

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways in which you can help change the lives of homeless Veterans and families struggling on Long Island. Please consider the following options if you would like to make a lasting impact:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a Donation today                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts of Appreciated Securities                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase my gift through my company's matching gift program | <input type="checkbox"/> Make a restricted gift to a specific project or program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer   | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate a vehicle  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a Stock/ Investment transfer                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate a property                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host a food, clothing, or supply drive                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Naming rights opportunities                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a gift in honor or memory of a loved one               | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts of Life Insurance                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Include New Ground in my estate planning                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate sponsorships for New Ground special events    |

Call for more information and help change lives now and for generations to come!  
(516) 564-4764

or visit our website at [www.newground.org](http://www.newground.org)

## PLANNED GIVING

Create a meaningful way to honor your relationship with New Ground that will yield significant tax advantages and financial rewards. By making a bequest through your will or trust, or naming New Ground as a beneficiary of other assets, you will have a lasting impact on Veterans and families in need and create your own legacy of support. A consultation with an attorney and/ or tax advisor is typically required.

If you would like to learn more about ways to include New Ground in a will or other estate planning, please contact us at 516-564-4764.

## DONATIONS

Special thanks to the following corporations, organizations and foundations for their support

Capital One	Veterans Program
The Irving T. Bush Foundation	General Support
KIHOMAC, Inc.	General Support
Long Island Power Network	General Support
Rotary Club of Mineola - Garden City	General Support
Saint Aidan Parish, Williston Park	Holiday Support
United Church of Rockville Centre	Holiday Support
Veterans Support Foundation	Veterans Program
Wells Fargo Foundation	Veterans Program

## SAVE THE DATE

5th Annual Designer Handbag BINGO	Fall 2018
18th Annual Groundbreakers' Gala Garden City Hotel	November 8, 2018

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>President</b> Edward F. McDougal, Jr.	McDougal & Associates	<b>Board Members</b> Christopher Albanese	Albanese Organization, Inc.
<b>Vice President</b> Ed Thomas	Wells Fargo	*Máiréad M. Barrett,	OSU Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk
<b>Vice President</b> Steven Pecorini	JP Morgan Chase	Terence F. Baydala	Pembroke Capital Management
<b>Recording Secretary</b> Kevin Mulry, Esq.	Farrell Fritz, P.C.	Joseph Burns	Valley National Bank
<b>Treasurer</b> Gary Jendras	Retired, Bethpage Federal Credit Union	Diane Caputi	BNB Bank
		James A. Cowan	New York Community Bancorp, Inc.
		Deborah Farrell	Deb's Balanced Nutrition, LLC
		Henry Greve, CPA	Cohen, Greve & Company CPA, PC
		Joanne Meyer Jendras	Retired Educator, Garden City Public Schools
		Dennis O'Rourke, Esq.	Moritt Hock & Hamroff
		*Stephen Ryerson	United Nations Federal Credit Union
		Christopher Salute, Ph.D.	LIU Global
		Tamer Seoud	Lutheran Social Services of New York

\* Past President \*\* Founder

## ADVISORY BOARD

Steve Pecorini, Chairperson	JP Morgan Chase	Elise Henry, MS, MPH, OTR/L	CUNY York College
John P. Bermingham, Esq.	The Law Offices of John P. Bermingham	Mary T. Hoeltzel	Cigna
John P. Clarke, Esq.	Law Office of John P. Clarke	David Hutchinson	Claims Service Bureau of NY
Kevin Cowan	Wells Fargo Bank	Eileen Lamberti	Retired Educator, Garden City Public Schools
Anthony D'Amato	eDelta Consulting	Thomas M. Lamberti, Esq.	Putney, Twombly, Hall & Hirson, LLP
Matthew DeLuca Jr.	MID-SHIP Group LLC	Joseph Macchiarola, Esq.	Friend
Michelle DiBenedetto	Long Island Housing Partnership	Kathleen (Kay) McKiernan	Retired Educator
Steven DiDominica	Dees' Nursery & Florist Inc.	Steve Melore, Esq.	Farrell Fritz
Michael DiSpirito, ChFC	Capital One Investing, LLC	Joanne O'Brien	Molloy College
Byron Divins Jr., Esq.	Divins & Divins P.C.	James Rose, Esq.	Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman LLP
Thomas Farrell	Friend	Jeffrey Schwartzberg	Premier Commercial Real Estate
Hugh Finnegan, Esq.	Romer Debbas LLP	John Stype	Retired/Neefus-Stype Agency
Robert Fusaro	The Alpert Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC	Robert Tonne	Friend
Rod Ganis	Expense Reduction Analysts	Carol Whalen, Ed.D.	Retired Educator
Rino Grznic	St. John's University	Kathleen Wisniewski	National Grid
Patricia Hegarty	The Hegarty Group	Dorothy Zizzo	Inspirity

## STAFF

Shannon Boyle, LCSW	Executive Director	Mohanne Charles, LMSW	Social Worker
Evol Sweeney, M.A.	Associate Program Director	Glenis Larios	Office Assistant
Salina Barnao, LMSW	Social Worker		

# NEWs from the GROUND

Spring 2018 Newsletter



New Ground Inc.  
70 Acorn Lane  
Levittown, NY 11756  
[www.NewGround.org](http://www.NewGround.org)

"Compañeros take heart - though your roots be torn, they will grow again in NEW GROUND..."  
Sanctuary: The Spirit of Harriet Tubman



## NEW GROUND RECEIVES GRANT FROM CAPITAL ONE

In December 2017, New Ground was awarded a \$20,000 grant from Capital One. These funds support our Veterans Program and the work done by New Ground in areas of career development, financial literacy, and education advancement for the homeless Veterans, parents and youth we serve. This is part of the Future Edge Initiative by Capital One, with a focus on helping more Americans thrive in the ever-changing digital economy. Such support is critical for those living in homelessness and poverty as they struggle to take steps to advance their education, career and finances so they can move forward successfully and secure an independent and self-sufficient future for themselves and their children.

Thank you Capital One for making a difference in the lives of so many in need on Long Island!





# OVER 27 YEARS OF BREAKING THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS



## MISSION STATEMENT

We maintain that the key to breaking the cycle 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.

## THE 23RD ANNUAL NEW GROUND GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER



New Ground will host its 23rd Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner on Monday, May 21st at the Cherry Valley Club in Garden City. We are very grateful to our honoree this year, Frank Virga, Senior Loan Officer at Embrace Home Loans in Hauppauge, NY. Having joined Embrace in June 2014, Frank plays a significant role in lending to the tristate area, and his strong presence in the industry is backed by consistent exchanges with referral partners and an extensive list of satisfied clientele. He spends much of his free time leading Homebuyer seminars and Realtor® events to maintain his knowledge of the ever-changing industry. He was named among the Top 50 Social Survey customer feedback winners, and he has consistently been a part of Embrace's Presidents Club since joining us. In 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018, he was recognized within the industry as one of the top 1% Loan Originators in Mortgage Executive Magazine.

Frank is a strong believer in building relationships that last a lifetime. He takes great pride in helping customers find the solutions needed to become homeowners while helping them save money. He enjoys sharing his knowledge of the mortgage industry with every customer, as well as helping them make informed decisions about their futures. He has also embraced the philosophy of giving back to the local community, participating each May in the week-long companywide volunteer projects to benefit organizations helping those most in need. Frank grew up in Commack but currently resides in Smithtown with his beautiful wife, Eva and two amazing sons. Frank values quality time with his family and friends, and enjoys playing softball and fly fishing.

New Ground's annual Golf Tournament includes brunch, golf, competitions on the course, cocktail hour, raffle baskets, and dinner. Additional dinner tickets and sponsorships are available. Your participation helps to provide critical services to the increasing numbers of homeless Veterans and families participating in our programs and services. **For information on golf registration, dinner tickets, grand raffle and sponsorship opportunities, please email [golf@newground.org](mailto:golf@newground.org) or call us at (516) 564-4764.**



## NEW GROUND RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA THEODORE ROOSEVELT COUNCIL 100TH ANNIVERSARY TOY DRIVE

Members of the Sagamore Service Troop including Council President Andy Johns, Sagamore Master Roger Csajko and Sagamore Tom Cleary presented over 250 new toys and games to New Ground in late 2017 as part of their participation in the Theodore Roosevelt Council 100th Anniversary Toy Drive. These items were shared with many New Ground families, ensuring that every child received something special for the December holidays. The Sagamore Service Troop was founded in 1923 by a small group of adults at the H. P. Whitney estate in Wheatley Hills, Long Island. Since then, the Sagamore Troop has perpetuated as a brotherhood of trained adult Scouters, dedicated to lifetime service to Scouting. The Sagamores foster a spirit of fun, fellowship and brotherhood while trying to serve the aims of Scouting wherever and whenever possible. New Ground is grateful to all members for donating new toys and books to our youth and children during such a special time of the year.



## MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHANNON BOYLE

We have continued to expand the work of New Ground to reach more Veterans and families struggling on Long Island. Over the past six months we have dramatically increased our **Adult Workshop Program**, adding new topics and locations. Social Worker Salina Barnao has overseen the expansion and creation of new workshops on immediately relevant subjects with our two Social Work student interns. Always focused on financial literacy, education and parenting themes, our more recent workshops have specifically addressed College Applications & Financial Aid, Improving a Credit Score, Making a Tax Refund Work for You, Holiday Spending on a Budget, Self-Care & Stress Management, and Parenting Strategies. Best practice tools and information are incorporated into every workshop with an audience of 8 - 12 attendees to allow for full participation and discussions. Handouts are created to share important information in an easily understandable format so attendees can take away key items to implement changes immediately.



## CREDIT BOOSTING TIPS

How "good" is my score?

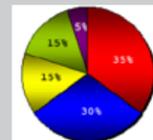


Who checks?

- Creditors
- Insurers
- Employers
- Landlords
- Utility companies

What for?

- Applying for loans
- Renting a car
- Buying/leasing a phone
- Buying/renting a home



How is my score calculated?

- 35% - credit payment history
- 30% - current debts
- 15% - time credit has been in use
- 15% - types of credit available
- 5% - frequency of new credit applications

In addition to hosting workshops onsite at New Ground, we have added many new locations to impact more of those in need. Through our continued work with the Northport VA's HUD-VASH (Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing) Program, workshops take place monthly at the Northport VA and two housing locations with concentrations of VASH households. We are currently evaluating additional such locations. We have strengthened our partnerships with area homeless shelters and other service providers, and now provide monthly workshops at Momma's House shelter for homeless families, Nassau Haven shelter for youth, and Family & Children's Association. Workshops include evaluation forms to assess content and ideas for future presentation topics. Feedback has been only positive leading attendees to sign up for our individual services allowing for more intensive direct work to take place.

## LONG ISLAND REAL ESTATE GROUP (LIREG) AWARDS GRANT TO NEW GROUND FOR RENOVATIONS TO OUR NEW BUILDING

New Ground was awarded a \$15,000 grant in November 2017 from LIREG to conduct needed renovations to our new headquarters in Levittown. Funds were used to build out our onsite Food Pantry utilized for food support by the many Veteran households and families we serve each month, and our afterschool Reading All Stars Program for monthly birthday parties and holiday celebrations. Additional work was done to create a small conference room space for adult tutoring sessions and family meetings. The renovated spaces have already been put to great use by our students, tutors, families and social workers.



From left to right, LIREG Co-President Michael Blaymore, New Ground Executive Director Shannon Boyle, Board President Ed McDougal and LIREG Vice President Alison Brennan.

## OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR VETERANS HOUSE A HOME



New Ground is grateful for the support of so many whose donations of time, supplies and expertise went into the renovation of our new Huntington property. This spring we will be moving in two homeless Veteran families that are part of the Northport VA HUD-VASH (Veteran Affairs Supporting Housing) Program. They will join our Long Term Housing Program and receive all of our intensive Social Work and Education services to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, allowing them to successfully move on to permanent stable housing in a few years.

On behalf of these Veteran families and all those who will come through this home in future years, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Grant Havasy of Blue & Gold Homes for his tremendous support and hard work throughout this project. We also offer special thanks to AvalonBay Communities and its employees for adopting our home, providing the landscaping and fencing, and much needed new furniture items.

### Thank You to All of the Following Individuals and Businesses for your Generosity:

- Appliance World
- AvalonBay Communities
- Blue & Gold Homes and Grant Havasy
- Cosentino and Alan Kennemer
- Eagle Electrical Group Inc. and Brian & Michael Albinski
- Insperty Melville Employees
- Long Island Elite Members
- New Ground Board, Advisory Board, & Young Professional Board Members
- Neureise Group
- Prince Carpet & Floors
- Riverhead Building Supply
- Sterling Floors and Brian Herz

