



## **Long Island Real Estate Group donates \$207,000 to four charities**

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Westbury, NY Continuing a long tradition of charitable giving, the Long Island Real Estate Group (LIREG) has donated a total of \$207,000 to four Long Island charities, including a major donation to the Northwell Heath Foundation.

This year's recipients and the donations, unveiled at the Nov. 28 breakfast meeting at the Old Westbury Golf and Country Club, included:

- Northwell Health Foundation received \$100,000 to help fund a redesign and upgrade of the North Shore University Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The project will focus on improving effectiveness and efficiencies within the NICU to further enhance the delivery of care and to improve the patient/family experience. North Shore has a long history of providing world-class critical care for newborns.
- Tri Community and Youth Agency, Huntington, received \$17,000 to be used for construction of a computer center, a music section in the drop-in room, and a reception and greeting desk in the lobby of its building at 809 New York Ave. Tri CYA supports the growth and development of youth and their families in Huntington, South Huntington and Cold Spring Harbor. Founded more than 30 years ago, Tri CYA provides a broad range of educational, recreational, social, cultural, athletic, counseling and advocacy programs, working closely and cooperatively with businesses, school districts, law enforcement, community groups, government agencies and religious organizations as well as with individuals, parents, and youth community volunteers.
- New Ground, Inc., Hempstead, received \$15,000 for construction of new space for an onsite reading program and for building a food pantry. Founded in 1991, New Ground provides social work and education services to help families and veterans break the cycle of poverty and homelessness.
- The Viscardi Center, Albertson, received a total of \$75,000: \$50,000 for the replacement of a canopy on the Henry Viscardi School building and \$25,000, for a kitchen renovation at the Independent Living House on The Viscardi Center campus. The Viscardi Center, founded in 1952 by noted disability activist Henry Viscardi Jr., is dedicated to educating, empowering and employing people with disabilities.

"Giving to these charities—and the others that we have contributed to over the years – makes what we do worthwhile at the end of the day," said LIREG charity committee chair Peter Schapero.

“These contributions demonstrate how seriously the Long Island Real Estate Group regards its efforts to make a difference on Long Island.”

LIREG co-president Michael Blaymore said, “Thanks to all of our generous supporters, we are thrilled to be able to aid these organizations. I am very happy that LIREG can do so much good by making these donations to such deserving Long Island charities.”

Richard Herzbach, also LIREG co-president, said, “LIREG is proud to support these worthy efforts that benefit the health of newborns in our community, those in need and those who are disabled. I am extremely pleased that LIREG is able to continue its tradition of giving and that it has been able to grant the requests of each of these worthwhile charities.”

LIREG, a networking and philanthropic group composed of almost 400 professionals in the real estate industry and allied trades, raised the funds through member contributions and fund-raising events held throughout the year. Its donations are used to fund real estate-related endeavors of various charities.

Since its founding in 2004, LIREG has contributed more than \$1.4 million to numerous real estate-related projects undertaken by charities on Long Island. Past LIREG contributions have gone to:

Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities,

ATDC / Angela’s House

Autism Society of America Nassau Suffolk Chapter

Building Homes for Heroes

Camp Anchor

Canine Companions for Independence

Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect,

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory NDA Learning Center

Community Development Corp. of Long Island

EAC Network - Just for Dads

Family Service League

Fitzgerald House

Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club

Habitat for Humanity

Haven House/Bridges Inc.

Hofstra University Career Counseling Center

Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Long Island

Hospice Care Network

Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN)

Katz Women's Hospital at North Shore-LIJ

Landmark on Main Street

Let the Children Play Foundation

Little Flower Children and Family Services

Long Beach Recreation Center

Long Beach Senior Center

Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation

Long Island Children's Museum,

North Shore Holiday House

North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System

North Shore Hospital Tower Building Heliport

Ronald McDonald House of Long Island

Response of Suffolk County

Saint Charles Hospital

Saint Francis Hospital

School for Language and Communication Development

Schneider Children's Hospital

Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center

South Nassau Communities Hospital

Sunrise Day Camp

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts.

LIREG, formed in 2004 to encourage networking among Long Island real estate developers, owners and allied trades and to raise funds for charitable real estate-related projects on Long Island, has almost 400 members. For more information, go to [www.LIREG.org](http://www.LIREG.org) or email [info@LIREG.org](mailto:info@LIREG.org)

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