Giving Uninsured Families Something To Smile About

Dental care is out of reach for most poor and uninsured families. But elementary school children in Riverhead and William Floyd schools will be receiving vital dental services via a Mobile Dental Clinic from the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine (SDM) thanks to a grant from LICF.

Dental school staff will use a fully equipped, state-of-the-art mobile van to provide dental care to nearly 5,000 kindergarteners through fourth graders. School-based dental health programs are a highly effective way to reach children in underserved communities and improve both their dental health and access to health care.

Dental disease is preventable, but experts say that dental care is still the most common health need for children. On Long Island, many low-income families do not have a regular “dental home” and often use the emergency room for dental problems. ER visits are an expensive and inefficient way to get dental care, yet for a low-income family it may be the only solution.

“The program educates the children about oral health, demonstrates proper brushing and flossing, and teaches proper nutrition to maintain oral hygiene. All children will receive oral hygiene kits with a toothbrush, toothpaste, and information to take home to their parents. It also includes screening, cleaning, a fluoride treatment, and sealants.

“Pediatric dental care is vital, especially for the region’s uninsured and low-income kids,” said David Okorn, executive director of LICF. “Having a dental program at elementary schools is an efficient way to educate children about oral hygiene and address urgent issues for those children with dental disease, and we’re excited to be partnering with Stony Brook University in this endeavor.”

The School of Dental Medicine (SDM) at Stony Brook University is the largest provider of primary oral health services in Suffolk County. The SDM has received national and international recognition for excellence in dental education, patient care, research, and community service. It currently participates in 70 school or community dental outreach programs aimed at improving access to oral healthcare, and promotes better oral healthcare for the underserved, including school-age children and undocumented immigrants.

“One of the goals of the School of Dental Medicine is to reach out to every child on Long Island who does not have access to dental healthcare services,” said Ray C. Williams, DMD, Dean of the School of Dental Medicine. “I am grateful for the support of the Long Island Community Foundation, which will increase our ability to bring dental care to more children in need.”

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On October 29, Super Storm Sandy, one of the largest storms ever to hit the United States, made landfall, devastating coastal communities in the tri-state area. Long Island’s infrastructure, landscape, and neighborhoods were severely affected. Over 90 percent of the region was left without electricity, with many homes and businesses out for as long as two weeks; transportation systems were flooded and immobile; water sources and homes were polluted by raw sewage and oil; and nearly 100,000 homes and businesses were destroyed or damaged, including 2,000 homes deemed uninhabitable. Long Beach, home to 33,000 residents and the area hardest hit on Long Island, suffered more than $200 million in damages, more than any other single area affected by the storm.

It’s with sincere gratitude that we thank our partners — the local nonprofit heroes — many of whom had suffered their own personal and organizational losses, but immediately got to the task of healing families, neighborhoods, and the Island’s most vulnerable.

The Long Island Community Foundation responded by immediately providing nearly $50,000 in grants to local grassroots organizations that were mobilized within hours of Sandy’s aftermath. LICF’s first round of grants were made to the Dominican Sisters of Amityville; Five Towns Community Center in Inwood; Long Beach Latino Civic Association, Long Beach Reach and New York Communities for Change in Long Beach; Mastic-Shirley COAD; and Pronto in Bay Shore. These emergency grants to some of our hardest hit communities made it possible for local nonprofits to provide essential services such as distribution of food, clothing, and supplies; emergency medical care, help with FEMA registration and relocation services; outreach to Spanish-speaking residents, and mental health services.

Shortly thereafter, and at the request of donors and others throughout the community, LICF established the Super Storm Sandy Long Island Relief and Restoration Fund. Through generous donations, the Fund raised nearly $300,000. We were able to make additional grants to support organizations that focused on volunteer services, legal services, capacity building and collaborative efforts for nonprofits to share information and resources. They are listed follows.

**Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, $30,000 for the LI Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (LIVOAD)’s Long Term Recovery Group, a coalition of nonprofit, government, and for-profit organizations in Nassau and Suffolk counties committed to working together on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.**

**Long Island Volunteer Center, $20,000 to coordinate the response of disaster groups serving LI training and dispatching volunteers in muck-out teams, hosting training sessions for organizations on worker safety, and hosting group meetings of the LIVOAD, providing space for out-of-state groups assisting in rebuilding, and distributing protective gear and supplies to organizations assisting in clean up work.**

**Hofstra University, Maurice A. Deane School of Law, $25,000 to expand the Disaster Recovery Clinic, created to provide pro-bono legal representation to nonprofits and small businesses struggling with damage and loss.**

**Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, $20,000 for a free legal clinic to deal with critical legal needs resulting from Super Storm Sandy. Clinic students under faculty supervision will advise and litigate in areas such as housing, landlord/tenant disputes, employment, FEMA benefits, property damage and rebuilding, consumer fraud, contractor disputes, and small business issues.**

**Vision Long Island, $15,000 for local grassroots organizations in Lindenhurst, Freeport, and Mastic Beach involved in restoration and rebuilding efforts, providing equipment needed for muck-outs and building capacity and infrastructure to ensure long-term viability.**

LICF continues to accept donations to the Fund and we will continue to make grants to help rebuilding efforts and strengthen structures and systems so that our region is better prepared for future disasters.

Additionally, the Long Island Community Foundation, Horace and Amy Hagedorn Fund, Rauch Foundation, and New York Community Bank have established the Sandy Building Back Stronger Fund to pool local philanthropic resources and create a joint grantmaking strategy to support ongoing recovery efforts that:

- **build** the resiliency of the nonprofit sector and strengthen community systems to respond to emergencies.
- **provide** technical assistance and support to community organizations that are the safety net for communities, families, and the most vulnerable Long Islanders.
- **improve** sharing and dissemination of information and resources between regional efforts and local neighborhoods and people.
- **ensure** rebuilding efforts are done in a way that is fair and doesn’t discriminate against vulnerable people.

Special thanks to the New York State Health Foundation for its donation to LICF to assist those organizations working on health-related Sandy issues; and to Newman’s Own Foundation for its grant to The New York Community Trust, a portion of which was designated for use by LICF to fund Long Island nonprofits working to assist in Sandy recovery.
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A.J. Caro is the CEO of Arrow Security, a national, fast-growing and award-winning security solutions company, headquartered in Bohemia, NY. In 2004, A.J. created the Bridge Business & Property Brokers, Inc., one of the largest business brokerage firms in the region and shortly after acquired interests in Marketing, In Home Health Care, and Travel Nursing. He is listed as LIBN’s Top 40 Under 40 Rising Stars list and honored at the 2005 Inspirational Ball for his achievements and inspiration to others. A.J.’s forward thinking and leadership has driven each venture to astronomical success and has drawn accolades from the media on several occasions including, Fox Business Network, Inc. Magazine, Newsday, and Long Island Business News. His professional affiliations include the Suffolk County Workforce Investment Board and the Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition. A.J. was born and raised in West Islip, New York. He currently lives with his wife and four children in Smithtown, New York.

Access to Quality Education

CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF NASSAU COUNTY — $25,000 to improve the quality of after-school programs in Nassau County.

CHILDREN’S MUSEUM OF THE EAST END — $15,000 to start an after-school science education program for immigrant families on Long Island’s East End.

NEW YORK COMMUNITIES FOR CHANGE — $25,000 to mobilize parents and students to advocate for education reforms in the Village of Hempstead.

USDA CENTER FOR CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS — $5,000 to support needy and talented student musicians in the Brentwood School District, enabling them to further their musical education.

Better Healthcare & Special Needs

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER — $50,000 to provide evening pediatric services in a safe, child-friendly, less-crowded environment at Mercy Medical Center’s Express Care facility in Rockville Centre.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD HUDSON PECONIC — $50,000 for staffing costs of a mobile health van reaching underserved people throughout the East End of Long Island.

LONG ISLAND HOME — $15,000 to integrate behavioral health services in three pediatric primary care practices on Long Island.

Bringing Needed Services to Veterans

LONG ISLAND COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE — $25,000 to provide counseling to veterans and their families grappling with mental health and substance abuse issues.

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NASSAU COUNTY — $25,000 for the Veterans Health Alliance of Long Island’s advocacy and college campus outreach efforts.

TOURO COLLEGE JACOB D. FUCHSBERG LAW CENTER — $20,000 for legal assistance to military veterans struggling to reintegrate into society.

Environmental Stewardship

CITIZENS CAMPAIGN FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT — $25,000 to improve sewage treatment facilities in three Long Island communities: Bay Park, Northport Harbor, and Bergen Point.

NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK RESEARCH CENTER — $22,000 to inform the public about the risks of pesticide use and encourage the use of organic alternatives.

OPERATION SPLASH — $18,000 to involve the community in addressing water pollution in the Western Bays.

PECONIC GREEN GROWTH — $25,000 to test an alternative wastewater treatment system for commonly used septic tanks in the hamlet of Orient.

PECONIC LAND TRUST — $10,000 to involve the public in an update of Suffolk County’s agricultural and farmland protection plan.

SUSTAINABLE LONG ISLAND — $20,000 to develop an environmental justice action agenda on Long Island.
New Fund to Help Five East End Nonprofits

He wanted to give back. Myron Levine, a board member of WPPB Radio and former board member of Southampton College, started All For The East End (AFTEE) out of his passion and love for the East End and a desire to help the nonprofit community that had given so much to him and his family.

He had been part of the famous All for the Sea, the annual music festival held at Southampton College to raise money for the college’s marine science program, and wanted to have a similar event to raise money for local charities. On August 19, 2013, at Martha Clara Vineyards in Riverhead, Levine will get his wish. AFTEE’s first concert will be produced by Nile Rogers, the influential concert producer and musician. Tickets will sell between $50 and $70, and the goal is to raise $500,000 in net proceeds the first year, with plans to have the concert become an annual event. For more information, visit the AFTEE website at AFTEE.org.

AFTEE has created the Fund for the East End in LICF, which will receive the proceeds from the event and manage the grant process and disbursement of money to nonprofits throughout the five East End towns — East Hampton, Southampton, Riverhead, Southold, and Shelter Island — where more than 1,000 nonprofit organizations are registered.

LICF welcomes the Fund for the East End to its family of donors and looks forward to its successful endeavors.

Community Investments

COLOKI — $15,000 to expand food pantry services and purchase safety gear for the community’s day laborers.

EMPIRE JUSTICE CENTER — $20,000 to advocate for the implementation of language assistance programs in public agencies and institutions across Long Island.

LA FUERZA UNIDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION — $20,000 for technical assistance to minority- and women-owned small businesses, with a focus on Huntington Station.

LONG ISLAND JOBS WITH JUSTICE — $20,000 for college admissions and financial aid training to high school educators and immigrant families.

ONE REGION — $30,000 for a collaborative fund on transportation and land use reform in the tri-state metropolitan region.

REGIONAL PLAN ASSOCIATION — $86,000 to collect data and analyze Long Island’s affordable rental housing stock, and to create a public education campaign.

Growing STEM Education

FRIENDS OF LIMSAT — $50,000 to expand the Long Island Regional Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Hub created with Brookhaven National Laboratory.

SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION — $30,000 to provide support services to strengthen educational outcomes for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Scholars.

THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SUNY FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE — $35,000 to establish a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Learning Lab, curriculum development, and teacher training targeted to Long Island’s under-resourced school districts.

Helping Long Islanders Put Food on the Table

ISLAND HARVEST — $30,000 to expand the area served by its senior mobile food pantry to Glen Cove.

LONG ISLAND CARES — $20,000 for the Long Island Cares Nassau Service Center food pantry in Freeport, which provides food and other resources to people in need.

LONG ISLAND COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE NETWORK — $20,000 to help develop community gardens to feed hungry Long Islanders at six congregations: Suffolk Y Jewish Community Center, St. John’s Episcopal, Bethany Presbyterian, Temple Bethel, Dix Hills United Methodist, and Huntington Jewish Center.

LONG ISLAND COUNCIL OF CHURCHES — $25,000 to support disaster recovery efforts through emergency food services.

Protecting the Island’s Youth

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICES — $25,000 to expand a comprehensive bullying prevention/intervention program in Clarke High School (East Meadow), Comsewogue High School (Port Jefferson), Central Islip High School, and Seaford High School.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF SUFFOLK COUNTY — $20,000 to involve parents in the anti-bullying efforts of four schools on Long Island’s East End: Southold Elementary School, North Fork Early Learning Center, Quogue School, and Tuckahoe School in Southampton.

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The Long Island Unitarian Universalist Fund is a field-of-interest fund in the Long Island Community Foundation that promotes progressive social change. The fund was established by the Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock. Grants are made in response to competitive proposals received from Long Island nonprofit organizations. The proposals are reviewed by LICF staff and presented to an advisory committee composed of members drawn from UU congregations across Long Island.

**ALLIANCE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION** — $20,000 for continued work on a grassroots campaign to ensure educational equity on Long Island.

**HAITIAN AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF LONG ISLAND** — $20,000 to develop a cultural competency curriculum for educators, social service providers, medical facility staff, and community leaders, to promote better understanding of the Haitian community on Long Island.

**CHOICE FOR ALL** — $20,000 for a collaborative effort to address educational and economic disparities in Roosevelt.

**FIVE TOWNS COMMUNITY CENTER** — $20,000 to expand the Latino Empowerment Project, a program designed to provide a cadre of Latino residents with the skills, resources, and structure to advocate on behalf of their communities.

**HERSTORY WRITERS WORKSHOP** — $20,000 to enable those directly affected by injustices to share their stories and advocate for social change.

**LONG ISLAND PROGRESSIVE COALITION** — $20,000 to “get out the vote” for the referendum on the dissolution of Sanitary District Two.

**LONG ISLAND WINS** — $20,000 to build the capacity of an organization and expand its community outreach to create a more welcoming climate for new immigrants.

**RESIDENTS FOR EFFICIENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS** — $20,000 for a grassroots campaign for the dissolution of Sanitary District Two and to create government efficiency by having fewer taxing entities.

**SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION FUND** — $35,000 to help the Shinnecock Nation build its administrative infrastructure.

**TRI-STATE TRANSPORTATION CAMPAIGN** — $20,000 to mobilize Nassau County’s diverse bus riders to lead a campaign for better service and stable fares on buses, and to advocate for more frequent bus service in Suffolk County.

**SEPA Mujer’s mission is to create a strong, vibrant community of Latina leaders who can advocate for themselves. Photo: Courtesy of SEPA Mujer**

**Empowering Latina Leaders**

A $20,000 grant from the LIUU Fund to expand a leadership program is helping SEPA Mujer Latina leaders become media-savvy and knowledgeable advocates for issues affecting immigrant women. For nearly two decades, SEPA Mujer has been an effective voice in social justice through its group community organizing work to change oppressive systems and by building individual leaders.

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MORNING STAR CENTER —
$20,000 to expand its out-of-school program that focuses on providing a safe, nurturing environment for children and youth.

ALL FOR THE EAST END —
$15,000 for a new array of arts education programs and services, such as strategic planning and board development, for the merger of Long Beach Reach and Long Island Art League.

LONG BEACH REACH — $20,000

LONG ISLAND VOLUNTEER CENTER —
$20,000 to help nonprofit agencies recruit and retain volunteers.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN’S ASSOCIATION —
$22,000 to protect children from gang recruitment and violence as they walk to and from school in the Village of Hempstead.

MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK —
$25,000 to mobilize a multi-racial student coalition to mobilize a multi-racial student coalition to mobilize a multi-racial student coalition to mobilize a multi-racial student coalition.

HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL —
$20,000 to expand the Festival’s visiting artists and community outreach initiatives.

LONG ISLAND ARTS ALLIANCE —
$25,000 to continue an annual Arts and Culture Festival that encourages collaboration, showcases Long Island’s cultural assets, and fosters economic development.

LONG ISLAND CENTER FOR NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP AT ADELPHI UNIVERSITY —
$40,000 for new array of organizational capacity-building programs and services, such as strategic planning and board development.

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