

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a Donation today | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate a property/home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a gift in honor or memory of a loved one | <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute a sponsorship for a New Ground special event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a restricted gift to a specific project or program | VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase my gift through my company's matching gift program | <input type="checkbox"/> Host a food, clothing, or supply drive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate a vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide tutoring services |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Join a committee for one of our 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

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Insurance Gifts | <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Remainder Trusts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRA Rollover Gifts | <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Lead Trusts |

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.

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NEWs from the GROUND

Spring 2019 Newsletter



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



BANKUNITED CONTINUES GRANT SUPPORT TO NEW GROUND

New Ground was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from BankUnited to benefit our many programs and services. This is our second such grant from BankUnited, and a great support ensuring the families and Veterans we serve continue to make advancements on their goals. These funds will go to our Veterans Program, helping many Veteran households in the Northport VA's supportive housing program. Many thanks to BankUnited for recognizing New Ground's impact on those most in need on Long Island and their commitment to developing healthy communities for all.

Photo left to right: Benjamin Cooper, BankUnited Vice President, Business Banking Relationship Manager III; Shannon Boyle, Executive Director New Ground; Naima Oyo, BankUnited Vice President Community Development & Outreach.



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.



Michael Sciara, Partner
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24TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER

New Ground Inc. will host its 24th Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner on Monday, May 20, 2019 to raise funds in support of homeless Veterans and families struggling on Long Island.

This event will honor Michael Sciara, an accomplished architect and Partner at Nelson & Pope. With over 20 years of experience in the design, planning and implementation of projects for private and public sector clients, Michael's portfolio includes many large-scale commercial, retail, mixed-use, healthcare, educational and hospitality space.

Through the years, Michael has sought to improve the quality of his field, advocate for greater mentorship opportunities and give back to the local community by participating with charitable and non-profit organizations. He sits on the board of NGIP Inc., a subsidiary of New Ground, Inc. with other business leaders assisting New Ground in the development and management of local housing opportunities. Through this initiative, homeless Veterans and families participate in the Long Term Housing Program working on goals to secure future independence. Michael also engages his team of architects to participate with Canstruction Long Island, which is a design/build competition that challenges teams to build larger than life structures entirely made from canned food and whose proceeds are donated to local food banks annually before the Thanksgiving holiday. Michael is a graduate of New York Institute of Technology, was recently named among Long Island Business News's Top 40 Under 40 and resides in Plainview, New York with his devoted wife Heather and their four young sons.

"Members of our amazing community of supporters, like Michael Sciara, are truly transforming lives," said Shannon Boyle, Executive Director of New Ground. "When families come to us, they are dealing with unfortunate circumstances and through our intensive social work services, we are able to not only get them back on their feet but implement long-term solutions to break their cycle of poverty and homelessness now and for future generations."

The event is Co-Chaired by longtime friends and attorneys, Larry Davis and Ira Prager of Larry & Davis, P.C. in Patchogue, New York. It will take place at one of the area's most premier golf locations, Cherry Valley Club in Garden City, New York, which was established over 100 years ago and features an exquisite Devereaux Emmet designed golf course. In addition to a day of golf, registration for New Ground's Golf Tournament & Dinner includes brunch, contests on the course, cocktails, dinner and an awards ceremony. Registration begins at 10:30am and tee-off is at 12:30pm.

Golf Packages and Sponsorships are still available. For more information on how you can help "Break the Cycle of Homelessness" for Veterans and families on Long Island, please contact Diane Serenita, Director of Development & Events at (516) 564-4764 x125 or events@newground.org.

HELP SUPPORT NEW GROUND BY JOINING US AT AN UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT!

Whether it's joining us at our upcoming Golf Tournament & Dinner in May or marking your calendar for an incredible evening out at our Groundbreakers Celebration Gala in November, the Veterans and families in New Ground's program will directly benefit from your support. There are plenty of events to get involved with! Check out the dates below and contact events@newground.org for more information.

24th Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner

Monday, May 20th 2019 at Cherry Valley Club in Garden City

6th Annual Designer Handbag Bingo

September 2019 (exact date TBA)

2nd Annual Heroes for the Homeless 5K Walk/Run

Sunday, November 3rd at Eisenhower Park

19th Annual Groundbreakers Celebration Gala

Thursday, November 14th 2019 at the Garden City Hotel

Check out our website newground.org to stay up to date regarding other special events as we continue to finalize our 2019 events calendar!



MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHANNON BOYLE

New Ground Naming Opportunities

Announcing the Troy and Ann Baydala Financial Literacy Program

In the fall of 2018, New Ground launched our *Major Gift Drive* as an opportunity for our supporters to establish an even greater connection with our mission and the Veterans and families impacted by homelessness on Long Island. Now, donors select a New Ground Program, building or facility and can have this named for themselves or a loved one. We are so grateful to our first benefactors who have aligned themselves anew with our efforts, and made a commitment to see this critical work accomplished with our neighbors most in need.

We are excited to announce the first such naming opportunity, the *Troy and Ann Baydala Financial Literacy Program*.

"When they were alive, my parents were always very excited about the work that New Ground was doing for the homeless, especially our work around Financial Literacy. Being from such a large family where our whole extended family has embraced New Ground's mission through board service and/or financial support, it was only fitting that we honor mom and dad with the Troy and Ann Baydala Financial Literacy Program. I'm certain that if they were here today, they would be very happy and proud that all of their children (and now grandchildren) have embraced this fantastic organization."

- Terence F. Baydala



Troy & Ann Baydala

Terry Baydala, the longest-standing current member of the Board of Directors, joined us in the 1990's and has continued to provide his expertise and support in numerous areas of our organization for well over 20 years, eventually bringing his entire extended family to support New Ground in various ways.

The Troy and Ann Baydala Financial Literacy Program plays an integral role in our work to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty for our Veterans and families. New Ground Social Workers are trained to work closely with our clients on financial issues including budgeting and prioritizing need-versus-want spending, debt management and repayment, evaluating and addressing credit report issues, improving credit and credit scores, establishing savings, and developing overall positive financial habits. Part of this work includes assisting our clients in understanding the underlying emotions for behaviors and choices in these areas to truly empower them to make lasting changes and develop new decision-making processes. The work is intensive and life-changing – and it works! So many of our Veterans and families have put in the weeks and months of effort and had incredible success.

Victor* who is in our Veterans Program came to us with thousands of dollars of debts, a very low credit score with numerous delinquent debts on his credit report, and the fear that he would not be able to maintain his new apartment through the Northport VA's supportive housing program because of his impossible monthly budget. He

came to New Ground weekly to meet with his Social Worker to first work on his budget to ensure he could afford his monthly rent and other bills, eliminate avoidable expenses, and then tackle his credit report and outstanding debts. Over the past 15 months, he has accomplished these goals and more. Like many, he was taken advantage of and believed he needed to pay monthly fees to protect his credit as well as purchase services that were unnecessary. Thus far, he has gotten his monthly budget in order, paid off more than \$3,000 in old debt and seen his credit score rise more than 100 points. Best of all, Victor feels in control of his life again, hopeful for his future and secure in knowing he can maintain his housing successfully.

Thank you to the Baydala, Cowan and Stype families for their tremendous support in honor of Troy and Ann Baydala, and to all of you who have helped Victor and so many others break the cycle of homelessness and secure what we all strive for – a permanent, stable home.

**Names have been changed to protect the identity of those we serve.*



While many of us have begun to "Spring Ahead," we would like to take a moment to thank all the individuals, families, and organizations that adopted New Ground's Veterans and families during the Holiday Season. They were completely overwhelmed and beyond appreciative of this generous support. Together, we ensured that every Veteran, adult, young adult and child in New Ground's program had everything they needed for an enjoyable Holiday Season, including food, new winter coats and boots, warm clothes and presents for all. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!

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IT BEGINS WITH YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

New Ground's Young Professionals Board (YPB) offers members a way to link their personal passions with professional ambitions all while driving positive and real change for Long Island Veterans and families caught in the vicious cycle of homelessness. The Board consists of motivated, energetic professionals certain to become future leaders. Together, we can make a difference right in our own community.

Join the YPB to network with other professionals, advance your career, develop leadership skills, and promote New Ground's mission — all while having a great time. Get Involved and see what all the talk is about. Contact (516) 564-4764 x125 or dserenita@newground.org

