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Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor, Inc	Tuition Assistance Programs
National Grid	Tutoring

## NEW GROUND RECEIVES MAJOR GIFT FROM PHILANTHROPIST THERESA SANTMANN

New Ground received a \$25,000 gift from Long Island philanthropist, Theresa Santmann. This very generous donation from the Theresa Patnode Santmann Foundation will support our Education Assistance Program which covers costs of essential materials and services, which many of us take for granted. These expenses are not covered by the school districts however they expand a child's education and contribute toward a well-rounded academic experience that best prepares them for the future. Proven services include: SAT study courses, graduation fees, musical instrument rentals, after-school activities such as debate club, sports and drama society, uniform costs, scientific calculators, fees for school trips, eye glasses, college application fees, and much more. Left to right: Jo-Ann Hertzman, Senior Grants Specialist & Community Affairs Liaison, New Ground and Theresa Santmann. Left to right: Jo-Ann Hertzman, Senior Grants Specialist & Community Affairs Liaison, New Ground and Theresa Santmann.



## NEW GROUND RECEIVES GRANT FROM NASSAU COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION WE CARE FUND



New Ground was once again awarded a grant from the Nassau County Bar Association WE CARE Fund in support of our JumpStart Program. This innovative program expands our critical services to provide assistance six to eighteen months earlier to families on the wait list for our Long Term Housing Program. Left to right: Shannon Boyle, Executive Director, New Ground and the Honorable John G. Marks, Nassau County Bar Association WE CARE Fund.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Thank you to our Young Professional Advisory Board members for all you are doing to change the lives of our children, parents, and Veterans. The Young Professionals Advisory Board continues to increase the awareness of poverty issues on Long Island and raise funds for our programs and services. This past spring, members helped organize New Ground's Comedy for a Cause at Governors Comedy Club in Levittown. Recently they hosted New Ground's End of Summer Kick Off at CJ Wellingtons of Franklin Square.



Some of our YPAB members, along with New Ground staff, volunteering at a Habitat for Humanity Nassau home that is being built for a New Ground family.



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**NEW GROUND**  
*We Educate. We Empower.*

## Message from Executive Director Shannon Boyle



Every week little things happen to remind us why the work of New Ground is so important. Most times these reminders are small happenings that build on each other to represent a life changed forever, for the better. Sometimes these achievements are momentous and marked by celebrations. Each one is crucial, as they move our residents closer to achieving their shared goal of becoming independent and self sufficient.

June is always a time of year for the larger celebrations, and this past one was no different. At New Ground we celebrated many graduations and promotions for students of all ages. Once again, 100% of all New Ground students were promoted to the next grade level. This is a tremendous achievement for every individual student. Each worked diligently throughout the past school year to overcome the many obstacles presented by their past homelessness and also conquer new challenges to still succeed academically. Our graduations this year covered almost every end of the spectrum. We had one young boy and two girls move up from pre-K to begin Kindergarten this new school year. Another youngster was promoted to the first grade. Three boys successfully completed the eighth grade at their middle school and have begun high school this September. And finally, two young women graduated from high school. Both of these students are on track for college. One is currently attending classes at a local community college and the other begins in January at a SUNY campus.

To acknowledge these achievements every youngster received a card and token of recognition from New Ground. We also provided support for prom and other graduation related expenses to make these special occasions all they should be for every child. This, and everything we do to keep our families and Veterans moving toward a future free from homelessness, is thanks to all of you. With your assistance New Ground is able to make these graduations and grade promotions as special as they should be for every child, regardless of where they sleep each night.

# BREAKING THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS FOR OVER 20 YEARS

## NEW GROUND'S 13TH ANNUAL GROUNDBREAKERS' CELEBRATION

New Ground is hosting its 13th Annual Groundbreakers' Celebration on Thursday, November 14, at the Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park and is proud to honor the late Christopher Waldorf and Habitat for Humanity Nassau County. The evening begins at 6:30 PM and includes cocktails, dinner and dancing, silent and premiere auctions. Honorary Co-Chairs are Evan Tanenbaum, Esq. and Helyn Waldorf. Proceeds from this event will support the many critical services and educational programs designed to help New Ground's homeless families and veterans become self-supporting and independent.

We are privileged to honor the late Christopher Waldorf, a generous supporter of New Ground for many years. He was a gracious and humble man who believed in giving back to those less fortunate. His ongoing commitment to our mission provided the gift of a summer camp experience for our children who otherwise could not attend. We are also pleased to honor Habitat for Humanity Nassau County for their ongoing dedication to lower income families to become homeowners in Nassau County, including graduates of the New Ground program. Habitat's program transforms lives and helps to promote positive and lasting social and economic change in our community.

For information on tickets, raffles (trip to Disney World-a 5 night stay in a 1 bedroom villa at Disney's Old Key West Resort-includes round trip airfare for two), journal ads and sponsorship opportunities, please call 516 564-4764, ext 125.



## How You Can Help

- ◆ Adopt-A-Family for Thanksgiving and/or December holidays - Please help make this time of year special for those in our program who cannot afford these celebrations. New Ground will provide a specific wish list for the family you adopt. General donations, at this time include turkeys, roasts, hams, fresh produce and gift cards to local supermarkets.
- ◆ 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, joining our fundraising committees and more.

## HELP NEW GROUND SAVE MONEY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

You can help us save funds in the costs of paper, printing and postage by choosing to receive our newsletters and other notices electronically. These savings allow us to put even more of your donations toward providing critical programs and services to the homeless. New Ground will not sell or give your email address to another party. Please email [cpanzarella@newground.org](mailto:cpanzarella@newground.org) to become a part of our online community.



*"Compañeros, take heart- though your roots be torn, they will grow again in New Ground..."*

*Sanctuary: The Spirit of Harriet Tubman*

## MISSION STATEMENT

We maintain that the key to eliminating the problem of homelessness is not only to provide short-term assistance to homeless families and Veterans, but to work at eliminating its root causes so these individuals can become, and remain, self-supporting. 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 independently. Working in collaboration with institutions in the public and private sector, NEW GROUND is able to involve existing agencies to better respond to the growing needs and challenges of Long Island's homeless population.

## SUMMER CAMP

The children of New Ground had exciting adventures, made new friends and learned new skills, including archery and swimming, by attending summer camp through our Special Memories Program. Children ranging in age from four to seventeen enjoyed day camp in their local Long Island neighborhoods or sleep away camp in New England. These experiences were thrilling for our children and at same time provided peace of mind for our parents as they were able to continue working and attending school. Here are a couple of thoughts from our campers:

*Hi, my name is A.L. and I would like to thank you for helping my family pay for me and my Sister go to camp. I had a great time up in New Hampshire at Camp Hawkeye with all my friends and counselors. We did many things at camp like Swimming, Arts and Crafts, Bugs and Dirt, Archery, Athletics and other fun stuff like that.*

*There is a massive archery tournament between everyone at camp called "Robins Arrow" that I won. It was the most fun I think that I ever had a camp out of the 5 years I've been there. When I won everyone ran up to me and gave me high fives and hugs I felt like a winner. A few days later the camp director (Garret) awarded me with a trophy that had all the previous winners on it.*

*Anyways thank you so much for helping. I hope you have a great fun filled year. Maybe I can meet you in person one day. Well thanks again. From A.L.*

*Dear Hawkeye campership Fund Donator's,*

*My name is N.L. ad last summer was my fifth year at Camp Hawkeye. Each year I return I don't expect it to be as great as the summer before but I can honestly say it gets better every summer. This summer I was a CiT for the entire summer and I gained so much from it, met some amazing people and bonded with the ones I've already known. I appreciate it every year that someone thinks of someone other than themselves and donates money to send multiple children to this amazing camp. I want to thank you for sending me to this place and breaking me out of my shell to make great friends that I hope to know and keep in touch with for the rest of my life. I will definitely return next year as a staff member and I will always remember how thoughtful someone could be to send me to camp. Love Always, N.L.*

Thanks to our donors who make this summer camp experience possible.

For further information on fundraising, volunteering or any of our programs please contact [cpanzarella@newground.org](mailto:cpanzarella@newground.org)

## SAVE THE DATE

NEW GROUND'S GOLF OUTING AND DINNER MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014  
HONORING MITCH PALLY OF THE LONG ISLAND BUILDERS INSTITUTE