New Ground Receives Grant from the Stomo and Cindy Silvian Foundation, Inc.

New Ground received a grant of $8,300 from the Stomo and Cindy Silvian Foundation, Inc. This funding is supporting our Reading All-Stars Program which uses technology to improve literacy skills and increase academic scores. Using software, one on one tutoring in reading and writing is offered by master’s level reading specialist/tutors/licensed teachers. Computer program is developed for each student to enhance fluency, improve literacy skills and increase academic scores. Using software, one on one tutoring in reading and writing is offered by master’s level reading specialist/tutors/licensed teachers. Computer program is developed for each student to enhance fluency, improve literacy skills and increase academic scores.

Thank you to all of you who donated funds, furniture, linens, food, gift cards and many other supplies to help ensure our New Ground families affected by this horrible storm are able to put their lives back on track while continuing to work so hard toward these goals of self-sufficiency.

Help New Ground Save Money and the Environment!

You can help us save funds on 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 our funds to providing critical programs and services to the homeless.

New Ground will not sell or give your email address to another party. Please contact us at 516-564-4764 x 125 or email cpanzarella@newground.org to become a part of our online community.

You Can Help End the Cycle of Homelessness!
The past six months have been very challenging for many of us on Long Island, but with these difficulties come great accomplishments. We are happy to share with you some of the wonderful news from New Ground...

➢ A single mother in the Long Term Housing Program (LTHP) earned a 4.0 this past semester in her Paralegal Studies Associate Degree program while juggling fulltime work and parenting two teenagers.

➢ One of our college youth also earned a 4.0 this past semester and was chosen for a highly competitive paid internship this coming summer with Moody’s Analytics, Inc.

➢ Despite being directly impacted by Hurricane Sandy and still displaced from her apartment in the LTHP, this single mother of two boys never missed a day of work in her new job. In addition to receiving recognition from her employer for her extraordinary efforts, she recently received a promotion with a significant increase in salary after just six months on the job. All this while attending evening college courses for her Associate Degree! This hard working woman is on her way to achieving her goals and securing a brighter future for her family.

➢ In March one of our first JumpStart Program (JSP) families advanced into the LTHP after months of hard work on education and employment goals. While in the JSP, this single father of two boys secured part time work on top of his already fulltime hours to increase his household income and reduce his need for public assistance. He saved the necessary funds to move into the LTHP and pay down some debts on his credit report. In addition, he started attending weekly tutoring with New Ground to prepare for the GED exam and began a review course. Once a week, this man brings his sons to our Reading All-Stars Program while he meets with his tutor. He is now continuing this hard work as part of the LTHP.

➢ One of our Veterans graduated last August with his Associate Degree as a Medical Assistant. He worked diligently to find employment in his new field with the help of his New Ground Social Worker. After finding a part time position and working hard for a few months, he was promoted this winter to fulltime hours with benefits. He is now working on learning to manage his income and pay down his debts with a goal of reunification with his children in the near future.

➢ As of April, all New Ground students are successfully on track to be promoted to the next grade level in June 2013.

➢ In early 2013, a family graduated from the LTHP into an apartment of their own. After joining New Ground in October 2010, this mother, father and two children accomplished many goals in just a couple of years with us. Within the first week, dad enrolled in a CDL program and earned his Commercial Driver License after just a couple of months, quickly securing fulltime employment. Mom began her own education program for her Associate Degree as a Surgical Technician and although she is still attending school now, she is earning As and Bs in her classes and on track to complete her degree. Together they paid down many debts on their credit report so when it came time to move, they were approved by a landlord. Both children are doing well in school and received New Ground education services while with us.

Thanks to all of you for supporting the important programs and services provided by New Ground that made these successes and many others possible for these homeless children, parents and Veterans.

Save the Date!

2nd Annual New School Muscle Breaking New Ground Car Show
September 2013

New Ground’s 13th Annual Groundbreakers’ Celebration
Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park
November 14th 2013