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Who threw this in the GARBAGE?

By Jeannie DeMaio

The first time I remember becoming conscious of pollution was in the early 1970s, while watching TV (pre-cable!). There was a commercial depicting a Native American paddling slowly down a garbage-strewn river, and a solitary tear rolled down his face. I was just a kid, but that commercial had a profound impact on me. It made me cry, and it definitely made me a better steward of the Earth and its resources.

My dad was a conservationist in his own way. A child of the depression era, the son of a widowed, poverty-stricken mother, and later a US Navy sailor, he strictly rationed our use of resources. Showers had a five-minute time limit — rinse, turn off the water, lather and shampoo up, and then rinse again. He called them “Navy showers.” To this day, I do not linger in the shower! He taught us to turn off the faucet while brushing our teeth, turn off the lights when we left a room, and not to waste anything ever.

My husband and I used to live close to the beach, and we walked along it several times a week. I noticed so much garbage along the way and felt very angry at the “earth pigs” who left it all behind. One day I decided instead of just being angry, I should do something productive! All that judgement and anger wasn’t doing anything to improve the situation. So I stuffed a plastic bag in my pocket, and I picked up every single piece of garbage that I passed on the way back. My germaphobe husband was not happy about this initiative; he didn’t think I should pick up others’ refuse, and cleaning the beach was someone else’s job. I ignored him, as I often do, and continued this practice. Several walks later, I was so happy to see Jerry take his own bag out of his pocket and pick up litter right alongside me. You can teach an old dog new tricks! He now supports my environmental initiatives and has come up with some of his own. I think most people care about the environment, they just don’t always connect their thoughts and feelings with action.

I, too, am an old dog now. Always looking for new ways to be a better child of this universe of ours, I have implemented many new environmentally-conscious practices and products in my corner of the world. We recycle/reduce/reuse everything we can at home and at work. In addition to normal recycling practices, here are some examples of changes that have been made in the past few years:

1. We no longer buy fruits or vegetables at big-box stores because they come enmeshed in plastic. We shop at local and farmer’s markets for these items.
2. We use biodegradable bags made of cornstarch for our pets’ waste, in lieu of the plastic grocery bags (sorry) we used to use;
3. We’ve furnished our backyard entertaining area with washable, durable plastic plates, cups, serving bowls, platters, wine glasses, and a set of stainless-steel utensils. No single-use, disposable plastic products for us!
4. We stopped buying single-use water bottles by the case. We fill reusable, stainless-steel bottles with filtered tap water.
5. We stopped using single-use pods in our coffee maker. We use our own coffee grinds in the refillable mesh pods. It tastes better, too!
6. We never accept a plastic straw while eating out. Be brave, drink straight from the glass!
7. We save spent household batteries in a big container and bring them to the town collection center.
8. We buy laundry detergent and soaps that come in cardboard boxes instead of plastic containers and try to do that with as many products as possible.
9. We reuse plastic containers that do come into the house several times over.
10. We bring unusable clothing and other fabrics to the collection bins that make them into rags. Textiles in landfills have a huge negative impact on the environment.
11. My office kitchen is also filled with real dishes, silverware and coffee mugs. They are used regularly instead of disposable products. We use refillable water bottles here as well. And we bring our paper, plastic and glass to the town recycling center twice a month, as our landlord doesn’t participate in a recycling program. Just because they don’t, doesn’t mean you can’t!

I am a big, giant pain-in-the-ass who is often heard screeching, “Who threw this in the GARBAGE!!!!” as I pull things out of office and home pails and move them to the recycling container! And I make no apologies for it. We have this one home, Planet Earth, and we need to take better care of it for ourselves and for all living creatures.
The Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative announces grants through its Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund at LICF

The Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative announces $316,000 in grants to ten nonprofits through its Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund at the Long Island Community Foundation.

Melville, NY (July 2, 2019) – $316,000 has been awarded to 10 nonprofits that will work to restore and protect the health and living resources of Long Island Sound.

The Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative is a group of funders with missions that include the protection and restoration of the Long Island Sound. Since its inception, the Collaborative has worked together to educate the public about the myriad issues facing the Sound and about possible solutions. The Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund (LISSF) is an inaugural effort to pool investments and expand the Collaborative’s grantmaking. The LISSF is administered by the Long Island Community Foundation (LICF). These grants would not have been possible without the generous support from members of the Collaborative. They are: Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, Fairfield County’s Community Foundation, Jeniam Foundation, Long Island Community Foundation, McCance Foundation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Lily Auchincloss Foundation, New York Community Bank Foundation, The New York Community Trust, Pamela and Richard Rubinstein Foundation, Rausch Foundation, and Westchester Community Foundation.

"The Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative is extremely excited about this inaugural year of the Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund," says Tripp Kilin, executive director of the Jeniam Foundation, "We had many worthy applications, a robust review process, and we’ve funded some very important projects. The Stewardship Fund will be a critical part of protecting and restoring Long Island Sound. And for our family foundation, the Long Island Sound and the Stewardship Fund represent the best opportunity for big, lasting wins in conservation philanthropy."

"As a community foundation, we believe in the power of collaboration and the potential it has to increase impact and engage a broader audience to take action. We are honored to be the connecting point for the Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund in working together toward the common vision of a healthier and stronger Long Island Sound." This is the Fund’s first set of grants from its recent RFP that was announced in January. The grantees, grant amounts, and purposes are listed below. To read a comprehensive report on granting priorities and strategies click here.

Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound, $60,000 to advance the use of database and data visualization tools and strategies for presenting Unified Water Study and other data to inform management of and education about the Sound.

Chesapeake Commons, $60,000 to advance database and data visualization tools and strategies addressing pollution in the Long Island Sound.

Earthplace/Harbor Watch, $40,000 to advance database and data visualization tools and strategies addressing pollution in the Long Island Sound.

Sound Waters, $10,000 to install and operate a trash skimmer in Stamford Harbor.

The Sound School, $9,000 to create a living shoreline utilizing cultured oysters and reef balls in New Haven Harbor.

Group for the East End, $10,000 to enhance habitat planning for the protection and preservation of native plants at Hallock State Park.

Guardians of Flushing Bay, $25,000 to provide capacity building support for a new organization to better serve and protect a critical urban waterbody of Long Island Sound.

University of Connecticut (UConn), $47,000 to develop a green stormwater infrastructure installation and maintenance certification program for municipal government.

Henry Ferguson Museum, $15,000 to develop and implement a community-driven, community-based seagrass restoration plan for the coastal waters surrounding Fishers Island.

The Trust for Public Land, $40,000 to build a community-based, community-driven outreach and participatory design program for waterfront resiliency and public access as part of Bridgeport’s waterfront master plan.

The Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund (LISSF) at the Long Island Community Foundation was established in 2018 to support projects that address pressing challenges and provide for a healthy, productive, and resilient Sound now and into the future. The Fund promotes a sustainable Sound by providing opportunities for funders who care about this natural resource to work together around a common mission to make a positive impact on its ecological health; support programs and projects that align with the federal Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan 2018; help nonprofits working to restore the health and living resources of the Sound achieve conservation outcomes in a more effective and collaborative way; and support capacity building efforts that strengthen nonprofits working to protect the Sound. For more information about the Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative visit: LISSF.org.

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 www.llicf.org. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @LICFCommunityFed; 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 nearly $180 million 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.
Leadership News at Long Island's Community Foundation

We are proud to announce that LICF’s executive director, David M. Okorn was recently appointed to serve as a Member of the Long Island State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission by NYS Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo.

David M. Okorn has been the executive director of LICF since 2010. He began his career at LICF in 2008 as the foundation’s director of advancement and donor relations. Previously, he was the senior vice president of development and external relations at Abilities, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of adults and children with disabilities. Prior to that he held positions as director of community relations at KeySpan and executive director of the KeySpan Foundation.

Dave received his B.S. and M.S. in Business Administration and Energy Management at New York Institute of Technology- Old Westbury. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Long Island Volunteer Center and the Better Business Bureau Foundation.

Dave and his wife Martina live in Hauppauge with their two children.
New Research Identifies New York’s Hardest-to-Count Communities for 2020 Census

Report Commissioned by the New York State Census Equity Fund, housed in the New York Community Trust, provides key data, recommendations for achieving complete count.

In the face of historic challenges ahead of the 2020 Census, New York’s foundations and nonprofits must step forward to invest in aggressive efforts to ensure those in marginalized, hard-to-reach communities are fully counted, according to a new report issued today.

The report—authored by the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government and underwritten by the New York State Census Equity Fund, housed at The New York Community Trust—identifies 50 communities across the state that are most at risk to be undercounted in 2020, as well as a blueprint for how New York’s foundations and nonprofits can help ensure that these communities get the support they need.

New York State residents already suffer from the impact of undercounts. The Rockefeller Institute found that New York residents pay $35.6 billion more to the federal government than they receive back in federal funding—a negative balance of payment greater than that of any state. With an undercount in 2020, that balance will likely grow even larger.

In addition, New York could lose additional representation in the House of Representatives, meaning that its voice on national issues will be further diminished.

“The threats to New York are very real and the impact of an incomplete count would be devastating to communities across our state,” said Patricia A. Swann, senior program officer for The New York Community Trust. “We have no time to lose. It’s time for foundations, nonprofits, and donors throughout New York to band together to make sure we are able to achieve a fair and complete count.”

New York had one of the lowest response rates in the country during the most recent census in 2010. This low response has been especially acute among some populations—including communities of color, low-income households, immigrants, rural households, and young children.

Given the state’s demographic makeup, the Rockefeller Institute report spotlights two central challenges to New York for the 2020 Census:

1. The potential addition of a citizenship question: There are mounting concerns that immigrants and their families will be afraid to participate in the census—the result of recent efforts by the government to separate parents and children at the border and increased raids by ICE. The government has also announced plans to add a citizenship question to the census—a move that has only raised fears in immigrant communities that the census will be used as a tool to persecute and deport immigrants. Since most undocumented individuals are members of families that include citizens as well as non-citizens—so called “mixed status” households—it’s likely that entire households would be missed, not just the individuals who lack proper documentation.

2. The move to online questionnaires: For the first time, census data will be collected primarily online, which will help manage costs and make it easier for those with access to the internet to participate. But the new format is also going to make it harder for people without reliable internet access—most of whom live in areas that are already historically undercounted.

Given New York’s history, the report offers a series of recommendations for how the state’s philanthropic community can help support a complete count in the face of these challenges. Recommendations include:

- Using data to identify the hardest-to-count communities and target investments to these regions;
- Expanding access to internet service in hard-to-count communities and improving the digital literacy of those living in these communities;
- Building connections between these populations and trusted nonprofit partners;
- Launching a public-awareness campaign targeting hard-to-count communities;
- Providing additional support to these residents where government has fallen short in providing assistance.

About The New York Community Trust

The New York Community Trust connects past, present, and future generous New Yorkers with vital nonprofits working to make a healthy, equitable, and thriving community for all. We are a public grantmaking foundation dedicated to improving the lives of residents of New York City, Westchester, and Long Island. For more information, visit us at nycommunitytrust.org.

About The New York State Census Equity Fund

The New York State Census Equity Fund (NYSCEF) was established in 2018 to ensure coverage of the State’s hard-to-count communities in the 2020 Census.

The Fund makes grants to support complete census count efforts in neighborhoods, towns, and rural areas across the State with large populations that are at risk of being undercounted.

About The Rockefeller Institute

Created in 1981, The Rockefeller Institute of Government is a public-policy think tank providing cutting-edge, evidence-based policy. Its mission is to improve the capacities of communities, state and local governments, and the federal system to work toward genuine solutions to the nation’s problems. Through rigorous, objective, and accessible analysis and outreach, the Institute gives citizens and governments facts and tools relevant to public decisions. Learn more at www.rockinst.org.
(From left) Dr. Aaron Katz, Dr. Lenny Krol, Mr. Edward Chewens and Dr. Ajay Misra of NYU Winthrop Hospital participated in the Michael Magro Foundation Charity Golf Outing.

(From left) Joseph Saggio of Whip Pediatric Cancer accepted $2,000 in proceeds from the Lazer, Aptheker, Rosella & Yedid Kings Park 15K Run from Steven Toto and Ralph Rosella.

The Long Island Community Foundation presented $15,000 to the Gold Coast Arts Center in support of social action documentaries. (From left) Marc Wong, Regina Gil and Caroline Sorokin.

PSEG Long Island presented the Huntington Public Library with a rebate check for $66,216 for making energy efficiency upgrades to its building. (From left) Kristine Casper, Pat McKenna-Bausch, Michael Volz and Joanne Adam.
THE NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST
ANNUAL RECEPTION

The New York Community Trust, the parent organization of the Long Island Community Foundation, recently held its annual reception for donors, advisors, and guests at the New York Public Library. As a supporter of the library and a lead sponsor of its LGBTQ archives, The New York Community Trust guests enjoyed an evening of tours, refreshments and great company at this landmark location.

Pictured are Lloyd Neck residents Stephanie Di-Nozzi, Mary Jo White and Tricia Marein, Chair of the Board of Advisors for the LICF.
‘When I first met her, I was so impressed’

Civil rights group honors local educator

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The award is given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to education.

COURTESY ERASE RACISM

Lewis is superintendent of the Patchogue-Medford School District, and was formerly the science chairwoman of the Rockville Centre and Uniondale School Districts and superintendent of the East Williston District.

Lewis is honored along with Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, president emerita of Amherst College, and Georgia Lee, a national leader in affordable housing for low-income households on Long Island, was honored with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Housing Choice Voucher Program Award.

The Krasnoff Courage and Commitment Award is named for the late Abraham Krasnoff, of Glen Cove, who was chairman, president, and CEO of the firm, a leading global leader in high-tech filtration systems headquartered in Port Washington, one of Long Island’s largest companies. He was chairman of the board of the Long Island Community Foundation when ERASE Racism was founded in 2001 and a key member of the organization.

After receiving the award, Lewis said she was taken aback by the recognition. “It’s a real honor,” she said. “After looking at the people who have received this award, I didn’t consider myself to be in that category at all, but it appears my work has been deemed worthy of such an honor.”

Lewis said she was surprised to be honored alongside Daniel Tatum, an educator whose work she has read and admired over the years.
Lewis emigrated from Jamaica at age 16, and enrolled at Fordham University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in physics. She went on to earn a master's in physics from Rutgers University and a doctorate in science education from Columbia University's Teachers College. She is the first woman of color to serve as president of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, and now represents more than 800 top education leaders statewide.

According to Elaine Gross, founder and president of ERASE Racism, Lewis was recognized for her extensive work to improve education equity for students of color over the past 40 years. She has also served on the ERASE Racism Board for the last five years.

"People just rave about her," Gross recalled of when she first heard about Lewis. "I knew she was someone that was highly respected, so I asked her to join our board."

Lewis, according to Gross, has spent countless hours researching education equity and seeking solutions to provide all students with equal opportunities, regardless of socioeconomic standing, race, gender or disability.

"I immediately understood how committed she was to racial equity when she came on to the board," Gross said. "She was concerned about the disparities in achievement in African-American and Latino students in her districts."

Lewis's research, according to Gross, was the backbone of curriculum inclusion models that many districts have instituted. Among the many topics of her research, she has studied the International Baccalaureate programs, which challenge and encourage students to excel in their personal development and academic studies.

Education, Lewis said, is her calling. "I love it," she said. "I love the impact we have on children and what we can do for their future."

Dr. Joan Langer, co-chairwoman of the ERASE Racism board and former assistant superintendent of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre school districts, met Lewis when she was the assistant principal at South Side High School in the mid-1990s.

"When I first met her, I was so impressed with her," Langer said. "She insists on incredibly high standards for all students, and she sees in every student the opportunity for amazing achievements."

According to Langer, Lewis was particularly attuned to students in need of support, and sought to understand why they weren't performing well in their studies. "She was very instrumental in helping the district move forward," Langer said. "We were successful in challenging all students with rigorous and relevant coursework."

OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

Schools head Prong exam edges Sealed Pride (6/25/26)

Brown man sentenced to prison for smearing elderly woman's mouth with fake blood (5/24/26)

Fifty years later, Apollo participants recall their moon landing stories (5/31/26)

Woodbury 20th annual shark tourney (5/31/26)

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1. Sunrise Association broke ground on new headquarters in Oceanside. (From left, back row) Larry Levine, Todd Kaminsky, Arnie Preminger, Jeffrey Feil, George Ross, Billie Ross, Laura Gillen; (front row) SunriseWALKS Long Island ambassador twins Aiden and Mason Schaefer.

2. St. Joseph's College students and staff participated in the ALS Ride for Life on the Patchogue campus. (From left, front row) Shahlo Khankeldieva, Karma Dolma, Khine Phyu, Elisa Sorgini, Anjala Tamang; (back row) Jeremy Cash, Veronica Kaminska and Gail Lamberta.

3. (From left) LIBN Publisher Joe Giametta was honored by Todd Shapiro at the Jericho Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Business of the Year Luncheon.

4. The Long Island Community Foundation presented a $15,000 grant to the LGBT Network. (From left) David Kilmnick, Nancy Engelhardt and Robert Vitelli.

5. At its Sponsor Showcase and Luncheon, the Suffolk County
Peconic Green Growth asks Greenport to apply for wastewater grant

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Greenport Village may apply for a grant that could protect its water supply for future generations.

Peconic Green Growth, an organization that aims to preserve and enhance natural resources through sustainability, is requesting funds to execute an engineering study that would involve background research on a potential water reuse project.

If completed, officials said last Thursday, the project would redirect up to 300,000 gallons per day of treated effluent or liquid waste, from Greenport’s sewage treatment plants, which is normally discharged into Long Island Sound, so it can be reused for landscape irrigation within the Long Island Sound watershed and local aquifer recharge.

Glynis Berry of Peconic Green Growth, longtime Greenport resident John Severini and Peconic Estuary Program director Joyce Nowak asked the Village Board last Thursday to apply for the Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering and Planning grant from the Environmental Facilities Corporation, which would fund the engineering study.

“This is the most important project because it tackles three issues: It protects the quality of fresh drinking water for the village and Southold Town, (reduces) the chance of saltwater intrusion ... and it protects the quality of the Sound by reducing nitrogen loading,” Ms. Berry said Friday.

“I don’t think people understand how fragile their use of fresh water is,” she said, adding that either she or Mr. Severini would write up the grant application, which could request $100,000.

The proposed project has been backed by the LI Sound Study, group for the East End, county Legislator Al Krupski’s office and the North
Fork Environmental Council, Ms. Berry said.

The engineering study would include feasibility and planning studies that are required to move the project forward. The study would identify required treatment levels for reuse, technical and capital needs, estimated costs and maintenance and operational requirements, Ms. Berry said.

Mr. Severini, Ms. Berry and Ms. Novak approached the board last March, and board members agreed at that time to consider an effluent repurposing project.

Potential users of treated wastewater are the 1.4-acre Peconic Landing, a heavy local user of fresh water, Ms. Berry said, or Island’s End Golf Course — located only a mile from where the effluent flows into the Sound.

The trio previously applied for two grants from the Long Island Community Foundation and from the Department of Environmental Conservation that were rejected for unknown reasons, Mr. Severini said.

"We’re on the brink of a very serious situation," Ms. Berry said. "This is a cost-effective way of solving three different problems."

If the engineering study is completed, Ms. Berry said, an additional design phase would be required to finalize the project.

Photo caption: Glynis Berry of Peconic Green Growth asks the Greenport Village Board last Thursday to apply for an engineering study grant related to a potential water reuse project. (Credit: Kate Nalepinski)

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The Sag Harbor Cinema Arts Center accepted a $20,000 donation from the Long Island Community Foundation on June 12. The donation will go toward purchasing film equipment, including a front-end projection screen and ADA-compliant captioning and hearing systems, for a second screening auditorium.

From left, Gail Gallagher, president, Sag Harbor Partnership; Claudia Piato, Long Island Community Foundation board member; Gillian Gordon, Sag Harbor Cinema Arts Center executive director; Tonya Thomas, LICF associate program officer; April Gomik, president SHCAC board; Susan Mead, treasurer SHCAC.

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Community Foundation Update (07/13/19)

California

The San Francisco Foundation has announced the appointments of Sheryl Wong and Ophelia Basgal as chair and vice chair of its board of trustees. Wong, who has served on the board since 2012, is a trustee of the UC Berkeley Foundation, a former board chair of the Oakland Museum of California Foundation, and a former director of the Bay Area Tumor Institute. A former regional administrator in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Basgal is a visiting scholar at the UC Berkeley Terner Center for Housing Innovation and a senior executive coach with InclusionINC, which specializes in inclusion and diversity solutions.

The Placer Community Foundation has announced that the Auburn Aviation Association has established an endowment fund in support of mentorship and scholarship opportunities for local youth and young adults interested in the aviation field. The Auburn Aviation Association Endowment Fund will include support for the Col. Bud Anderson Scholarship, named in honor of a local resident and World War II flying ace who is a member of the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

Colorado

The Community First Foundation in Arvada has announced the promotion of Raymael Blackwell into a new program officer role. Blackwell, who joined the foundation in January 2018, has guided its Innovators Society while earning professional certification in results-based accountability.

Connecticut

The Connecticut Community Foundation has announced grants totaling $1.41 million in support of organizations working to combat hunger, child sex trafficking, substance abuse, and chronic disease. Awarded in May and June, the grants include a total of $80,506 to nine nonprofits working to improve community health, $16,500 to three organizations helping residents meet their basic needs, $344,825 in grants to improve quality of life for older people in the state, and $70,382 in grants to organizations that provide services for survivors of domestic violence, shelter and services for women who are homeless, programs to increase self-esteem and build leadership skills, and mental health treatments for trauma victims.
Kentucky

The Community Foundation of Louisville has announced that a second cohort of fifteen artists concluded a six-month professional development experience provided through Hadley Creatives. Established by the foundation’s George & Mary Alice Hadley Fund, the program is designed to empower local artists by providing them with the tools they need to thrive in their field of choice. The foundation developed the program in partnership with New York City-based Creative Capital to help local artists build their professional practice, cultivate an expanded peer network, and dedicate time for reflection and planning. The deadline to apply for the program's next cohort is August 5.

Maryland

The Community Foundation of Howard County has announced the appointment of Peter Panepento as its board chair. Co-founder of Turn Two Communications, a national public relations agency, Panepento is a former journalist and co-author of Modern Media Relations for Nonprofits.

Nevada

The Community Foundation of Western Nevada has announced the creation of the James L. Pfrommer Award for Extraordinary Volunteerism. Pfrommer joined the foundation’s board in 2008 and served as its board chair from 2016 until his death earlier this year. A committee of representatives from the foundation, the Reno Rotary Foundation, and the Washoe K-12 Education Foundation will review nominations for the award, which includes a $1,000 grant to the recipient’s charity of choice.

New York

The Long Island Community Foundation, an affiliate of the New York Community Trust, has announced that its Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative has awarded grants totaling $316,000 to ten nonprofits through its Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund. Grant recipients include the Connecticut Fund for the Environment, Sound Waters, Group for the East End, and the Henry Ferguson Museum.

North Carolina

The Community Foundation of Henderson County has announced that Jenny Sanders, a graduate student attending the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia, has been named the 2019 recipient of the Pisgah Chapter of Trout Unlimited William L. Arbuckle Memorial Scholarship. The fund, a component fund of the foundation, was established in 2006 and provides scholarships of $1,000 to individual recipients.

The North Carolina Community Foundation, in partnership with the North Carolina Local News Lab Fund, has announced grants totaling more than $300,000 in support of local disaster recovery news and information as communities continue to recover from Hurricane Florence and to help eastern North Carolina become more resilient to disasters going forward. Grant recipients include EducationNC, Enlace Latino, the North Carolina Farmworkers Project, and Support the Port.

Ohio

The Cleveland Foundation has announced June grants totaling $5.9 million, boosting its second-quarter grantmaking total to $24 million. Grant recipients include the Emerald Development and Economic Network, the Cleveland Print House, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, and the Negev Foundation.

“Sheryl Wong and Ophelia Basgal Appointed Chair and Vice Chair of the San Francisco Foundation’s Board of Trustees.” San Francisco Foundation Press Release 07/10/2019.
NEW DEAN IN TOWN

ANDY ATZERT
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING STUDIES
ADELPHI UNIVERSITY

Andy Atzert is the new dean of the Adelphi University College of Professional and Continuing Studies. Atzert joined Adelphi from Columbia University, where he was senior associate dean for external affairs and associate dean of administrative affairs for the School of Professional Studies.

The New School in Manhattan. He was also COO of the Wharton School’s Argye Institute for Executive Education at the University of Pennsylvania and assistant dean of W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. He holds a Master of Science in Education in applied linguistics and teaching English to speakers of other languages from the University of Pennsylvania.

EDUCATION

Kathleen Sotile
The Floral Park-Belleose School District welcomed Sotile as superintendent. She was previously assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction at the Skenandoa Central High School District.

Dr. Mark Stephen
Orlin & Cohen Orthopedic Group added two spine, neck and back specialists to its Bohemia and Smithtown offices, including Stephen, former director of the Spine and Scoliosis Center at Stony Brook University.

Dr. Brian Morelli
Morelli also joined the Orlin & Cohen Orthopedic Group from Stony Brook University, where he was an assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery.

Tanya Rose
Sterling Risk Inspections in Woodbury welcomed Rose as a senior program underwriter. She was previously an associate vice president at Distinguished Programs in Manhattan.

Patrick McCormick
McCormick, who is a senior partner of Ronkonkoma-based McCormick, Wieden & McCormick, was elected to the executive committee of the Suffolk County Bar Association.

E. Christopher Murray
Murray was elected chairman of the board of trustees of Suffolk County Community College. Murray is a partner in the litigation department at Uniondale-based Rockin Moscovitz.

NONPROFITS

Stacie Hansen
The Child Care Council of Nassau in Garden City welcomed six new members to its board of directors, including Hansen, business advisor for the Farmingdale Small Business Development Center.

Eiche Killion
Killion, assistant director of quality assurance and training with University Behavioral Associates at Montefiore Medical Center, also joined the Child Care Council of Nassau board of directors.

Sara Morrison
Morrison, a parent leader at the Family Leadership Network, is also new to the Child Care Council of Nassau's board of directors.

Markus Ramell
The Child Care Council of Nassau also welcomed Ramell to its board of directors. Ramell is the director of finance at PSEG Long Island.

Drew Savick
The Child Care Council of Nassau also added Smith, a financial advisor at Edward Jones Investments, to its board of directors.

Wayne Thompson
Thompson, CEO of AV Staffing Solutions, is also a new addition to the board of directors for the Child Care Council of Nassau.

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S316K awarded to protect the Sound

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Ten nonprofits were awarded a total of $316,000 in funding to restore and protect the health of the Long Sound.

The grants are courtesy of the Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative, a group of funders concerned with protection and restoration of the Sound. The funders pooled their resources, establishing the Long Island Stewardship Fund at the Long Island Community Foundation in 2018. The group issued its first request for proposals early this year.

"The Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative is extremely excited about this inaugural year of the Long Sound Stewardship Fund," Tripp Killin said in a statement. He is executive director of the Jeniam Foundation, one of the funders in the collaborative. "We had many worthy applications, a robust review process, and we've selected some very important projects."

The top winners were Chesapeake Commons, which received $60,000 to advance database and data visualization tools and strategies addressing pollution in the Sound, and the Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Savvy NH, which received the same amount for a similar use.

The University of Connecticut was awarded $47,000 to develop a green stormwater infrastructure installation and maintenance certification program for municipal government.

Two nonprofits — Earthplace/Harbor Watch and The Trust for Public Land — received $40,000 apiece. Others on the grant list were: Guardians of Flushing Bay, which received $25,000; Henry Ferguson Museum, ...
Social Justice Shines In Annual ERASE Racism Awards

A civic-minded entrepreneur, a leading Long Island educator and a longtime champion of social-equality causes have been honored by the region’s most progressive civil rights group.

Syosset-based ERASE Racism, which formed in 2001 to lead public-policy advocacy and regional initiatives promoting social justice, has saluted its 2019 award-winners, each responsible for promoting equity in education, housing and other critical social arenas.

Jericho-based low-income housing developer Georgica Green Ventures earned the ERASE Racism Leadership Award, while Spelman College President Emerita Beverly Daniel Tatum and Lorna Lewis, superintendent of the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District and president of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, each received ERASE Racism’s Abraham Krasnoff Courage and Commitment Award.

The Courage and Commitment Award is named for the late Abraham Krasnoff of Glen Cove, former chairman and CEO of the Port Washington-based Pall Corporation and
longtime chairman of the Long Island Community Foundation – a “key proponent” of ERASE and its mission, according to the Syosset organization.

That mission is reflected clearly in the efforts of Georgica Green Ventures, which has rehabilitated and/or acquired 221 housing units in Nassau and Suffolk counties since founder and CEO David Gallo launched the LLC in 2012.

Those 221 Long Island projects are among more than 1,000 closings on affordable-housing units, exceeding $500 million in total development costs, completed in the last seven-plus years, according to the company, which has another 275 Nassau and Suffolk projects scheduled for rehabilitation, redevelopment or construction work.

ERASE Racism President Elaine Gross – who presented the awards during the organization’s annual benefit event, held June 11 at the Garden City Hotel – called Gallo “a true advocate for affordable housing.”

“He really believes that affordable housing can be an asset for any community,” Gross told Innovate LI. “Some developers say they are doing affordable housing, but what you have are communities with concentrated poverty or a segregated community.

“Dave believes affordable housing is not only needed for this region, but is something that should be available in all kinds of communities,” she added. “We thought that was worthy of recognition.”

Tatum, a professional psychologist and renowned education-equity scholar, served nearly 14 years as president of Atlanta’s Spelman College. Her research focuses primarily on race in education, racial identity-development in teenagers and the assimilation of black families into white neighborhoods.

The University of Michigan PhD and frequent author – including the landmark publication “Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race” – was a 2014 winner of the Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contribution to Psychology, the highest recognition of the American Psychological Association.

Referencing Tatum’s “national stature,” Gross said the well-known researcher was a natural selection for the Krasnow Award, ERASE Racism’s highest annual honor.
"The books that she has authored reflect a level of understanding related to racial equity in public-school education that is rarely seen," the president noted. "That's also one of our main program areas, and we wanted to recognize that work."

The same could be said for her fellow 2019 Krasnoff Award winner. Lewis, the first woman of color to head up the NYS Council of School Superintendents, boasts a 40-year education career, including her current role as Plainview-Old Bethpage superintendent — and her side gig as a member of the ERASE Racism Board of Directors.

Gross was quick to note that her organization "doesn't only honor board members," but said it's hard to overlook the contributions Lewis — a Jamaica native who earned a master's degree in physics from Rutgers University and a doctorate in science education at Columbia University's Teachers College — has made during her lengthy career.

"We were particularly pleased that Dr. Lewis took the opportunity afforded her by being president of the NYS Council of Schools Superintendents to push for equity and inclusion as a priority of her administration," Gross said, noting Lewis was instrumental in arranging a June forum that united ERASE Racism and The Education Trust at Hofstra University's National Center for Suburban Studies.

"She has been very vocal about the need for more educators of color," Gross said. "And she has demonstrated her excellence in her current positions and in her previous position as superintendent of the [East Williston Union Free School District], which are both majority white.

"Because she's so vocal, she's really educating her students and her parents," Gross added. "Some people just talk the talk, but she walks the walk."

The June 11 benefit coincided with ERASE Racism's How Do We Build a Just Long Island? effort, which launched in late 2018 with five public forums across Long Island. Nearly a year later, the initiative continues to engage Long Islanders in understanding and combating structural racism and discrimination through in-person forums, online discussions, in-depth reports and frank analysis, along with advocacy for progressive policies and legislation.

"We are thrilled," Gross noted. "We had over 700 people attend those first five forums — I would have been happy with 25 each."

"That speaks to the fact that people are looking for something," she added. "They realize we are in perilous times. Structural racism is a heavy topic, but they say we've approached it in a way that is engaging, and I think the fact is that people are really hungry for this."

"Now, people are continuing to be educated — and they are taking action, which is what we've always wanted out of this initiative."

On Our Island: Nonprofit highlights of the week

By Bernadette Starzee  July 10, 2019

(From left) Dr. Aaron Katz, Dr. Lenny Krilov, Mr. Edward Chevens and Dr. Ajay Misra of NYU Winthrop Hospital participated in the Michael Magro Foundation Charity Golf Outing.

(From left) Joseph Saggio of Whip Pediatric Cancer accepted $2,000 in proceeds from the Lazer, Aphteker, Rosella & Yedid Kings Park 15K Run from Steven Toto and Ralph Rosella.
The Long Island Community Foundation presented $15,000 to the Gold Coast Arts Center in support of social action documentaries. (From left) Marc Wong, Regina Gil and Caroline Sorokoff.

PSEG Long Island presented the Huntington Public Library with a rebate check for $56,216 for making energy efficiency upgrades to its building. (From left) Kristine Casper, Pat McKenna-Bausch, Michael Voltz and Joanne Adam.
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The Michael Magro Foundation Golf Outing raised more than $140,000, with help from (from left) Kenny Zore, Larry Battaglia, Ryan Dempsey, Terrie Magro, Matt Tucker and Alexandra Guadagno.

(From left) Dr. Birendra Trivedi, Dr. Adam Carpentieri, Dr. Tommaso Addona, Dr. Benno Ansbacher and Peter Scaminaci participated in the St. Joseph Hospital Gala, which raised more than $130,000 for the emergency department.
On behalf of RotaCare, Jim Brady (center) accepted a $16,000 check from Anna Siranni and Msgr. James Swiader. The funds were raised by parishioners of St. Joseph’s Church in Garden City.

The Sag Harbor Cinema Arts Center received a $20,000 grant from the Long Island Community Foundation. (From left) Gail Gallagher, Claudia Pilato, Gillian Gordon, Tonya Thomas, April Gornik, Susan Mead and Hilary Loomis.