



The New LIFE Center Long Island

Food Pantry and
Community Resources



Lutheran Social Services
of New York



The New LIFE Center — Long Island

There are 64,900 people suffering from food insecurity who are dependent on Long Island food pantries for their meals each week. At the New LIFE Center—Long Island, we are able to provide essential services to Nassau individuals and families in need.

The Center is a valuable community resource; it houses a food pantry to provide relief and nourishment to the hungry, runs special programs like the Infant Layette Program to provide diapers, formula, baby clothes and blankets to new mothers, and hosts drives for holiday food baskets and back-to-school supplies.



The New LIFE Center—Long Island **distributed
109,971 pounds of food last year.**

What we do at the New LIFE Center — Long Island



***Client Choice Food Pantry**

Our clients have a choice! By simulating a shopping experience, clients can select their own food depending on their families' needs and preferences.

**Shopping available by appointment only.*

Trained volunteer staff help clients make good food choices, and talk about nutrition, value and preparation.

Referrals come from a large variety of social service organizations, congregations and government agencies.

Emergency clothing for adults and children is also available.

Holiday Meal Program

At Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, we distribute special holiday baskets with seasonal foods to individuals and families. This popular program brings a sense of hope and fosters health among many Long Islanders.

Christmas Sponsor Program

Churches and individuals sponsor children during the holiday by purchasing and donating personalized Christmas gifts. Clients are also invited to a day of "holiday shopping," choosing from an array of presents available for their children and family members.



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We are grateful to our donors and church partners who support our **Infant Layette Program**. They help bring joy to new moms by providing comfy, **new baby clothes and newborn care items** like diapers and infant formula.

Infant Layette & Assistance Program

New mothers with infants and toddlers, who are financially disadvantaged, have a place to turn to for infant formula, baby food, clothes, diapers and other necessities, along with parenting advice and support.

School Supplies Program

Low-income families with children experience increased financial stress at the beginning of the school year. In August and September, we provide a variety of grade-appropriate school supplies, backpacks and lunch boxes to children.





More than 300,000 Long Islanders depend on soup kitchens,

food pantries and emergency shelters for their food during the year. Hunger is the silent enemy on Long Island.

52% of our clients are children,

many of who live below the federal poverty level or \$24,300 for a family of four.

Long Island's high cost of living

According to U.S. Census data, the cost of living on Long Island is about 50 percent higher than the national average, with high housing and food costs. Even though many of the Center's clients come from families where both parents work, they still rely on the food pantry to get enough food on the table.

We hope you'll get involved

Through the Center's programs, LSSNY has a direct impact on the lives of many Nassau County families. We can't do it alone—we rely on a cooperative network of over 45 churches, community organizations, volunteers and generous individuals who believe they can make a difference.

We invite you to join us by:

- donating canned food and non-perishable food items
- becoming a staff volunteer at the Center
- working with your church or favorite community organization to sponsor a food drive

To donate, please visit LSSNY.org.





We always encourage our clients to eat healthy foods; that's why **we stock fresh produce, lowfat dairy and whole grain items.** Clients can shop like they would in a supermarket by choosing delicious, healthy foods to prepare home-made dishes for themselves and their families.



Our Partners

Island Harvest

Long Island Cares
Harry Chapin Food Bank

United Way of Long Island

Over 45 Congregations

Nassau County
Government Agencies

Local Non-Profits



For more information, please contact:

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9AM — 12PM

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8:30AM — 4PM

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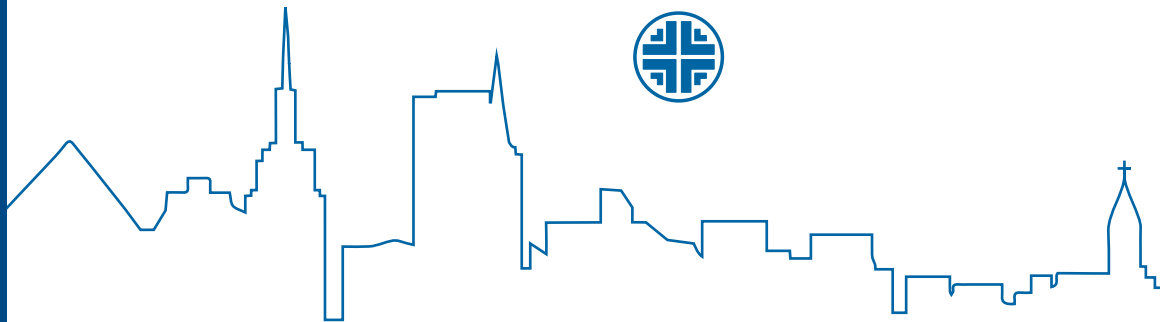
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“Called by God, we encourage people to reach their full potential.”



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