



a division of The New York Community Trust

Media Kit

We are happy to connect journalists with our program officers, who are experts on a range of topics—from affordable housing to social justice, from education to the urban environment. We've listed their fields of expertise below. Also, for reporters interested in philanthropy, our community foundation has specialists who can talk about trends in giving. Plus, we can connect you to thoughtful Long Island nonprofits and the people they serve.

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News Releases and Publications

- **NEWS RELEASES:** E-mail Marie Smith above to receive releases via email announcing recent grants and other topics. You can also read them in our Newsroom.
- **GRANTS NEWS:** Sign up to receive our newsletters, published twice a year, providing insights from staff, donors, and our nonprofit partners, along with reports about how our funding makes a difference.
- **PROFESSIONAL TAX AND ESTATE PLANNING NOTES:** Sign up to receive this newsletter for attorneys and wealth advisors, published three times a year. It covers topics ranging from timing of charitable contributions to IRS efforts to improve nonprofit governance.

About the Long Island Community Foundation

The Long Island Community Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization that connects donors with the full spectrum of charitable organizations within our community. Our mission is to enhance the well-being of the people and communities of Long Island. In 1978, The New York Community Trust, one of the nation's oldest and largest community foundations, established a Long Island division to provide Nassau and Suffolk County residents with an economical alternative to a private foundation or a commercial gift fund.

Since then, we have granted more than \$180 million to nonprofit organizations across the country from hundreds of funds established by individuals, families, and businesses. We identify

current and future community needs, strengthen the Island's nonprofit sector, encourage philanthropy, and, with our generous donors, build a permanent endowment to address these needs.

We provide personalized and responsible philanthropic advisory services and financial stewardship to make giving meaningful, effective and easy for our donors.

What makes us unique is our expertise and thorough research of local issues as well as the nonprofit organizations effectively addressing these issues. We survey community, business, and government leaders, diligently reviewing our grantmaking priorities as we continually strive to achieve the greatest impact in our communities.

Our comprehensive review of nonprofit organization's governance and finances ensures that they meet best practice standards for charities, which serves as a layer of protection for our donors.

Our ultimate goal is to provide the stewardship that donors deserve and to ensure that their assets are invested and distributed wisely, whether to the arts, education, health, human services, or the environment.

Grantmaking

We support programs and projects to improve the lives of all Long Islanders, with an emphasis on promoting healthy lives, promising futures, and thriving communities. Our competitive grants are made possible by funds set up by donor bequests and wills and are announced three times a year. Visit our website to read the most recent announcements. LICF has many living donors who suggest grants from donor-advised funds. Also, several funder collaboratives are hosted at LICF, such as the Long Island Immigrant Children's Fund and The Racial Equity Fund to name a couple. They combine the thinking and resources of several foundations and make grants throughout the year.

Financial Information

You can find updated financial statements in the About section of our website.

Boiler Plate

Through the generosity of our donors, the **Long Island Community Foundation** invests in groups that create positive change and improve the quality of life on Long Island. To learn more about these grants and the Long Island Community Foundation, visit our website at www.licf.org. Like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on Twitter [@LICommunityFndt](#), connect with us on [LinkedIn](#) and find us on [Instagram](#).

Since 1978, the Long Island Community Foundation has been the home of charitable Long Islanders who share a passion and commitment to improve their communities. LICF supports an array of effective nonprofits that help make Long Island a vital and secure place to live, learn, work, and play, while building permanent resources for the future. The Foundation has made millions of dollars in grants from hundreds of funds established by individuals, families, and businesses. LICF is a division of The New York Community Trust, one of the country's oldest and largest community foundations.

Our Experts

Name & Title	Areas of Expertise
David M. Okorn, Executive Director	Board & Governance Community Foundations Estate Planning Long Island Nonprofit Sector Philanthropy
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Marie C. Smith, Director of Donor Relations & Communications	Corporate Philanthropy Donor-Advised Funds Marketing Media Relations Philanthropy Planned Giving Social Media
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