New Ground received a grant of $8,300 from the Slomo and Cindy Silvian Foundation, Inc. This is the third year in which the Silvian Foundation is supporting New Ground. This grant is in support of our Reading All-Stars Program. New Ground is grateful for the ongoing support it receives from the Nassau County Bar Association WE CARE Fund. This grant was awarded in support of New Ground’s Tuition Assistance Program. Photo from left to right: Peter Levy, Co-chair, WE CARE Fund; Shannon Boyle, Executive Director, New Ground; Kathleen Wright, Co-chair, WE CARE Fund.
Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness for Over 20 Years

To assist our families and veterans achieve their goals, you can make a difference in the lives of those we serve:

- Organize a food drive in your neighborhood - Help keep our food pantry stocked with nutritional items to help supplement our families’ very tight budgets. Other options: host a hygiene or household item drive to help our families stretch their limited earnings.
- Consider donating your time as a volunteer – Various ways we can utilize your time and expertise to benefit those we serve include: tutoring, homework help, or joining one of our many committees.

For further information on volunteering, supporting any of our programs or to receive this newsletter in electronic format please contact: CPanzarella@newground.org

Special Memories Summer Camp Program

As the temperatures rise and the spring weather is finally here, many of us begin to look forward to the coming of summer and all the joy it brings. During springtime children begin to anticipate the end of school. However, for New Ground parents the summer often comes as a burden. Our families live on very tight budgets. Free breakfast and lunch for their children at school means having just enough money to pay for rent, transportation costs to get to work, and for daycare. During summer months without the benefit of free breakfast and lunch programs, food costs can sometimes double for New Ground families. They must rely heavily on our food pantry to supplement their increased household needs.

Another challenge for our working parents is finding a safe place for their children when they are not in school. For families that qualify for daycare assistance through the Department of Social Services, their children will go to the same providers for full days instead of just before and after school. These parents will not see an increase in their daycare costs. However, as many working homeless families strive to improve their circumstances and increase their incomes they must rely more heavily on our food pantry to supplement their increased household needs.

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The 20th Annual New Ground Golf Outing and Dinner

New Ground will host its 20th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner on Monday, May 18 at the Cherry Valley Club, located in Garden City. This year’s honoree is the Long Island Housing Partnership (LIHP), a not-for-profit which provides housing opportunities to those who, through the ordinary, unaided operation of the marketplace, would be unable to afford decent and safe homes in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. New Ground will recognize Peter J. Elkowtiz, President and Chief Executive Officer and James Britz, Senior Vice President for their leadership and commitment in the affordable housing arena and their support of Long Island neighborhood revitalization projects. The day includes brunch, golf, competitions on the course, cocktail hour, Chinese auction and dinner. Your participation will help to raise much needed funds which will benefit the homeless families and veterans in New Ground’s Program.

For information on golf registration, dinner attendance, grand raffle (1 week stay in a 2 bedroom condo at the Legends Golf and Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with round trip airfare for 2) and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.newground.org or call 516-564-4764 ext. 125

Generous In-kind Donations Help Our Families

- Saint Aidan’s Holy Name Society purchased, assembled and donated quality bookcases to help our families establish at home libraries.
- United Nations Federal Credit Union donates much needed food for our families’ Thanksgiving Day meals.
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Save the Date

New Ground’s 15th Annual Groundbreakers’ Gala
November 12, 2015
Carlyle on the Green
Bethpage State Park