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

New Ground recently received a grant of $8,300 from the Slomo and Cindy Silvian Foundation, Inc. This is the second year in which the Slomos’ Foundation is supporting our Reading All-Stars Program.

New Day Charities, a McCormick Foundation Fund, Awards Grant to New Ground

New Ground was awarded a $25,000 grant through New Day Charities, a McCormick Foundation Fund. This grant is in support of our Reading All-Stars Program. Photo taken at New Day Charities Grant Reception. From left to right: Shannon Boyle, Executive Director, New Ground; Jo-Anne Hertzman, Senior Grants Specialist & Community Affairs Liaison; New Ground; Dale Cole, Community Affairs Project Manager, Newsday; and Paul Heinrich, VP of Public Affairs, Newsday.

Astoria Federal Savings
14th Annual Kids Tools For School Program

New Ground received over a hundred backpacks and much-needed school supplies thanks to Astoria Federal Saving’s 14th Annual Kids Tools for School program. The supplies helped children and adults in our program be better prepared for the academic year. Pictured are: Nassau County Girl Scout volunteers, children and adults in our program be better prepared for the academic year. Packing school supplies at Astoria Federal’s Supply Drive, left to right: Nassau County Girl Scout volunteers; Dale Cole, Community Affairs Project Manager, Newsday; and Paul Heinrich, VP of Public Affairs, Newsday.

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Special Memories Acknowledgement

New Ground would like to thank the following supporters for their contribution to our Special Memories Program: Adria Harrison, Dox Club of New Hyde Park; Doreen & Glenn Zitz; St. Aidan’s Church; Emmett Agoglia; Jo-Ann Hertzman, Senior Grants Specialist & Community Affairs Liaison; New Ground; and Rebecca Martin. Assistant Community Relations Manager, Astoria Federal Savings.
For further information on fundraising, volunteering, supporting any of our programs or to help New Ground protect the shelter of no-hope, doing in the program.

Adopt a Family:
whether for the year, one season, or the holidays, we have many families and veterans that can use your help. 

Volunteer:
to support our critical programs and services.

Organize a drive:
decide on the type of drive you would like to host; food pantry items, hygiene items, or household cleaning supplies. 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 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 call 516-564-4764 ext. 125.

We Need Your Help
To assist our families and veterans in achieving their goals, you can make a difference in the lives of those we serve:

♦ Organize a drive: decide on the type of drive you would like to host; food pantry items, hygiene items, or household cleaning supplies. 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 which will benefit the homeless families and veterans in New Ground’s Program.

♦ Volunteer: get involved by joining one of our committees or your Young Professionals Board. There are opportunities for all ages.

♦ Adopt a Family: whether for the year, one season, or the holidays, we have many families and veterans that can use your support. We will provide you with specific wish lists for your family or veteran and updates on how they are doing in the program.

For further information on fundraising, volunteering, supporting any of our programs or to help New Ground protect the environment by receiving this newsletter in electronic format please contact: Cpanzarrella@newground.org.

Evol Sweeney started at New Ground seven years ago as our Education Coordinator. In this role Evol coordinated all of our Education Programs: Reading All-Stars, Tutoring, Education Assistance, Education Advocacy and Academic Scholarships. Evol oversees all Reading Program and subject specific tutors. She attends school meetings alongside parents to advocate for all New Ground children as well as for any homeless child in four neighboring school districts. Ms. Sweeney’s role has continued to expand beyond our education-related programs to now include the supervision of the application and screening process and case management services to our JumpStart Program (JSP) families. The JSP offers similar education and social work services to families on the wait list for the Long Term Housing Program, allowing them to begin to work on their goals before moving into a LTHP unit.

To reflect the scope of all she does, Evol was recently promoted to the position of New Ground’s Associate Program Director. Evol is committed to seeing every child and adult at New Ground succeed. By continually attending training and workshops she is able to provide the residents of New Ground with the most current and relevant resources available to assist them in achieving their goals.

Education programs at New Ground include:

♦ Reading All-Stars Program: New Ground offers one-on-one tutorial assistance in reading and writing. A personal computer program is developed for each student to enhance their fluency, comprehension, vocabulary and phonetic awareness. The program is staffed by a master’s level reading specialist, licensed teachers and tutors. To address the literacy needs of families residing in Long Term Housing units located in neighboring towns the Reading All-Stars program takes place at our office in Hempstead. For those living in Long Term Housing units farther away, the At Home Computer Enhanced Reading All-Stars Program was developed.

♦ Tutoring Program: This service is provided to any child, parent or veteran needing assistance in a particular subject. Tutoring may take place in the family’s home, at a local library or at the New Ground office. New Ground staff members ensure coordination of tutor efforts with the teachers and other school personnel already working with the student to ensure the best possible outcome.

♦ Education Assistance: This program provides the necessary ancillary items our children require to be as well prepared throughout the school year as their permanently housed peers. Items include but are not limited to: school supplies, uniforms, after-school activity fees, SAT study courses and college application expenses, musical instrument rental and fees for school trips and sports.

♦ Education Advocacy: While she funds which will benefit the homeless families and veterans in New Ground’s Program.

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. 