



Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty's fundraiser supports Island Harvest and City Harvest Food Banks

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Shown (from left) are: Lisa Kiefer, Susan O'Steen, Randi Shubin Dresner, president/CEO of Island Harvest;

Vivian Leonard, Deirdre O'Connell, Dana Dinowitz, Theresa Brown, Kathy Wallach, Patricia Bretone, Patricia Petersen, Veranika Johnston, Jessica Crowley, Michael Tucker, Myla Borucke, Karen Wadkovsky, Norma Dispenza, Nicole Vacchiano, and Jeanine Tepper.

Cold Spring Harbor, NY Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty (DGSIR) launched a month-long fundraiser to collect food and funds for Island Harvest Food Bank and City Harvest, two of the region's largest hunger relief organizations. This company-wide effort is part of Daniel Gale

Sotheby's International Realty's 100th anniversary celebration, and the goal was to raise funds to provide 100,000 meals during the month of September, which is Hunger Action Month.

Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty chief executive officer Deirdre O'Connell and members of her executive team kicked off the fundraiser, presenting Island Harvest and City Harvest with an initial donation of \$10,000 from the Daniel Gale Foundation.

"With sales offices across Long Island and more than 1,000 real estate professionals, managers and support staff enthusiastically committed to our goal, we are eager to make this significant contribution to alleviate hunger in our communities," said O'Connell.

"Every office will be contributing and accepting donations of nonperishable goods and monetary donations online, as well as rolling up their sleeves as the boots on the ground."

Randi Shubin Dresner, president and chief executive officer of Island Harvest, explained the continuing need for food banks such as Island Harvest and City Harvest and the ways in which the Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty community can help. "While Long Island is home to some of the wealthiest ZIP codes in the nation, one in ten Long Island families experience food insecurity at some point during the year. This includes school children who may have trouble concentrating in class because they went to bed hungry and woke up to a minimal, or no breakfast; seniors who helped to build our communities and now must choose between medicine and a meal; and our veterans who served our country but now face hard times. It's our responsibility to make sure that no one on Long Island goes without food."

"Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, New York City was facing a profound hunger crisis—particularly in the marginalized communities that City Harvest has long served, with nearly 1.2 million New Yorkers, including one in five children experiencing food insecurity," said Jilly Stephens, City Harvest chief executive officer. "Those numbers surged during the pandemic and remain at historic highs with nearly 1.5 million New Yorkers, including more than 462,000 children, in need of assistance."

In addition to contributing food and funds, Island Harvest and City Harvest will welcome volunteers from Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty to help them get food into the hands of those in need. Activities include volunteering at distribution centers, helping to sort donations or working at Island Harvest's Brentwood farm.

"Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty has a 100 year tradition of serving our communities, and we couldn't be more excited that to put our hands and hearts to work to help Island Harvest and City Harvest meet their goals to end hunger," said O'Connell. "We will working individually and as a team to make a difference across Long Island from Brooklyn to our easternmost offices on the North Fork. Our team is ready and willing to work shoulder to shoulder with these two incredible food banks."

Donations to Island Harvest and City Harvest can be made online at [Island Harvest donation](#) or [City Harvest donation](#).

