

2025  
Annual Report

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BUILDING A HUNGER-FREE LONG ISLAND, TOGETHER



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Responding When Our  
Community Needs Us Most



## Leadership Transition

In October 2025, Paule Pachter, President and CEO, retired after over 17 years of dedicated leadership at Long Island Cares. During his tenure,

Long Island Cares expanded its reach, strengthened partnerships, and launched innovative programs that advanced the fight against hunger across Long Island.

Long Island Cares conducted a comprehensive nationwide search for a new President & CEO in partnership with an external executive search firm. At the conclusion of that process, Katherine M. Fritz, who had been serving as Long Island Cares' Vice President of Development & Communications, was selected to lead the organization. She stepped into the role ensuring continuity while bringing deep institutional knowledge to guide the organization forward.

# A Message from Our President and CEO

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and responsibility. This year marked a personal transition for me as I stepped into the role of President and CEO of Long Island Cares. It is an honor I carry with humility, knowing I am part of something much larger than any one person. For more than four decades, this organization has been shaped by compassionate leaders, dedicated staff, and a community that believes no one should go hungry. That foundation, first set by Harry Chapin, continues to guide us every day.



In 2025, we faced a very challenging year. More people turned to us for help, many for the first time. Disruptions to critical federal programs created immediate and widespread need across Long Island, leaving families uncertain about how they would put food on the table. And yet, in the face of that uncertainty, something powerful happened. People showed up. Quietly, consistently, and with compassion.

**To our donors, thank you for giving when it mattered most. To our volunteers, thank you for stepping in to do whatever was needed. To our staff, thank you for leading with purpose, acting with accountability, and serving every neighbor with dignity, even on the hardest days.**

And to the neighbors who trust us during moments of vulnerability, thank you. It is a privilege to stand alongside you. Your resilience and strength shape our work in ways that statistics never could.

This report reflects more than numbers. It tells the story of a community that refused to let circumstances define outcomes. It reflects our shared belief that food is a basic human need, and that dignity must be at the center of how we respond.

Our mission and values guide us every day. Leadership, Innovation, Collaboration, Accountability, Respect, Empowerment, and Stewardship are not just words on a page. They are lived out in every part of our work.

As we look ahead, the need remains, and so does the opportunity to continue this work together.

Together, we are building a hunger-free Long Island.

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads 'Katherine M. Fritz'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Katherine M. Fritz

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

# Crisis Response

## A Look Into 2025

In 2025, Long Island Cares, along with food banks across the country, faced one of the most challenging years in recent history. Multiple disruptions to federal food programs created sudden and severe gaps in the safety net that millions of families rely on.

The **Emergency Food Assistance Program, known as TEFAP**, provides **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)** food to food banks for distribution. In 2024, TEFAP accounted for nearly one third of all the food Long Island Cares distributed, totaling close to 5 million pounds. When this essential program was disrupted in 2025, the impact was immediate and far-reaching.

Soon after, the federal government entered a shutdown that became the longest in United States history. One month into the shutdown, on November 1, **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** benefits weren't reloaded onto Electronic Benefit Transfer

cards. Families who relied on these monthly benefits were suddenly left with less support to get the food they needed.

We began to see federal employees, including agents from Homeland Security, the IRS, and TSA, coming to our food distributions for the first time. At the same time, more families arrived at our doors after their SNAP benefits stopped, many unsure how they would feed their children in the weeks ahead. These challenges were compounded by rising food costs, with grocery prices up 37 percent from the previous year.

**Through it all, Long Island Cares remained responsive and innovative.** By strengthening partnerships, increasing food sourcing, and expanding distributions, we worked to ensure that no family in our community was left without support during this period of uncertainty.

## Timeline of 2025 Federal Disruptions

### May – September

TEFAP shipments were delayed or halted, reducing the volume of federally supplied food available to food banks.

### October 1

The federal government shut down after Congress failed to pass a full funding agreement.

### November 1

SNAP benefits were not reloaded onto EBT cards, leaving millions without monthly food assistance.

### November 12

The federal government reopened and SNAP funding was restored, allowing benefits to resume.



## You Stepped In When Your Community Needed It Most

When TEFAP shipments were disrupted, **you hosted more food drives than ever before to fill the gap.**

When SNAP benefits weren't reloaded, **you donated to ensure families still had food** on their tables.

When a community was in crisis and we needed to pack and distribute food, **you volunteered without hesitation.**

**Because of your generosity, we were able to respond quickly and provide food** to thousands of Long Islanders during one of the most critical periods our community has faced.

**Together, we helped our neighbors** navigate a year defined by uncertainty and need.

# Year in Review

## A Snapshot of Impact

12,794,087  
Meals  
provided

to our network  
of food pantries,  
programs and  
Member  
Agencies



196,060  
Neighbors  
received  
food

through Long  
Island Cares'  
Food Pantries



38,533 Children supported  
through Long Island Cares'  
Child Nutrition Services

164  
Emergency  
deliveries  
made  
to veterans  
in crisis



19,247  
Pets fed  
through our  
Baxter's Pet  
Pantry program,  
supporting  
families and the  
pets they love

Your support allowed us to respond  
in real time to crises impacting thousands  
of families across Long Island.

# Our Mission & Values

## Mission Statement

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.

## Values

L	<b>Leadership</b> Taking initiative to create solutions
I	<b>Innovation</b> Continuously finding new ways to serve our neighbors
C	<b>Collaboration</b> Working with partners, volunteers, and the community
A	<b>Accountability</b> Delivering results responsibly and transparently
R	<b>Respect</b> Treating every neighbor with dignity
E	<b>Empowerment</b> Helping neighbors and staff achieve their full potential
S	<b>Stewardship</b> Managing resources wisely to maximize impact

In 2025, as federal shutdowns, SNAP reductions, and TEFAP changes strained food access across our community, Long Island Cares' values guided every response. Our **leadership** drove swift action to identify alternative food sources, while **innovation** fueled new ways to nourish our community. Through **collaboration** with volunteers, Member Agencies, and retail partners, we filled gaps left by federal interruptions. **Accountability** ensured every donation and volunteer hour was used efficiently, while **respect** preserved dignity for every neighbor we served. By **empowering** both staff and the community, we helped families and individuals access the resources they needed, and through careful **stewardship**, we maximized our impact to meet the heightened demand for food assistance. Together, our values turned unprecedented challenges into effective, compassionate action.

# From Donations To Impact

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.

## You

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



## Retail Partners

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



Support comes from here

## Retail Rescue Program

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



## Public Sector Support

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

# 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.



## Member Agencies

Our network of independently operated food pantries and soup kitchens partner 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.

## Mobile Fleet

Our fleet of 6 mobile outreach 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.

## Our 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.

The Farm to Truck served  
**28,965 individuals**  
in 2025.





# Farm to Truck

## Bringing Fresh Food to Communities in Need

Our **Farm Truck** is an insulated box truck designed to deliver fresh, high-quality, locally grown produce directly to communities. **This innovative program allows Long Island Cares to reach neighborhoods where access to nutritious food is limited, including areas considered food deserts, ensuring families who need it most can get fresh, healthy meals.** Thanks to the support of **Bank of America** and the **New York Food For New York Families (NYFNFF)** program, our Farm Truck brings New York State produce directly to Long Island families, transforming fresh food into meaningful impact.

### What is a Food Desert?

A food desert is a community where residents have limited access to affordable, fresh, and nutritious food. These areas often lack nearby grocery stores, making it difficult for families to get the healthy meals they need. Programs like Long Island Cares' Farm Truck help bridge this gap by bringing fresh produce directly to neighborhoods and community sites.



# Operations & Logistics

## Keeping Food Moving

Behind every box of food we distributed in 2025 was the tireless work of our operations and warehouse teams. From receiving shipments to packing boxes and coordinating deliveries, they ensured food reached our pantries and neighbors efficiently—even amid unprecedented challenges. Their expertise, speed, and dedication made it possible for Long Island Cares to respond in real time to urgent community needs, turning logistical hurdles into solutions that kept thousands fed.

Distribution	Jan–Dec 2024	Jan–Dec 2025
Donated	5,858,199	5,478,524
Purchased	5,722,386	6,425,802
Federal Commodities	4,435,877	3,510,237
<b>Total Pounds</b>	<b>16,016,462</b>	<b>15,414,563</b>





# Strengthening SNAP

## What's at Stake for Our Neighbors

Thousands of our neighbors on Long Island rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the need to increase SNAP allocations has become urgent as food inflation continues to outpace current benefit levels. Across New York State, nearly three million people depend on SNAP, with an average monthly benefit of about \$199 per person—barely enough to cover basic needs.

For those receiving the minimum monthly benefit of \$23, the gap is even greater, leaving many families unable to meet basic grocery needs and turning to food banks like ours for support.

Nancy Pratt, a pantry visitor at Long Island Cares, shared, “I only get \$27 a month from SNAP. It's humiliating. I barely walk out of the store with food. So I have to rely on Long Island Cares to help me.”

These realities underscore the need for meaningful reform. Our Advocacy team is calling for key legislative changes to close these gaps. **The Closing the Meal Gap Act would increase allocations for families with children and raise the minimum monthly benefit from \$23 to a proposed \$100.**

Additional barriers within the program also limit access. Adults ages 18–49 who are considered “able-bodied” are restricted to just three months of benefits if they are not meeting work requirements. The **Improving Access to Nutrition Act would remove this arbitrary time limit**, ensuring continued access to food assistance.

Students, too, face unnecessary restrictions under current law. **The Enhanced Access to SNAP Act would expand eligibility to include those in higher education. And the Hot Foods Act would allow SNAP recipients to purchase hot, ready-to-eat meals, recognizing that access to prepared food is essential in many circumstances.**

Long Island Cares is advocating for these changes, working with community leaders and policymakers to ensure SNAP reflects the real cost of living. Increasing benefits and removing barriers would give Congress a real opportunity to reduce food insecurity. Looking ahead, we remain focused on building a more equitable SNAP system that improves access to food, supports financial stability, and strengthens our communities.



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—Nancy Pratt

# Volunteers

## The Heart of our Response



From packing and sorting donations to assisting neighbors at our pantries and supporting community events and programs, our volunteers' dedication is at the heart of our ability to respond to hunger across Long Island.

In 2025, **3,564** volunteers generously donated **45,758** hours to support Long Island Cares.

## Byron's Vision for Giving Back

Every Friday, Byron embarks on a journey to Long Island Cares—not by car, but by Uber. Legally blind and unable to drive, he refuses to let his disability stand in the way of making a difference. With determination and heart, Byron arrives at the warehouse ready to sort and pack hundreds of pounds of food donations destined for those in need.

**“If my eyes weren't failing me, I'd be here volunteering four days a week,”** he said with a grin.

A proud veteran, Byron's commitment to serving others has been a constant throughout his life. His disability is simply one more aspect of life he navigates as he continues focusing on helping those in need.

He's especially passionate about supporting older adults. **“They're at the twilight of their lives, and whatever I can do to help them—I'm all in,”** he shared. **“I'm coming into the twilight years myself, so whatever I can do to help in the meantime, I do.”**

This connects Byron deeply with Long Island Cares' homebound delivery program, the Mobile Pantry, which delivers food to seniors and individuals with disabilities. To him, it's about more than just food; it's about making sure people feel seen, valued, and cared for.

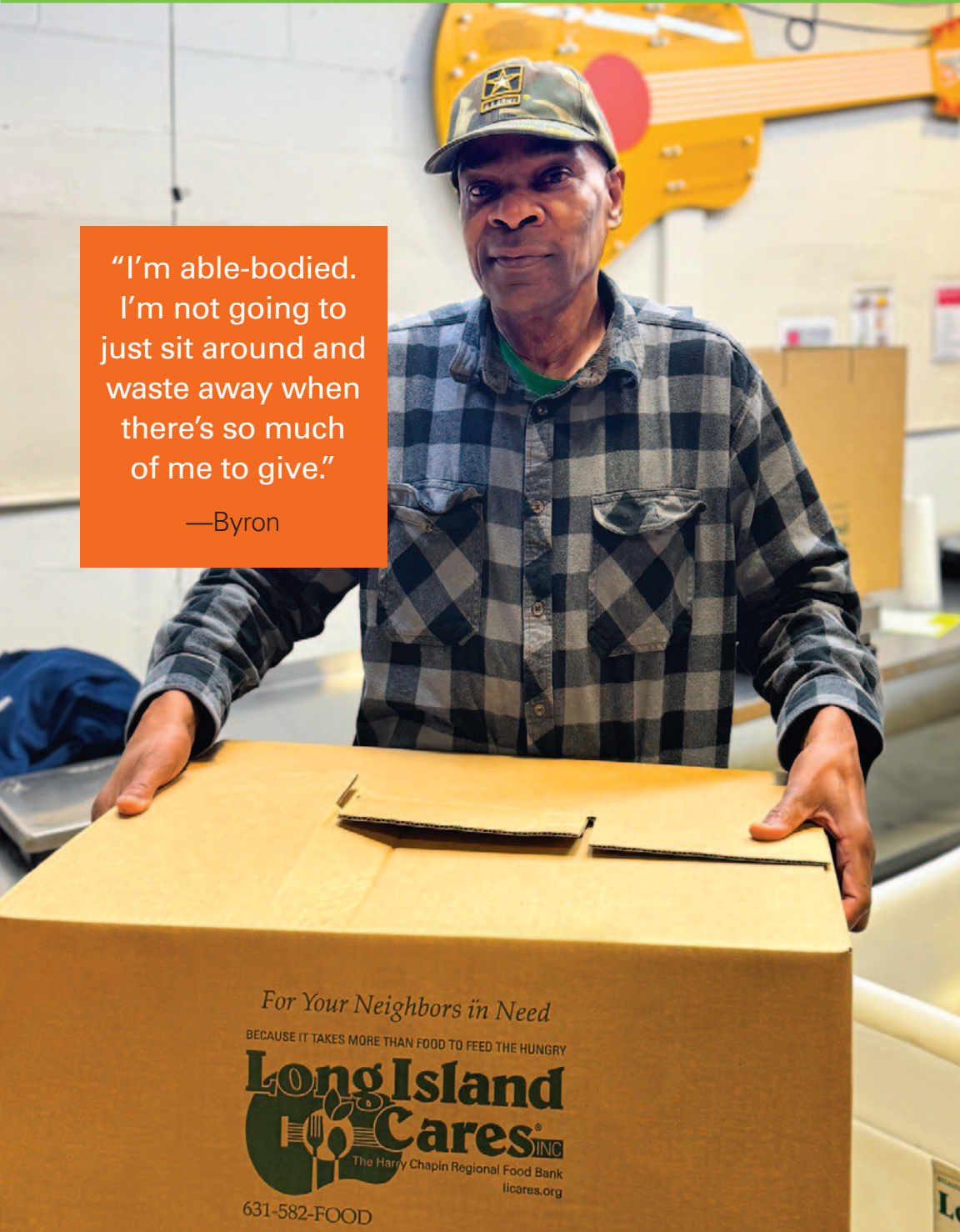
**“There are so many people in our society who need help,”** he explained. **“Food and the essentials of life are the most important things. There are elderly people who can't make it to the supermarket. Parents who can't afford food for their children.**

These people need assistance, and you can help them by packing up donations at Long Island Cares, so they get sent to those in need.”

With every box packed and every shift worked, Byron proves that challenges are no match for a heart set on giving back. His story reminds us that no matter our circumstances, we can make a difference.

“I’m able-bodied. I’m not going to just sit around and waste away when there’s so much of me to give.”

—Byron



# Member Agencies

Thanks to your generosity, Long Island Cares is able to support our Member Agencies with not only nutritious food, but also funding for equipment and capacity expansion, on-site training, and food safety and nutrition education.

Long Island Cares has over  
**357 Member Agencies.**

We also provide an agency support team at our headquarters to answer questions and ensure every one of our member agencies has what they need to advance their mission.

## ECLI-VIBES: A Haven for Survivors

When you walk into ECLI-VIBES, there is an immediate sense of safety and calm that sets it apart. For survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking, it's more than a service space, it is where the first steps toward healing can begin.

Inside, families are welcomed into a cozy waiting room with a children's corner, while private counseling rooms provide space for support, guidance, and difficult conversations. Volunteers gently guide visitors through a pantry stocked with fresh produce, diapers, and toiletries—basic needs that can bring a small but meaningful sense of stability in uncertain times.

What truly defines ECLI-VIBES, however, is not the space itself, but the people who fill it. A dedicated team of advocates, counselors, and volunteers show up every day with patience, care, and unwavering commitment to helping survivors rebuild their lives.

**Executive Director Jennifer Hernandez describes their approach as “leading with love,” and that philosophy is reflected in every interaction, every conversation, and every moment of support.**

Beyond its food pantry, ECLI-VIBES provides critical wraparound services for survivors in crisis. **The agency operates a 24/7 Hopeline, helps connect individuals to safe housing, and provides access to nurses who last year responded to 148 adult and 55 child sexual assault cases.**

ECLI-VIBES is more than a place of safety, it's a place of healing and transformation. **As a proud Member Agency of Long Island Cares, it is part of a broader effort to address hunger and strengthen the Long Island community.** Together, we provide survivors not only with food, but with the care, stability, and support needed to begin again.

## What is a Member Agency?

From soup kitchens to group homes to religious ministries, our Member Agencies are non-profits with a diverse set of missions, but one common goal: feed, nurture and care for those in need across Nassau and Suffolk counties.

“When we help someone secure an order of protection in court, they often come here afterward. You can see their whole demeanor change, not just because they’ve taken a step toward safety, but because they’re leaving with food for their family. For people who’ve had so much taken from them, simply choosing their own food is an act of empowerment.”

—Gina Ocello, Assistant Volunteer Coordinator




# Advocacy & Policy

In 2025, our Advocacy team advanced anti-hunger policy in New York State and worked to strengthen federal nutrition programs that millions rely on. As a partner in the statewide

Campaign for Universal School Meals, Long Island Cares helped secure \$340 million to provide free breakfast and lunch for all New York students.

Our advocacy spanned Washington, D.C., Albany, and Long Island. We supported SNAP and TEFAP federally and championed Universal School Meals, HPNAP, and Nourish NY at the state level. In 2025, we met with federal officials on two trips to D.C.—holding nine meetings, including discussions during the October government shutdown on SNAP and TEFAP. At the state level, we met with 10 legislators in Albany to advocate for Universal School Meals and nutrition programs.

Long Island Cares' advocacy leadership is recognized nationally and statewide. We are one of only 24 Feeding America food banks with a perfect Advocacy Index score of 3.0 and became the first co-recipient of Feeding New York State's Advocacy Impact Award for mobilizing elected officials, member agencies, and 1,255 local advocates supporting universal school meals.



The Veterans Project distributed a record **319,200 pounds of food** in 2025, thanks to partnerships with the Northport VA, county legislators, and local American Legion and VFW posts.

The Veterans Project provided care coordination services to 78 veterans and placed 32 in gainful employment.

By building relationships with policymakers and partners, Long Island Cares continues elevating community voices and working toward a future without hunger.

# Food Drives & Community Support



In 2025, your food drives raised **556,798 pounds of food** —43% more than the year before. As need grew, so did your response. Together, we made sure no one was left behind.



# 2025 Major Donors

Thank you for your remarkable commitment and support in 2025. Together we can end hunger on Long Island.

Paul Ades	Nancy Kaplan	Toby Selda
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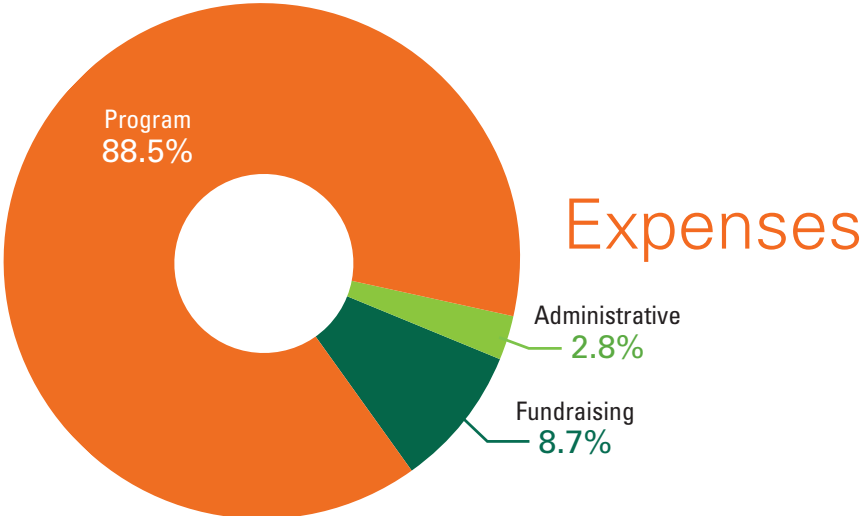
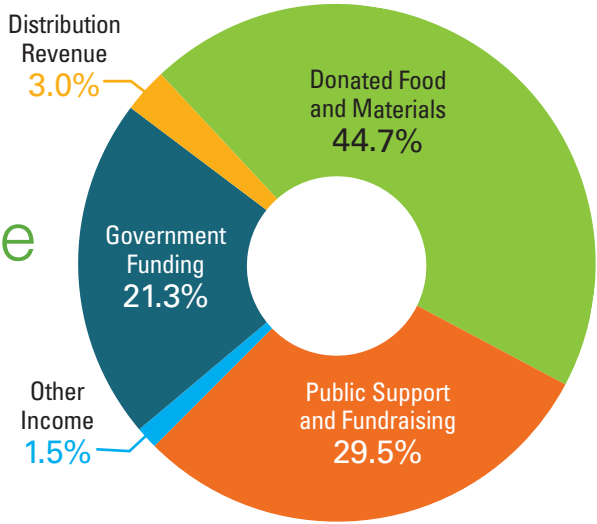
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We are grateful to the corporate donors who generously give their time and financial support. You are our heroes.



# Finance & Administration

## Revenue



In 2025, Long Island Cares remained financially strong, generating over **\$42 million in revenue** and strengthening its financial position with a **\$1.9 million increase in net assets**.

Thanks to the continued generosity of our donors and partners, we maintained a highly efficient model, directing nearly **90% of all expenses to program services** to serve our neighbors across Long Island.

# Statement of Financial Position

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Current Assets	\$17,621,955	\$14,185,618
Fixed Assets, net	4,361,949	4,454,317
Other Assets	2,323,307	3,871,653
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$24,307,211</b>	<b>\$22,511,588</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$2,511,335	\$2,338,544
Noncurrent Liabilities	1,911,533	2,196,433
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without Donor Restrictions	18,396,748	16,668,868
With Donor Restrictions	1,487,595	1,307,743
Total Net Assets	19,884,343	17,976,611
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$24,307,211</b>	<b>\$22,511,588</b>

# Statement of Activities

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Public Support and Fundraising	\$12,397,988	\$9,884,586
Government Funding	10,017,989	10,105,824
Distribution Revenue	203,159	304,769
Donated Food and Materials	18,832,909	21,272,060
Other Income	626,669	489,303
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$42,078,714</b>	<b>\$42,056,542</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Expenses	\$35,579,624	\$37,645,699
Administrative Expenses	1,108,375	1,054,381
Fundraising Expenses	3,482,983	2,998,121
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$40,170,982</b>	<b>\$41,698,201</b>

The above data has been condensed from the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2025, 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 22, 2026, are available from Long Island Cares, Inc. upon request.

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*Joining the LI Cares Board is a profound honor for me. Growing up, I saw how a*



*helping hand can change a family's future, shaping my belief that giving back is both a responsibility and a privilege. As a Board Member, I've seen how much*

*heart and intention goes into this work. The need keeps growing, and so does LI Cares' commitment to showing up with urgency and compassion for families across Long Island.*

## Stephen Mucciolo

*Harry Chapin showed us that purpose can amplify impact, and Long Island Cares lives*



*that truth every day. As someone rooted in the music world and a Long Islander raising my family here, I deeply appreciate how this organization carries Harry's*

*legacy forward while continuously evolving to meet our community's changing needs. Long Island Cares isn't just providing food... it's strengthening Long Island. I'm proud to support a mission that delivers lasting impact with compassion and respect for every neighbor.*

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# Looking Forward

## From Our Chairman of the Board

While we know the future is uncertain, there is one recurring challenge that is more likely than not: we will be confronted with food insecurity on Long Island. However, there is also a recurring corollary to that challenge: Long Island Cares, together with its staff, its supporters, its donors, and its volunteers will be there to help our neighbors in need. We will continue to rally in the face of rising expenses, we will continue meet the hurdles imposed by funding cuts, and we will continue to show up for our neighbors, because that is what we do.



Long Island Cares is not just a 501c3, dedicated to fighting food insecurity. It is much more than its mission statement, its certificate of incorporation, and its bylaws. It is far more than the sum of its parts. It's the embodiment of the compassion of the people of Long Island and their will to make life just a little easier for the most vulnerable among us. So when we look forward to the future, we are fortunate to carry the empathy and optimism of all those who help make Long Island Cares a part of the community.

Started as the vision of its founder, Harry Chapin, Long Island Cares was formed to help eradicate hunger on Long Island. The aspiration is, to use a gardener's term, a tough row to hoe. However, tough does not mean impossible. As a community we are strong, and the links that bind us are much stronger than the forces that separate us. Looking ahead we see a path to Harry's vision, driven by community, compassion, and the will to see a future where food insecurity is relegated to the dustbin of history.

David E. Herold

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