**WAYS YOU CAN HELP**

There are many ways in which you can help change the lives of homeless Veterans and families struggling on Long Island. Please consider the following options if you would like to make a lasting impact:

- **Make a Donation today!**
- **Increase your gift through our company’s matching gift program**
- **Volunteer**
- **Make a Stock/Investment transfer**
- **Host a food, clothing, or supply drive**
- **Make a gift in honor or memory of a loved one**
- **Include New Ground in your estate planning**

Call for more information and help change lives now and for generations to come!

*516-564-4764 or visit our website at www.newground.org*

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**NEWs from the GROUND**

Fall 2017 Newsletter

*“Companeros take heart — though your roots be torn, they will grow again in NEW GROUND...” Sanctuary. The Spirit of Harriet Tubman*

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**PLANNED GIVING**

Create a meaningful way to honor your relationship with New Ground and will yield significant tax advantages and financial rewards. By making a bequest through your will or by naming New Ground as a beneficiary of other assets, you will have a lasting impact on Veterans and families in need and create your own legacy of support. A consultation with an attorney or tax advisor is typically required.

If you would like to learn more about ways to include New Ground in a will or other estate planning, please contact us at 516-564-4764.

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**DONATIONS**

Special thanks to the following corporations, organizations and foundations for their support:

- Jericho Bullock Lions Club
- Education
- KINOMAC, Inc.
- Long Island Real Estate Group (LLREC)
- Nashville Bullock & H. D. J. Kitchenhouse, Inc.
- General Support
- New York Community Trust – Horace & Amy Hagedorn Fund
- General Support
- Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor, Inc.
- Veterans Support Foundation

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**4TH ANNUAL DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO**

New Ground’s 4th Annual Designer Handbag Bingo takes place on Friday, September 15, 2017 at St. Agnes Parish Center in Rockville Centre. The evening begins at 6:30 PM and includes dinner, 50/50 raffle, balloon pop prizes, and of course 10 rounds of BINGO for the chance to win a designer handbag!

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**NEWS FROM THE GROUND**

This September, New Ground is relocating to our new office building located at 70 Acorn Lane in Levittown. The new site provides larger space for our afterschool Reading All-Stars Program. Special thanks to the Long Island Real Estate Group (LIREG) for having funding that will assist us in renovating the new building and for local partners who have come together to accommodate our students. Veterans and families moving from the current location will also have easier access to New Ground services by the Veterans Administration’s Supportive Housing (VASH) facilities we now serve in Suffolk County.

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- Long Island United Fund
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**SOME RECENT NEWS FROM THE GROUND**

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- New Ground’s new home!

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**WEB SITE**

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**SAFETY IN THE NEWS**

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NEW GROUND EXPANDS SERVICES

Message from Executive Director Shannon Boyle

The New Ground Board continues the tradition of creating our annual holiday program themed around the holiday season and the needs of new students and families we serve. This year’s theme is ‘Giving Thanks’ – a focus on how to stay involved, navigate school resources, trouble-shoot issues, and best communicate with school staff. In November, we will host our annual Back to School event, where staff will provide families with all the necessary tools for a successful academic year. Our Back to School event will be held on Saturday, November 12, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Bethpage High School.

Employees of MAPFRE in Garden City

Sponsor New Ground Veterans Program Barbeque

Over 26 Years of Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness

MISSION STATEMENT

We maintain that the key to breaking the cycle of homelessness is not only to provide short-term assistance to homeless families and veterans, but to work at eliminating its root cause so that individuals can become, and remain, self-sufficient. We identify, and then respond to, those at risk with programs that provide educational, technical, and emotional support.

This empowers these families and veterans to function successfully. Working in collaboration with institutions in the public and private sectors, NEW GROUND is able to involve existing agencies to better respond to the growing needs and challenges of Long Island’s homeless population.

THE 17TH ANNUAL GROUNDBREAKERS’ GALA CELEBRATION

Tina Newkirk has found the key to break the cycle of homelessness. This past school year, Tina led a team of New Ground students to New York City, where they worked closely with Boy Scouts to provide meals and resources to the homeless in the streets of Manhattan. Tina’s dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed. She was recently awarded the New York State Boy Scout of the Year award.

NEW GROUND RECEIVES DONATIONS FROM THE MINEOLA-GARDEN CITY ROTARY CLUB

For the second year in a row, the Mineola-Garden City Rotary Club has continued its tradition of donating new donations to all New Ground alumni. At the beginning of each school year, the Mineola-Garden City Rotary Club sends a letter to all New Ground alumni, inviting them to contribute to this important cause. This year, the club sent letters to all New Ground alumni, thanking them for their support and encouraging them to continue their giving.

Sharon’s Story

Just over two years ago, Sharon had her very first baby. She was homeless and needed a place to stay. With the help of New Ground, she was able to find a job and a home. Today, Sharon is a successful working mother and a proud member of the New Ground community. Sharon’s story is one of resilience and hope, and it serves as an inspiration to those who struggle with homelessness.

NEW GROUND STUDENTS ARE BACK TO SCHOOL

In August, New Ground Social Worker and Associate Program Director Eileen Russo collected school supplies for children in our Veterans and Long Term Housing Programs. We began the process of serving everyone in need of the necessary tools for a successful academic year. The first day of the month marked the beginning of a very exciting school year at New Ground.

Sharon immediately began working full-time as a social worker and continues to be an active member of the New Ground community. Sharon is now a proud mother of two and is currently working on her master’s degree in social work.

Many thanks to the employees of the MAPFRE Insurance Office In Garden City for sponsoring a New Ground BBQ this season for the Veteran and Active Duty families at Millbrook Post. Over 100 residents attended and were treated to a wonderful evening of food, drinks, and conversation. This event was a great opportunity for families to come together and enjoy each other’s company in a safe and welcoming environment.

We need your help!

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