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*New Ground thanks the following Corporations & Foundations for your support...*

The Horace & Amy Hagedorn Fund at NYCT	General Support
Kiwanis Club of Northport/ East Northport	General Support
Newsday Charities, a McCormick Foundation Fund	Reading All-Stars Program
The Slomo and Cindy Silvian Foundation, Inc.	Reading All-Stars Program
WE CARE Fund	JumpStart Program

## HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF

Many thanks 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 their goals of self-sufficiency.

## NEW GROUND RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE SLOMO AND CINDY SILVIAN FOUNDATION, INC.



New Ground received a grant of \$8,300 from the Slomo 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, comprehension, vocabulary and phonetic awareness. Photo taken in the Reading Room located in the New Ground office in Hempstead. Standing in front of the Slomo and Cindy Silvian Foundation, Inc. Wall of Reading Achievement: New Ground Reading All-Stars Program tutors with Evol Sweeney, New Ground Education Coordinator (front row center) and Susan McGlaughlin, New Ground Reading Specialist (2nd from left).

## TD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AWARDS NEW GROUND GRANT



Robert G. Bullock, TD Bank Store Manager of the East Meadow Store presents New Ground with a \$2,500 grant from the TD Charitable Foundation for our Reading All Stars Program. From left to right: Evol Sweeney, New Ground Education Coordinator, Robert G. Bullock of TD Bank, Shannon Boyle, New Ground Executive Director

## 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 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](mailto:cpanzarella@newground.org) to become a part of our online community.

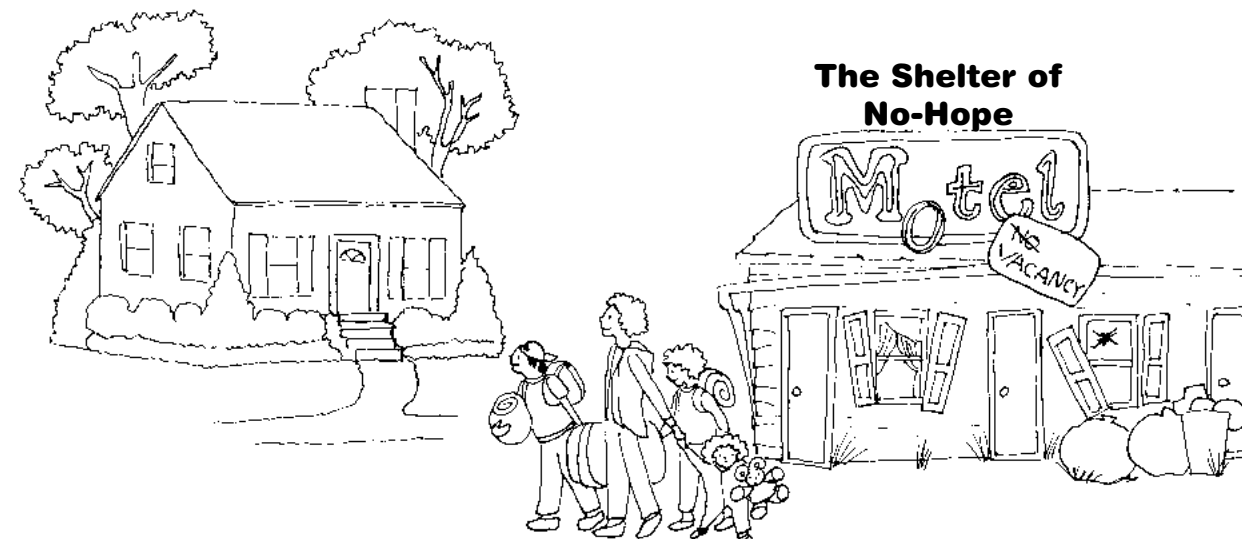
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*"Compañeros, take heart - though your roots be torn, they will grow again in New Ground..."*

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**You Can Help End the Cycle of Homelessness!**

# Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness for Over 20 Years

## THE 18TH ANNUAL NEW GROUND GOLF OUTING AND DINNER

New Ground will host its 18th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner on Monday, May 20 at the Cherry Valley Club, located in Garden City. A firm believer in giving back to the Long Island community, this year's honoree is Miller Place resident, Thomas M. Buonaiuto, who serves as President, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Empire National Bank. 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](http://www.newground.org).



Before joining the bank, Mr. Buonaiuto held the title of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Union State Bank, a \$2.9 billion state-chartered commercial bank headquartered in Orangeburg, NY. Prior to that appointment he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Long Island Commercial Bank and its holding company, Long Island Financial Corp. Mr. Buonaiuto served in those capacities until the financial institution was acquired by New York Community Bancorp in 2005. Mr. Buonaiuto began his career specializing in banking as an auditor for KPMG.

Mr. Buonaiuto earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from LIU Post. He is also licensed by the State of New York as a certified public accountant. A graduate of the Bank Administration Institute's School of Operations and Technology, his professional memberships include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Buonaiuto is past Board President and current Board member of the Child Care Council of Suffolk. He serves as a Trustee, Treasurer and Investment Committee Chairman of the Long Island Museum and is a current Ride for Life Board member. Mr. Buonaiuto is also on LIU Post College of Management's Executive Board of Advisors and is a member of the Energeia Partnership, a leadership academy dedicated to identifying and addressing the serious, complex and multi-dimensional issues challenging the Long Island region. He was among Long Island Business News' 2011 "Fifty Or So Around 50" honorees, the publication's annual salute to area business leaders.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To assist our families and Veterans in achieving their goals, make a difference in the lives of those we serve by:

- Organize a drive: first decide on food pantry items, hygiene items, or household cleaning supplies, then coordinate with your classmates, coworkers, neighbors and family to collect items to benefit New Ground children, parents and Veterans.
- Support an Event: participate in our golf outing, or one of our upcoming events to help raise much needed funds to support our critical programs and services.
- Volunteer: get involved by joining one of our committees, our tutoring team, our Young Professionals Advisory Board, & more. There are opportunities for all ages.
- Adopt a Family: whether for the year, one season, or the holidays, we have many families that can use your support. We will provide you with specific wish lists for your family, and updates on how they are doing in the program.

*For more information on any of the above options, please call us at (516)-564-4764.*

## A Message From Executive Director Shannon Boyle, LMSW

The past six months have been very challenging for many of us on Long Island, but with these difficulties have 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 well 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 A's and B's in all 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.

## 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.

*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