

TIMES ARE TOUGH RIGHT NOW BUT YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



TRADITIONAL GIFTS

- Make a donation today
- Support a specific program that is meaningful to you
- Make a donation in honor of a loved one
- Give Monthly and amplify your impact
- Naming rights opportunities



GIVE IN UNIQUE WAYS

- Donate a vehicle
- Donate a home/property
- Gifts of Appreciated Securities
- Maximize your gift through workplace matching gift programs



VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME!

- Join a Committee
- Host a food or supply drive
- Provide tutoring
- Provide translation services
- Volunteer for an event

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 make 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. Lasting ways you can remember New Ground:

- Bequests
- IRA Rollover Gifts
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Life Insurance Gifts
- Gifts of Property Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Lead Trusts

If you are interested in supporting New Ground in any of the above ways, please contact us at 516-564-4764 x125 or visit www.newground.org today.

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BREAKING THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS

*we educate.
 we empower.*

Empowering Long Island's Veterans and families to function independently for generations to come.



MISSION STATEMENT:

We maintain that the key to breaking the cycle of homelessness is not only to provide short-term assistance to homeless Veterans and families, 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.

THANK YOU, AVALONBAY!



Recently, our friends at AvalonBay came to New Ground to create custom built-in shelving to make storing and showcasing items we distribute to our clients easier. We think it came out great, and our Veterans and families do, too!

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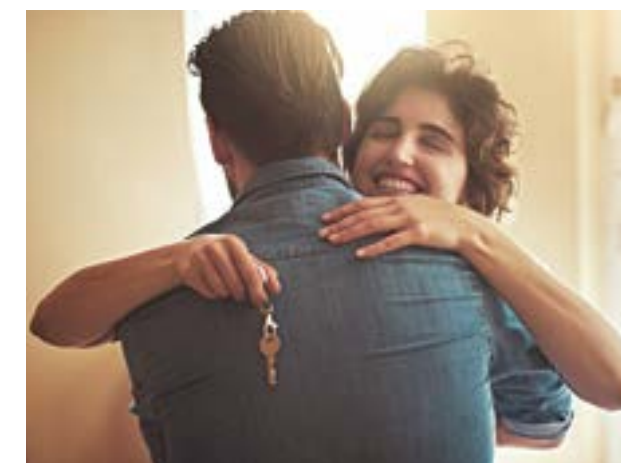
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NEW GROUND HELPS HOUSE FIVE FAMILIES OVER 10 WEEKS



Between February and April, five of our homeless JumpStart Program families secured permanent housing. This is a tremendous feat in this economic climate and rental housing market on Long Island. For each family, it is a celebration of finally having a place to call HOME!

NEW GROUND'S 26TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER



New Ground Inc. will host its 26th Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner on **Monday, May 23, 2022** at Cherry Valley Club in Garden City, NY. Participants can look forward to a day of golf and doing good for the community. The day kicks off with registration and breakfast at 10:30am, a shotgun start at 12:30pm, and cocktail hour, dinner, and raffle prizes in the evening. All are welcome to register for golf and dinner!

Please scan the QR code to register for golf or dinner



REACHING HIGHER GROUND: PROGRAM EXPANSION

A Special Message from Executive Director, Shannon Boyle

As challenges continue with soaring prices of food and other essentials, those with the least are hit the hardest. More Veterans and families have to make tough choices between feeding their family or paying for healthcare, gas, and rent. The number of Long Island's homeless grew over the past 6 months, and now there will be many more to come.

New Ground is expanding our JumpStart Program (JSP) to help address this crisis. With its 10th Anniversary this spring, the program is also being redesigned to meet the changing needs of our struggling neighbors. The JSP assists Veterans and families that are in shelters, motels, doubled up with family or friends, and living in places that are unsafe and unsanitary. Because of the soaring costs of housing here, **our homeless are the working homeless**. Many have jobs and are paying bills, but simply do not earn enough to afford basic needs and a place to call home. They are also college students who have maxed out their financial aid on tuition costs, are working to cover other essentials, but still cannot afford rent.

This year New Ground is doubling our JSP capacity to serve up to 50 households at a time! We have had tremendous success in helping Long Island's homeless secure permanent, stable housing and there are many more who now need our help to reach their higher ground. While all of us are feeling the impacts of the current economic situation, there are many who simply cannot cover these added costs in their limited budgets.

SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT:

James, a single Veteran, was living in a rundown apartment in an unsafe area. While he was unable to thrive in these living conditions, he didn't feel his situation was critical. Everything changed when James was awarded custody of his teenage daughter, Kiara. He immediately knew that to give Kiara the best life possible they needed appropriate housing.

So, he leaped into action just like he had done during his time in the military. He was surprised to learn safe, secure housing would not be easy to come by. James connected to New Ground, where his Social Worker gave him tools he didn't have access to before. With his Social Worker by his side every step of the way, James tackled everything from family court, to improving credit and budgeting.

Now James and Kiara reside in one of New Ground's Long Term Housing Program homes in Huntington and are grateful to have a safe roof over their heads. Kiara is excelling in the local high school while James continues to work on his long term goals with his New Ground social worker. Empowered by his success and hopeful for the future, James now believes he can one day become a homeowner, and with continued support, so do we!

*Names & likeness have been changed to protect client confidentiality



SPRING INTO ACTION - A SEASON FULL OF DONATION DRIVES

This spring, New Ground has been busy working with local partners running donation drives to help New Ground's clients. These drives have collected everything from toiletry items, to clothing, food, and more! From local schools, to neighborhood collections, organization drives and more, our friends in the community are doing critical work to get the Veterans and families of New Ground the day-to-day items they need, that we so often take for granted. Thank you all!



L: Shannon Boyle and Dr. Dezmarie Hines of the Academy Charter School, with items collected for New Ground



R: Evol Sweeney with donations from the Boxes Parent Child Plus Program



L: Shannon Boyle, with Evol Sweeney and Krista Svedberg, who with her family & the families of Idle Hour in Oakdale, ran a drive for New Ground



R: Items collected recently for New Ground

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE



SPONSOR

Becoming a sponsor is a fantastic opportunity to honor a loved one, gain exposure for your business, and support New Ground's mission! Visit the golf site to become a sponsor today.



REGISTER FOR GOLF OR DINNER

Registering is easy! Text **NewGroundGolf** to **41444**, visit bit.ly/NewGroundGolf or follow the QR code above to register for golf or dinner.



VOLUNTEER

Join us on Monday, May 23 as a volunteer and help make our 26th Annual Golf Outing a success! Please contact us at events@newground.org or call 516.564.4764 x 125 to become an event volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE!

- **Saturday May 14:** Levittown Car Show Benefiting New Ground
- **Monday, May 23:** New Ground's 26th Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner
- **Late August:** Rob's Ride "24 on the Boards" on the Long Beach Boardwalk
- **New Date! Thursday October 6:** Annual Groundbreakers Gala, Garden City Hotel
Honoring Don Gelestino of Champion Elevators



Don Gelestino, this year's gala honoree

DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO A SUCCESS!



Board members Diane Caputi and Ed McDougal and volunteer Richard Rice work the 50/50 raffle

The 7th Annual Designer Handbag Bingo to benefit New Ground was back and better than ever, in person for the first time since 2019 on Friday, March 25, 2022 at the St. Agnes Parish Center in Rockville Centre.

Event Co-Chairs Sheila McDougal and Jenny Tzakas-Polizotto steered the event to success, raising over \$29,000 for New Ground's Veterans and families. Guests won big with Balloon Pop prizes, a sold out 50/50 raffle, and, as always, fabulous designer bags won during bingo. We can't wait to see you next year!