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Lawrence E. Davidow Installed as Board Chairman

The Long Island Community Foundation is pleased to announce the election of Lawrence E. Davidow as its board chairman. A member of the advisory board since 1996, Mr. Davidow is the managing partner of Davidow, Davidow, Siegel & Stern, LLP, a firm founded by his grandfather in 1913, which he has built into one of the first and most successful elder law, special needs, estate and business planning practices on Long Island.

In addition to his full-time legal practice, Mr. Davidow is a past president and fellow of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; vice president of the New York State Bar Elder Law Section; a member of the board of directors of the National Elder Law Foundation; immediate past editor of the New York State Bar Association Elder Law Section Newsletter; chairman of the Long Island Alzheimer's Association's Legal Advisory Committee and a member of its board; a member of the board of directors of Maryhaven Center of Hope; past chairman of the Suffolk County Bar Association Elder Law Committee; past president of the Suffolk County Estate Planning Council and the past president of the Suffolk Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association.

Mr. Davidow succeeds Raymond C. Radigan, senior vice president and market trust executive, US Trust Bank of America Private Wealth Management, who will continue to serve on the board as immediate past chairman. John D. Miller continues in his capacity as board vice chairman. ▲

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30 Years of Philanthropy on Long Island
Over $100 Million Granted

Thirty years ago the New York Community Trust (NYCT), one of the oldest and largest in the country, had a vision — to create an organizational subdivision that could better serve Long Island. And so the Long Island Community Foundation (LICF) was created in 1978 to respond to the community's needs and to assist Long Islanders with their philanthropy. At the time, there were less than 200 community foundations in existence nationwide.

LICF's first fund was established by Fred Bornstein, then a partner in the accounting firm BDO Seidman, to memorialize his wife and son who were killed in an automobile accident. The Ruby and Michael Bornstein Memorial Fund, combined with funds provided by The Trust, enabled LICF to grant $22,740 to several Long Island charities in its first year of operation. Today, as LICF commences its 30th year, more than $100 million has been granted from 184 funds to improve the well-being of the people and communities of Long Island and beyond. Looking back, it would have been hard to imagine there would now be more than 750 community foundations in the United States, enabling individuals, families and businesses with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support issues they care about most.

Throughout these 30 years, LICF has also served as a community catalyst, bringing together diverse voices and groups to work on solutions to local issues. Countless meetings, workshops, forums and presentations have been organized to foster an understanding of and help resolve critical issues on Long Island. Through this work, and through collaboration with others, LICF has advanced solutions that address regional issues including start-up grants to help establish: Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) to address hunger and homelessness on Long Island by providing food, shelter, long-term housing and supportive services; Peconic Land Trust to protect and conserve Long Island's working farms, natural lands and heritage; Visiting Nurse Service of Nassau County to provide home health care and community based services which enhance the quality of life for clients and their families; Long Island Fund for Women & Girls to address issues specifically affecting women and girls, and develop women's philanthropy on Long Island; ERASE Racism to identify and address institutional and structural racism on Long Island; and Early Care and Education Long Island (ECELI), now The Early Years Institute, whose goal is to improve the quality of care available to Long Island's very young children. ▲

The Henry Philip Kraft Family Memorial Fund, which addresses conservation and environmental protection, is just one of nearly 200 funds established in LICF.

Promoting transit solutions

Preserving and protecting open space

Restoring brownfields to productive use

Helping National Funders Achieve Local Objectives

Two national funders have taken advantage of the local expertise, efficiency and cost effectiveness of using LICF to make Long Island grants on their behalf.

The Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock established the Long Island Unitarian Universalist (LIUU) Fund as a donor-advised fund in the LICF in 1993. The purpose was to create a mechanism for the Veatch Program, which has a national focus, to offer grants to local organizations working toward progressive social change, but not yet prepared to compete for Veatch grants at the national level. Since inception of the LIUU Fund, Veatch has provided more than $4.2 million in support of this Long Island grantmaking program. An advisory committee of seven members from the various Unitarian Universalist Fellowships across LI, along with two non-voting "Veatch Partners", work with LICF staff. The Foundation provides the local knowledge, staff support and management to ensure effective grantmaking.

Since 2003, Greentree Foundation has partnered with the LICF to support nonprofit organizations on Long Island working to address critical regional issues. With funding from the Greentree Foundation ($850,000 to date), LICF has been able to expand its grantmaking to Long Island nonprofits whose work falls within its "community response" guidelines.

Established in 1982 by the late Betsey Cushing Whitney, Greentree Foundation strives to foster peace, human rights and international cooperation. Through a close partnership with the United Nations, the Foundation hosts meetings for the Secretary-General and various United Nations leaders. People come to the Manhasset-based Greentree conference center from all over the world to negotiate, share experiences and gain insight on ways to address deeply complex issues. The Greentree Foundation also supports educational programs throughout the New York region. ▲

Greentree Foundation

The Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock

Hispanics in Philanthropy

Through the generosity of the Pritchard Charitable Trust, the Rauch Foundation, Erwin and Pearl Staller Fund in the LICF, Utopia Home Care and several individual donors, LICF has raised $50,000 in new grantmaking dollars to join the funders collaborative of Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP), a national organization that promotes social justice and addresses issues facing Latino communities. As a result, HIP will award $100,000 in grants for organizational development to Long Island-based Latino-led, Latino-serving organizations with budgets smaller than $1.2 million. LICF participation will afford a seat at the regional grantmaking table with other funders from New York City, New Jersey and Westchester, where it will have the strongest voice regarding grants made to Long Island organizations. ▲

Recent LICF Grants

The named funds identified in the program descriptions below, were established by individuals, families and businesses for use by LICF in making grants to organizations addressing the critical issues facing Long Islanders.

Whether or not you have established a fund in the LICF, we encourage you to speak with us about the issues that are important to you, so we can determine how to work together to make Long Island a better community for all. Please feel free to contact us at 516-348-0575 or visit our website at www.licf.org.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF RIVERHEAD

(GREENTREE FOUNDATION FUND AND KRASNOFF FAMILY FUND)

$20,000

"Supporting community development for people disproportionately affected by poverty and racism"

One of the largest African American congregations on the East End, the First Baptist Church of Riverhead has been a core institution for the black community, providing a meeting place and leadership for community action and activism. The church serves, by all statistical measures, the poorest in Suffolk County.

This grant enables the church to conduct a comprehensive planning process for the construction of a new Family Life Center; assess the Church's organizational structure and make sure that its operations are separate from its community development activities; and develop a website to increase visibility and promote community participation in First Baptist's programs.

GROUP FOR THE EAST END

(HENRY PHILIP KRAFT FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND)

$21,200

"Protecting Southold's undeveloped land and groundwater resources"

The Town of Southold, which includes Cutchogue, East Marion, Fishers Island, Greenport, Laurel, Mattituck, New Suffolk, Orient, Peconic, and Southold, is home to some of the most beautiful coastlines, creeks, inlets, marshes, and farmland on Long Island.

This grant supports the development and implementation of a Southold Conservation Agenda to further protect undeveloped land and groundwater resources. The project will begin with a community poll to determine what residents consider the most pressing environmental issues. The Group will then collect information for, and develop a detailed map and brochure illustrating the current status of Southold's undeveloped land, water resources and rates of development. The brochure will serve as the basis to stimulate public discussion on the entire range of environmental issues facing the Town.

With increased public discussion, the Group can draw ideas about land protection and conservation of natural resources from a broad cross-section of Southold residents, and use this information to develop a Conservation Agenda to present to the Southold Town Board with specific recommendations.

LONG ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR REFORM NOW (ACORN)

(GREENTREE FOUNDATION FUND AND KRASNOFF FAMILY FUND)

$20,000

"Enabling working families to overcome the consequences of the growing mortgage crisis and remain on Long Island"

Fueled by greed, sub-prime and predatory lending, high-cost loans, and lax oversight by loan officers, bank boards, and regulators, the mortgage crisis is a growing national problem. Because the home is so central to a family's well-being and stability, this issue threatens to trump most other financial concerns for vulnerable Long Islanders.

This grant supports the Financial Justice Service Project to help people negotiate with their lenders to avoid foreclosure. Through three loan counselors, two of whom are bilingual, ACORN has already assisted over 50 families in a labor-intensive process of working with mortgage companies to re-write existing loans, eliminate negative provisions and put the client in a more reasonable position to repay the loan and hold on to his or her critical investment. ACORN will also keep careful records of these cases, whether resolved or not, in preparation for an eventual advocacy effort at the state and federal levels to strengthen anti-predatory lending legislation.

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NASSAU/SUFFOLK LAW SERVICES COMMITTEE, INC.
(GREENTREE FOUNDATION FUND, MIRACLE-GRO FUND, AND COLONEL WILLIAM SMITH FUND)
$15,000

"Establishment of a new bi-county Consumer Debt Legal Assistance project"

People living on the economic edge could write volumes about their experiences with debt collection practices and credit issues. On Long Island there has been a recent spike in the number of people victimized by unfair practices, including some who are free of debt themselves but who are related to others buried under the weight of unpaid bills.

This grant supports the formation of a new bi-county consumer debt legal assistance project at Touro Law School's Public Advocacy Center. It will prevent unscrupulous debt collectors from using illegal and deceitful tactics and outright intimidation against more vulnerable populations, including low-income people, the elderly and disabled, and military personnel on active duty and their families. The project will provide advice, advocacy services and legal representation, as needed, and give priority to individuals and families with income at or below 200 percent of the poverty level.

ONE REGION FUND
(HENRY PHILLIP KRAFT FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND)
$30,000

"Continued tri-state collaboration focused on promoting transit solutions, especially affordable transit-centered housing development"

The New York Community Trust, together with its two suburban divisions, the Long Island Community Foundation and the Westchester Community Foundation, are continuing to lead a group of foundations in the tri-state region interested in the role public transportation policy plays in environmental quality and economic development.

The group has become particularly interested in promoting the development of affordable housing around transit centers such as railroad stations and bus depots. It proposes to develop several programs to encourage this kind of community development in the New York metropolitan region, including:

- A set of "institutes" for local public officials that introduce the concept, identify benefits for communities, and direct local officials to technical and financial resources for planning and designing these projects;
- A Web-based newsletter on transit-oriented development for the region;
- Competitive matching grants of up to $50,000 for five communities to design local transit-centered development projects;
- And peer-to-peer learning exchanges for transit officials across the region's transit agencies.

PROJECT GRAD LONG ISLAND
(GREENTREE FOUNDATION FUND, KRASNOFF FAMILY FUND AND LICF GENERAL FUND)
$25,000

"Renewed support to help students in under-resourced districts graduate high school and go on to 4-year colleges with scholarship assistance"

Project GRAD works on a critical issue: educational equity. A national program introduced to Long Island by a former school superintendent in Roosevelt, GRAD Long Island has now moved to Westbury, a school district heavily populated by African American and Latino students.

This grant supports the second year of Project GRAD's collaboration with the Westbury school district to ensure a high quality of education for kids in the district's public schools. The objectives are to expand the Advanced Placement program so that students are better prepared to perform college level work; boost the professional development of teachers and administrators by regularly observing classes, demonstrating key strategies, conducting student and teacher surveys, and helping teachers plan lessons; and to support and empower parents, both English and Spanish speaking, to further engage in their children's education, and increase their access to financial aid and scholarships.

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH
(KRASNOFF FAMILY FUND, MIRACLE-GRO FUND AND CUMULUS LONG ISLAND FUND)
$18,000

"Address and reduce health disparities affecting minority and underserved populations in Suffolk County"

Long Island's highly visible affluence and high-tech medical facilities often mask the existence of health inequities and poor health within low-income communities and communities of color. Although many public health professionals and nonprofit and community leaders in Suffolk County have long recognized these disparities in health care access and delivery, they have never joined forces to develop a comprehensive plan to reduce or eliminate them.

This grant will help in the development of the Suffolk County Minority Health Action Coalition, which will promote policies and practices that improve health in communities of color, and inform, educate and empower people of color to get the care they need when they need it. The aim of the Center is to structure a forum in which community advocates, health care professionals, health providers and policy makers can collaborate on identifying solutions to eliminate racial disparities in health care quality and access, thus eliminating barriers to care and creating greater access to preventive care services.

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New Members Join LICF Advisory Board

Four new members were recently elected to LICF's Advisory Board:

Patricia Galteri chairs the Trusts and Estates department of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. Ms. Galteri first came to LICF as a member of the Professional Advisory Committee. She is former chair of the Tax Committee of the Suffolk County Bar Association, as well as the Bi-County Committee of Attorneys and Accountants. She is a board member of the Nassau County Estate Planning Council; on the advisory committee of the Centerport Yacht Club; and a member of the Concerned Citizens for Kings Park.

Emilio Hernandez is a founding partner and president of The Villa Group, Inc. and serves as executive director of Tri-Hamlet Community Development Corporation. He also serves on the board of directors of the New York State Association of Hispanics in Real Estate Construction; is secretary of the Latin American Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York; and volunteers at Pronto of Long Island.

Teri Siegel has served as board vice president of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County since 1994; has been a member of the UCPN Foundation board since 1995; and previously served on the board of directors of Family and Children's Association. Prior to joining the board, Ms. Siegel volunteered for LICF and was instrumental in managing the Foundation's move to its new headquarters at Nassau Hall.

Lawrence Scheinthal is a principal at Marcum & Kliegman LLP. Mr. Scheinthal serves on the board of directors of Variety Child Learning Center and directs their annual golf outing. He is also a board member of the Jericho Lacrosse Club and is involved with a number of local children's organizations. ▲

LICF New Staff Member

David M. Okorn has joined the LICF staff as director of foundation advancement. David brings extensive leadership experience in both the for-profit and nonprofit communities on Long Island. He previously served as senior vice president of development and external relations at Abilities, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enabling children and adults with disabilities to become independent and self sufficient participants of society. Prior to that, he held positions as director of community relations at KeySpan and executive director of the KeySpan Foundation. He is a member of the boards of directors of the United Way of Long Island and the Long Island Volunteer Center and for more than a decade has been dedicated to improving the quality of life on Long Island. ▲

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