INC



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A Message from Our President and CEO

It is with much gratitude that I reflect on the incredible impact we have made together in 2024. Thanks to your generosity and your ongoing support of our mission, Long Island Cares has continued to meet the growing needs of our community, ensuring that families, children, seniors, and veterans have access to the food and resources they need to thrive.

Your support and partnership have made it possible for us to expand our reach in meaningful ways—opening our new Valley Stream

location, strengthening our advocacy efforts, and growing our mobile outreach programs to bring nutritious food directly to communities where it's needed most. Whether through our Mobile Pantry, Mobile School Pantry, Aspara'Gus' Breakfast Food Truck or our dedicated Veterans Mobile Food Distribution services, your generosity ensures that no one is left

behind.

Long Island Cares is deeply committed to addressing the root causes of hunger, advocating for policies that strengthen food security, and ensuring that those we serve have the resources they need to build a more stable future.

Our success is driven by our incredible staff's dedication, our donors' generosity, and the commitment of our volunteers and member agencies. Through this powerful collaboration, Long Island Cares continues to make a meaningful impact for our neighbors in need. Every hour volunteered, every meal provided, and every story shared

strengthens our mission and brings us closer to a hunger-free Long Island. Your support provides food and fuels advocacy efforts, amplifies the voices of those in need, and drives positive and lasting change in our community.

As we look ahead, we know that the challenges of food insecurity remain, but so does our determination. With your continued generosity and the dedication of our team, we will keep expanding our impact—ensuring that everyone in our community has access to not only food but also hope and opportunity.

Thank you for your commitment, generosity, and belief in a future where no one goes hungry. Together, we are changing lives.

Paul T. Pachter, ACSW, LMSW

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



Because of generous donors like you,
our team was able to distribute
16,016,462 pounds of food
across our Long Island Communities.

Our Mission & Values

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.

We have been on a mission to feed Long Island's food insecure and put an end to the root causes of hunger since our founding by the late Harry Chapin in 1980. To help achieve our goals, we are guided by seven principles:

L Leadership	We set the standard in the fight against hunger, driving policy change and pioneering new programs to serve our community more effectively.
I Innovation	We continuously develop creative solutions, from mobile food distributions to technology-driven outreach, ensuring food reaches those who need it most.
C Collaboration	We strengthen our impact by working with partners, agencies, and volunteers to expand food access and advocate for systemic change.
A Accountability	We uphold the highest standards of transparency and efficiency, ensuring every donation and resource is used responsibly to maximize our reach.
R Respect	We treat every individual with dignity, fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for those we serve and those who support our mission.
E Empowerment	We go beyond providing food, equipping individuals and families with resources, education, and advocacy to build a path toward stability.
S Stewardship	We are committed to managing resources wisely, ensuring long-term sustainability in our fight to end hunger on Long Island.

An Overview of Food Insecurity on Long Island

289,000 people on Long Island are food insecure – including **45,000** children.

In 2024, our **First Stop Food Pantries** saw a **30% increase** in the number of people needing food assistance. This could be due to numerous reasons such as higher unemployment rates, food costs, and the influx of asylum seekers.





Grand Opening of our Valley Stream First Stop Food Pantry, The West Nassau Center for Food Assistance & Community Support.

What is a First Stop Food Pantry?

Long Island Cares operates and fully funds 6 First Stop Food Pantries, providing immediate food assistance to individuals and families across Long Island. In addition to running our own pantries, we support a network of Member Agencies throughout the region, which, while not directly operated or fully funded by us, receive essential resources to help combat hunger in their communities. Through these efforts, we ensure access to nutritious groceries, fresh produce, and essential household items for those in need.

First Stop Food Pantry	Meals Provided	Increase since 2023
Bethpage	343,431	34.31%
Freeport	605,034	3.11%
Hampton Bays	194,244	64.18%
Huntington Station	234,083	39.5%
Lindenhurst	380,853	164.0%
Valley Stream	28,627	N/A (New Location)

We are proud to announce the opening of our sixth First Stop Food Pantry in Valley Stream, a milestone achievement after two years of planning. The **West Nassau Center for Food Assistance & Community Support** now serves as a vital resource for families facing food insecurity, including the area's large Caribbean community. With this expansion, we are reaching more neighbors in need and strengthening our commitment to ending hunger across Long Island.

From Warehouse to Table

Hunger can affect anyone—at any time. At Long Island Cares, we hear countless stories from our pantry visitors: a sudden illness, the loss of a loved one, an unexpected job layoff. These challenges can leave families struggling to afford even the most basic necessities. Our mission is to ensure that no one has to face difficult, life-altering decisions, such as choosing between food and other essential needs. With a network of programs and resources, we provide critical support when it's needed most.

Mobile Fleet

Our fleet of 8 mobile vehicles brings food directly to neighbors in need. From our Mobile Pantry, which serves homebound individuals, to our Hope for the Homeless program, which provides ready-to-eat meals and hygiene products to homeless individuals, we ensure that food assistance reaches those who need it most—wherever they are.



Support co

The Bridge Between Donations & Impact

Volunteers play a crucial role in bridging the gap between generous donations and getting food to families in need. Every day, individuals and corporate teams work in our warehouse, sorting and packing donations to ensure they reach those who need them most.



First Stop Food Pantries

Our pantries operate on a client-choice model, allowing visitors to select their own food based on personal preferences and dietary needs, ensuring a dignified and empowering experience for all who seek help.



Retail Partners

Retail partners donate food and essential items, helping us provide fresh meals to families in need.



Retail Rescue Program

Our Retail Rescue program recovers surplus food from local providers to prevent waste and feed those facing hunger.



Meals from here



You

Your generosity through donations, fundraising events, and food drives directly support our mission and those in need.

Public Sector Support

Government funding and assistance help sustain our programs and tackle hunger across the region.



Member Agencies

Our network of independently operated food pantries and soup kitchens partners with us to distribute food throughout Long Island. By following our compliance guidelines, they help extend our reach and provide essential meals to more communities.



Children's Programs

Through programs like Pack It Up for Kids, Hunger 101, the Summer Food Service Program, and more, we ensure that children continue to receive nourishing meals and health education outside of school so they can grow, learn, and simply enjoy being kids.





In 2024, **3,064** dedicated volunteers gave their time and energy to support our mission, contributing a remarkable **41,297** hours. From sorting and packing donations to assisting families at our First Stop Food Pantries and helping at community events, their efforts directly fueled our ability to serve those in need.





Operations & Inventory Control

The Engine Behind the Mission

Behind every meal we provide is a carefully managed system that ensures food reaches those who need it most. Our Operations & Inventory Control team keeps our warehouses stocked, our deliveries running smoothly, and our food distribution efficient. From sourcing and storing donations to coordinating logistics across our network, this team ensures that every item is accounted for and ready to serve our community.

Distribution	Jan–Dec 2023	Jan–Dec 2024
Donated	5,800,220	5,858,199
Purchased	4,808,519	5,722,386
Federal Commodities	4,780,072	4,435,877
Total Pounds	15,388,811	16,016,462

16,016,462 pounds of food = **13,293,663.46 meals**







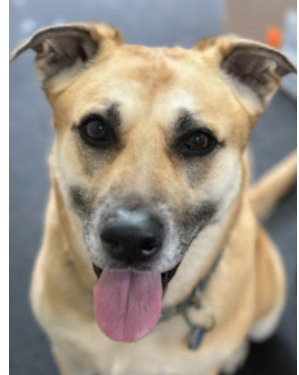
Our Programs at Work

Fighting Hunger, Nourishing Communities

Every program at Long Island Cares is designed with purpose and precision, ensuring that we meet the diverse needs of our community. From our First Stop Food Pantries to emergency response services, each program plays a crucial role in getting food to those who need it most. With a focus on accessibility and support, we work tirelessly to ensure that no one is left behind.

Feeding the Whole Family

Baxter's Pet Pantry helps families in need keep their pet companions healthy and well-fed by providing pet food and essential supplies. **In 2024, we served 1,123 families and their 2,248 pets—a 120% increase in pets and an 80.5% increase in families since 2023.** As more families turn to us for help, this program ensures that no one has to choose between feeding themselves or feeding their companions.



Mobile Fleet

Expanding Access and Impact in 2024

In 2024, Long Island Cares' mobile fleet played a crucial role in delivering food and resources to those in need across Long Island, reaching people regardless of their location. These are just a few of the vehicles making a difference every day.

Childrens Mobile Breakfast Food Truck

The Childrens Mobile Breakfast Food Truck serves breakfast to children and families facing food insecurity. This program ensures kids have access to nutritious meals when free school meals aren't available and when families may have limited access to food pantries.

S.O.S. (Supporting Our Seniors)

The S.O.S. program delivers monthly emergency food packages to senior community centers across Long Island. These packages are designed to supplement home pantries and stretch monthly grocery budgets, helping seniors maintain access to nutritious meals.

MFAU (Mobile Food Assistance Unit)

The MFAU program provides emergency food bags, referrals, and assistance to individuals in partnership with community-based organizations. This mobile service ensures that no one is left without support during times of need.

Hope for the Homeless

The Hope for the Homeless outreach unit brings critical resources directly to areas with high rates of homelessness. We provide ready-to-eat meals, personal hygiene items, and essential housing information and referrals to help unhoused individuals take the next steps toward housing.





Petra's Journey From Worry to Gratitude

For Petra, a single mother working part-time, life is a delicate balance. When she's not working, she's at church giving thanks for the blessings she has or singing in the choir. But as food prices soared, Petra faced a tough question: Could she afford both food and rent?

As her SNAP benefits began to dwindle, the fear of going without meals became all too real. **"The months started to feel so much longer as SNAP felt lesser,"** she recalls. Worried about the future, she confided in friends about her struggles. One of them suggested she visit Long Island Cares.

Petra was amazed at what she found—ample food and warm, compassionate volunteers. **"There were no more nerves once I walked in,"** she says. **"The volunteers are blessings in my life."**

Despite her challenges, Petra remains grateful. **"I always focus on my blessings. That's the way to be happy,"** she shares.

As she leaves the food pantry, Petra often expresses her gratitude for the **"bags of blessings"** she receives. At Long Island Cares, we feel immense joy knowing that our donors make it possible for families like Petra's to focus on what matters most—without having to choose between food and shelter.

Stronger Together

Our Network of Member Agencies

Long Island Cares is proud to partner with a network of 330 Member Agencies, operating more than 540 programs across Long Island. Together, we work to ensure that every community has access to nutritious food and essential education on food safety, health, and nutrition.



From Serving Meals to Building Community

The Soup to Nuts Story

Soup to Nuts Soup Kitchen in Freeport truly lives up to its name by serving and helping everyone who comes through their doors. Today, **Co-Presidents Marian and Mela** run Soup to Nuts as a team. While having two presidents might seem unusual, Mela and Marian make it work seamlessly. Mela shares, “**Marian is my idol,**” to which Marian replies, “**The feeling is mutual. We come from different backgrounds, but our strengths complement each other perfectly.**”

The kitchen is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, serving hot lunches to anyone who lines up. “We serve everyone,” Mela says with a smile.

When you walk into Soup to Nuts, the comforting smell of a home-cooked meal welcomes



“We serve everyone.”

you, and the long tables are thoughtfully decorated with flowers. Cooks arrive as early as 8 a.m., with other volunteers joining at 9 a.m., all working together to prepare a delicious meal served from 12 to 1 p.m.

Visitors flow in and out, some staying to chat, creating a palpable sense of camaraderie. After their meal, guests can head upstairs to pick out clothes to take home, and often, outreach workers from community services are there offering resources like free mammograms.

One volunteer, Steve, notes, **“It’s about upholding the dignity of every individual we serve, as well.”**

The volunteers at Soup to Nuts come from a variety of backgrounds, bringing unique experiences and perspectives. Mela takes great pride in her volunteers, saying, “Without them, there would be no Soup to Nuts. This is a real labor of love.”

The volunteers, in turn, adore Mela and Marian for their kindness and the incredible opportunity they provide to help others. Fran, a longtime volunteer, shares, **“The people who come here for food help us as much as we help them. And it wouldn’t be possible without Mela and Marian. They not only serve so many, but they also bring together volunteers from all walks of life.”**

Mela and Marian’s leadership at Soup to Nuts is about more than just serving meals—it’s about creating a community of care. Their compassion inspires everyone involved, making Soup to Nuts a place where both volunteers and guests find connection and purpose.

Beyond Hunger

Advocating for Lasting Change

At Long Island Cares, we recognize that food insecurity is a symptom of deeper systemic issues. Simply providing food is not enough—we must also advocate for policies that break the cycle of poverty and hunger. In 2024, we took bold steps to influence legislation and secure critical funding to support those in need:

Fighting for Increased Nutrition Funding: In partnership with Feeding NYS, we successfully advocated for key funding increases in the FY25 budget:

- **\$1.25 million** increase for the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP).
- **\$4.25 million** boost for Nourish NY, strengthening farm-to-food bank connections.
- **\$11 million** additional funding for school meal programs, ensuring more children have access to nutritious food.

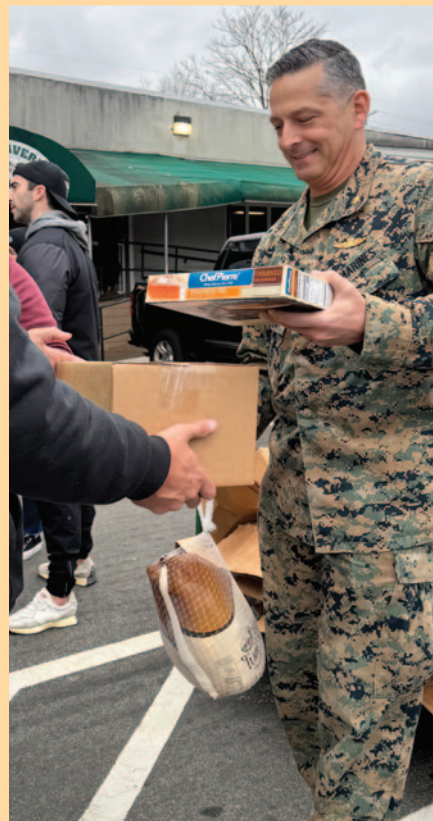
Engaging Policymakers on Federal Priorities: Our advocacy efforts extended to Capitol Hill, where we met with **Representatives Suozzi, LaLota, D’Esposito, and Garbarino** to discuss the upcoming Farm Bill and the urgent need to modernize the Federal Poverty Level.

Making Our Voices Heard: On August 7, we joined **Rep. Suozzi** for a press conference urging Congress to pass a Farm Bill that protects USDA’s access to Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funding, a crucial resource in the fight against hunger.

Bringing Leaders Together: Our **16th Annual Government Affairs Breakfast** convened **120+ elected officials, legislative staffers, member agency representatives, and volunteers** for a critical discussion on transforming food banking in a post-COVID world.



Michael W. Haynes, MPA, Vice President for Government Relations, Advocacy & Social Policy; Jessica Rosati, Ph.D., Vice President for Programs & Community Services; Congressman Jim McGovern from MA and John Sears, Government Relations & Advocacy Manager.



Veterans Project Serving Those Who Served

Long Island Cares remains steadfast in our commitment to supporting veterans, ensuring they have access to food, employment opportunities, and critical-care services. Through our Veterans Project, we provide targeted assistance to help those who have served our country transition to stability and self-sufficiency. In 2024, our impact included:

- **Delivering 240,345 pounds of food and essential supplies** to veterans through mobile outreach at Stand Downs, the Northport VA Hospital, and local American Legions.
- **Helping 38 veterans secure meaningful employment**, offering them a pathway to financial independence.
- **Providing personalized care coordination to 68 veterans**, connecting them with vital resources such as housing assistance, mental health services, and VA benefits.

Development & Communications



3.7% Foundation Corporate

7.2% Organization

11.5% Company

11.9% Donor Advised Fund

19.3% Foundation


44.9% Individual

Public Support and Fundraising Percentages

1.6% Other

At Long Island Cares, the Development and Communications team continues to drive our mission to end hunger through strategic fundraising, compelling storytelling, and deep donor engagement.

In 2024, we surpassed last year's revenue, securing support through individual giving, corporate and foundation partnerships, grants, planned gifts, and special events. This achievement reflects not only our team's dedication but our community's incredible generosity. We are especially grateful to you, our donors, volunteers, corporate partners, and monthly supporters for placing your trust in us.

Long Island Cares proudly maintains its reputation for fiscal responsibility, with approximately **90% of every**  **dollar you donate directly supporting programs.**

This year brought real challenges. With federal funding uncertainties and increased need across Long Island, we had to stretch every dollar further. In response, we strengthened internal systems, prioritized unrestricted support, and deepened donor stewardship to remain agile and impactful.

Through email, direct mail, and personal outreach we connected with over 87,000 supporters and reached more than 27,000 through social media. Our communications strategy spotlighted the programs you make possible, from school pantries and veterans services to our new West Nassau Center for Food Assistance in Valley Stream.

Volunteers played a vital role, donating nearly 42,000 hours across our operations, events, and satellite locations. We also saw an increase in multi-year and planned gifts and significant



White Castle's Round-Up Program Raised **\$36,000** to Support Our Mission.



Wood Park Elementary Led the Way in the Wings of Change Campaign

growth in unrestricted foundation funding. Thank you for your confidence in Long Island Cares' vision of a Hunger Free Long Island.



Thank you to everyone who gave time, talent, treasure, and trust. Your support sustains our work and strengthens our future.

As we look ahead, we remain driven by our community and shared vision. Together, you are helping provide not only food, but hope to the most vulnerable people on Long Island.

THANK YOU.

Food Drives

A Community United Against Hunger

Each food drive was a testament to the power of collective action—every can donated, every flyer made, and every volunteer hour contributed made a direct impact on families facing food insecurity.

These food drives not only helped stock our pantries but also provided hope and stability for thousands of Long Islanders struggling to make ends meet.

In 2024, your generosity fueled an incredible **525 food drives**, providing **312,270 pounds** of food, baby supplies, personal essentials, pet food and more.

Empowering Health and Dignity We are more than a Food Bank.

We believe in holistic health, which includes providing essential personal care items such as women's hygiene products. Thanks to generous donors like the **100 Women of Huntington**, these crucial items, often costly, are made accessible to our clients. For us, it's about more than just providing food; **it's about preserving dignity and promoting overall health.**





Dr. Sara Siddiqui, a dedicated board member at Long Island Cares and member of the 100 Women of Huntington, shared her insights into the inspiration behind donating feminine hygiene products. She explained, “Dali [Long Island Cares Director of Satellite Services] and I highlighted how families often ask about personal care items, and there is especially a shortage

of feminine hygiene supplies. Governmental grant funding can't be used for feminine hygiene products at food pantries.” This awareness motivated many women within the 100 Women group to unite and contribute.

Nicole Tamaro, one of the driving forces behind the initiative, reflected on her own experience, stating, “I never missed a day of school because I didn't have enough feminine care products. That blew my mind. I was like ‘Wow, what a privileged life I live that there are girls who have to miss school or be so self-conscious about having an accident.’”

Dr. Siddiqui, Nicole Tamaro, and Eileen Gorman, along with their daughters and sons, devoted hours to sorting and packing these items into to-go bags. These bags included personal care products like feminine hygiene items, deodorant, and toothpaste. They also created “blessing bags,” which are emergency kits for teen girls to take to school or camp. This initiative served as a meaningful lesson for their children, highlighting the importance of gratitude and compassion for those less fortunate.

In total, 100 Women of Huntington donated **5,000 feminine hygiene products** along with hundreds of other toiletries, significantly impacting families in need. Their actions exemplify the spirit of compassion and community support that drives our mission.

2024 Major Donors

Thank you for your remarkable commitment and support in 2024. 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

Finance & Administration Updates

At Long Island Cares, we are committed to strengthening our infrastructure to better support our mission and enhance the services we provide. In 2024, we made significant strides in technology and team development, ensuring that we can operate more efficiently and continue delivering impactful services to the community.

Technology Enhancements

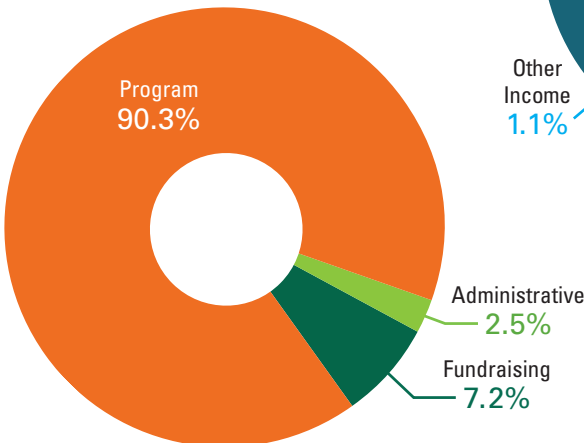
Recognizing technology as a critical driver of our mission, we welcomed a Director of Information Technology to lead efforts aimed at improving operational efficiency and bolstering cybersecurity. These initiatives are essential in streamlining internal workflows, enhancing data management, and ultimately improving the donor experience. Technology is now an integral part of how we measure success, manage resources, and deliver on our mission to combat hunger and food insecurity.

Team Development

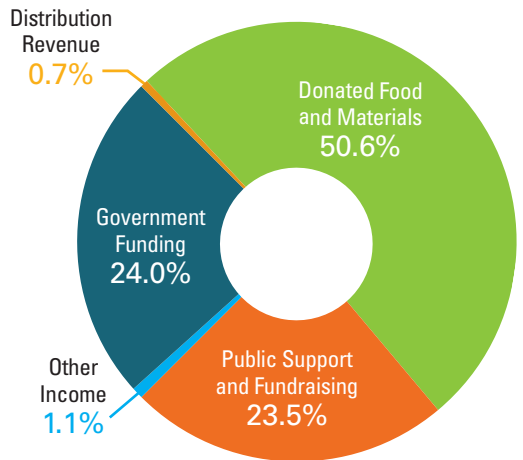
Our greatest asset continues to be our dedicated team. In 2024, we have maintained our focus on professional development through continuous training and engagement. For the second consecutive year, we hosted a Staff Retreat, offering a day of learning, team building, and idea-sharing. These efforts, along with ongoing cross-training programs, empower our staff to collaborate more effectively, improve retention, and contribute to a stronger, more capable organization.

By investing in both technology and our people, we are poised to build a more resilient Long Island Cares, ensuring we are better equipped to meet the growing challenges ahead.

Expenses



Revenue



Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2024	2023
Current Assets	\$14,185,618	\$13,606,209
Fixed Assets, net	4,454,317	3,855,801
Other Assets	3,871,653	3,753,303
Total Assets	\$22,511,588	\$21,615,237
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	\$2,338,544	\$1,573,374
Noncurrent Liabilities	2,196,433	2,423,593
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	16,668,868	16,702,862
With Donor Restrictions	1,307,743	915,408
Total Net Assets	17,976,611	17,618,270
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$22,511,588	\$21,615,237

Statement of Activities

Revenue	2024	2023
Public Support and Fundraising	\$9,884,586	\$9,390,530
Government Funding	10,105,824	7,492,071
Distribution Revenue	304,769	153,067
Donated Food and Materials	21,272,060	18,795,863
Other Income	489,303	469,492
Total Revenue	\$42,056,542	\$36,301,023
Expenses		
Program Expenses	\$37,645,699	\$33,261,829
Administrative Expenses	1,054,381	960,931
Fundraising Expenses	2,998,121	2,483,656
Total Expenses	\$41,698,201	\$36,706,416

The above data has been condensed from the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2024, 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 23, 2025, are available from Long Island Cares, Inc. upon request.

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Long Island Cares is proud to announce that **David E. Herold** was elected President of our Board of Directors effective January 1, 2024. A dedicated board member since 2009 and more than a decade as chair of the board's Fundraising and Development Committee, David brings extensive expertise to the position. He serves as Co-Chair of the Banking and Commercial Lending Group at Certilman, Balin, Adler & Hyman, LLP and has been widely recognized for his professional and philanthropic leadership, including receiving the Harry Chapin Humanitarian Award and the LIBN Leadership in Law Award. We are excited to move forward under his guidance as we continue our mission to end hunger on Long Island.

"When I first started working as a committee volunteer for Long Island Cares, I never would have thought that my path would lead to President of the Board of



Directors. It's an honor to serve with my fellow directors, the incredible staff and the inspiring volunteers that make up this organization. Every day I am aware of the responsibility to our community that goes hand and hand with the position. I will do my best to make Long Island Cares proud, and be worthy of those who support us, and to those who we support." — David E. Herold

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Looking Forward Meeting the Moment, Together

As we look to the future, one thing is clear—Long Island Cares cannot do this alone.

With federal funding facing uncertainty and the cost of living continuing to rise, more of our neighbors than ever before are turning to us for help. Families, seniors, veterans, and children are struggling with hunger—not because of a lack of will, but because of a lack of resources.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to celebrate 45 years of Long Island Cares—an enduring legacy made possible by our founder, Harry Chapin. His passion for social justice and commitment to ending hunger laid the groundwork for an organization that continues to stand up for those who are often overlooked.

We are committed to meeting this need with dignity, efficiency, and heart. But we cannot do it without your continued support.

To ensure no one on Long Island goes without food, we urgently need the partnership of our entire community—individuals, businesses, foundations, and civic leaders. Your support fuels our mobile outreach, school pantries, veterans programs, and direct food distribution. It helps Long Island Cares respond swiftly in times of crisis and invest in long-term solutions to fight hunger at its roots.

We've made incredible progress together—but there is more work to do. Now is the time to act. Please stand with us. Donate, volunteer, advocate. Be part of a movement that ensures food is not a privilege, but a basic human right.

With your help, Long Island Cares will remain a lifeline for thousands and a beacon of hope for a hunger-free tomorrow.

Make a difference now.
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