“The simple act of caring is a heroic effort.”
Across Long Island, in virtually every zip code, Island Harvest Food Bank has been a beacon of hope for those in need. And, never before has our help been needed more as we entered a year of increased hunger and uncertainty among our neighbors. Island Harvest Food Bank, the largest hunger-relief organization on Long Island, provided food and non-food items this year to more than 460,000 Long Islanders who are living with food insecurity and in need, giving them a voice to help them transition from uncertainty to stability. Our mission is to end hunger and reduce food waste on Long Island through efficient food and product collection and distribution systems, enhanced hunger awareness and nutrition education programs, job training, targeted services for specific populations, and outreach and advocacy activities and initiatives. Island Harvest Food Bank is a proud member of Feeding America, the nation’s leading domestic hunger-relief organization.

Island Harvest is proud to have earned a Four Star rating by Charity Navigator, an indication of quality in the non-profit sector.

**ABOUT ISLAND HARVEST FOOD BANK**

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO**

In words, in pictures and in numbers, this year has been different from that of any other time in our Island Harvest Food Bank history. This 2020 Annual Report tells the stories of those we helped and those who made our work possible.

We began the year, as we did any other year, reaching out to the hundreds of thousands of neighbors on Long Island facing food insecurity. We focused our efforts on programs and services to bring healthy food to those struggling with hunger. We strengthened partnerships with hospitals and health centers to provide nutrition education to those who could improve their health by making informed decisions. We worked with school districts in Nassau and Suffolk to help children thrive and grow. We provided assistance and counseling to those in the community to obtain needed benefits and services. We expanded our own farm to table initiatives. We took our legislative advocacy programs to local, state and federal government to fight for those who have to choose between feeding their families, paying for housing, seeing doctors, and buying medicine. And, we expanded our mobile services to bring help to seniors, veterans and those in need.

In March, the COVID-19 pandemic changed the world, our country, our community and Island Harvest Food Bank, forever! With the arrival of the pandemic, Long Island immediately saw a growing population of families facing job loss, economic turmoil and a struggle to put food on their tables. So many people who had managed to live day-to-day on the edge of poverty, now suddenly needed help.

Thanks to our visionary Board of Directors, dedicated staff, devoted food donors, volunteers and elected officials, generous contributors and supporters, and a caring community which has always helped us to be there for those in need, Island Harvest Food Bank became a ‘first responder’ during this time of crisis. We continued our vital and successful efforts of the past, and introduced pioneering new initiatives to become a beacon of hope to hundreds of thousands who needed help for the first time.

Like a gyroscope, this year saw Island Harvest Food Bank spin faster while staying on point. True to our mission to end hunger on Long Island, you have helped us to reach out and reach beyond.

I hope this 2020 Annual Report captures the spirit, the vitality and the passion of all we do to help those on Long Island who are hungry for help. I am so grateful to all those who made our critical work possible during this year of change.

Thank you,

Randi Shubin Dresner
President & CEO

**EVERYDAY HEROES**

Responding in times of need. Excelling in moments of crisis.
While the past year has been anything but business as usual, Island Harvest Food Bank has continued to provide much-needed food and social service support to Long Islanders living with hunger and poverty through our various programs and initiatives. Some highlights of our work during this 2019-2020 year include:

- Across Long Island, people living with food insecurity received nearly 11 million meals through the distribution of more than 13 million pounds of healthy food and product. 
- During the 2019-2020 school year, children who are food-insecure in 26 schools received over 27,000 packs of healthy food through the Kids Weekend Backpack Feeding Program.
- The Summer Food Service Program served more than 180,000 nutritious and free breakfasts, lunches, and snacks to approximately 5,300 children at 60 sites.
- The School Pantry Program supported more than 8,000 children and their families at 38 sites with over 226,000 pounds of fresh produce and healthy, shelf-stable food.
- Through our Senior Mobile Food Pantry, over 600 seniors at five (5) sites across Long Island received more than 132,000 pounds of healthy, low-sodium, protein-rich food, supplementing more than 110,000 meals.
- Our innovative Nutrition Pathways Program is the first of its kind on Long Island to offer personalized nutrition services to people who are food insecure through our team of Island Harvest Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDN), creating a pathway between nutrition and health. The Nutrition Pathways Program, operating at three (3) community-based sites and (2) hospital sites, provided nearly 1,000 people with individual nutrition counseling and education sessions, as well as healthy food packages.
- The Operation: HOPE veterans program served more than 2,600 veterans, active military personnel and their families.
- The SNAP Outreach and Assistance Program submitted 2,778 SNAP applications, resulting in more than 2.8 million meals and bringing an estimated $8.7 million in SNAP benefits to Long Island. We are also proud to announce that Island Harvest Food Bank received the 2019 Social Impact Award for our SNAP Outreach Program at the 7th Annual Long Island Imagine Awards, recognizing innovation and leadership in the nonprofit sector.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE
The Healthy Harvest Farm, located on two acres of farmland at the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood, serves as a learning model, as well as to provide increased access to healthy produce for thousands of Long Islanders who are affected by hunger and poverty.

The Island Harvest Food Bank Giving Gardens are created through partnerships with local businesses, schools, communities and more. Communities donate the produce from the gardens to Island Harvest, which we then distribute to those in need.

GREATER FOOD ACCESS... FROM THE GROUND UP.

460,000 families assisted with food, services and support.
In the best of times, in the most difficult of times, our corps of volunteers, supporters and friends have been by our side every step of the way. Whether packing meal boxes to feed those in need, or collecting and distributing food in the heat of summer or the cold of winter, or raising vital funds to make our work possible, community volunteers and leaders made Island Harvest’s mission their mission.

Volunteers
- Island Harvest has more than 14,000 registered volunteers, many of whom generously donated their time to assist in numerous programs, including more than 750 local food drives, food runs, warehouse sortings, and food distributions.
- In 2019, our dedicated volunteers donated over 55,000 hours, which is an estimated cost savings of $1.4 million.
- Volunteers continue to provide crucial support during Island Harvest’s COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, participating in socially distant sorting projects, distribution events, and food collections.

Volunteer: Kathleen Reilly
Kathleen’s desire to help others is what drew her to first volunteer for Island Harvest. Quickly forming bonds with staff and other volunteers, Kathleen became a well-known asset to our team. In response to the growing crisis of food insecurity in the wake of the pandemic, Kathleen stepped up and began volunteering daily at our Bethpage warehouse facility to assemble thousands of much needed food boxes for community food distributions. Kathleen is also a member of Team Rubicon, a volunteer group that mobilizes veterans in times of emergency relief, and a great partner to Island Harvest during the height of our response and recovery efforts. Kathleen continues to volunteer regularly, serving as a leader for volunteer groups, and is an integral part of our hunger relief efforts.

A TRUSTED SOURCE OF FOOD... AND COMFORT.
Food Pantry Partner: Shelter Rock Church Food Pantry
From the beginning of the pandemic, our food pantry partners have demonstrated incredible resilience, making difficult adjustments on the fly in order to stay open. The Shelter Rock Church Food Pantry in Manhasset went from serving 75 households in a typical week, to more than 550 households at the height of the pandemic. “We were one of the few open in our area when COVID first hit. We never shut down.” Co-directors Valerie Monroy and Gina Kang credit their dedicated staff and volunteers with supporting them in everything from collecting, sorting and packing food to directing traffic. In addition to providing food, the pantry provides clothing and winter coats, turkeys, toys and above all else friendly conversation and compassion. “It goes beyond the food. People rely on us and you just want to be able to help them.”
TIES THAT BIND. 
Fundraiser: Sara and Brian
When the start of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in Sara and Brian postponing their wedding because they could no longer host hundreds of guests, they took it as an opportunity to make their planned wedding date meaningful for thousands. They dressed in their wedding outfits, jumped in their truck and visited the homes of many of their invited friends and family to collect food and funds for Island Harvest. Days later they delivered thousands of dollars and thousands of pounds of food to help their Long Island neighbors in need. When asked if what would have been their wedding day was still special, they both said “I do”.

Island Harvest Food Bank has been at the forefront of responding to the growing needs of Long Islanders who are food insecure and impacted by COVID-19 since our Emergency Response Center was activated on March 9, 2020. From the start of the pandemic, we’ve focused on quickly modifying our operations and distribution methods; establishing new partnerships; and finding new food sources to significantly increase the number of meals we’re providing for the most vulnerable members of the Long Island community.

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- From March 9, 2020 to June 30, 2020, Island Harvest purchased 164% more food and product as compared to the same time period the year prior—a dramatic change from our historically donation-based model.
- New York State’s Nourish New York initiative provides a market for New York State farmers and manufacturers to sell their surplus food products to local food banks.
- Island Harvest hosted some of the largest food distributions ever held in New York State, providing fresh produce, meat, dairy, and shelf-stable food to 4,000 families at the Southshore Westfield Mall and 5,000 families at the Sunrise Mall in Massapequa.
- Island Harvest expanded Harvest to Home, a home delivery meal service, in early March, to meet the increased need for home deliveries to seniors, people with disabilities or chronic health conditions, veterans, and those quarantining due to COVID-19.
- Island Harvest delivered meals to more than 12,000 households in need.
- When schools were forced to close as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Island Harvest pivoted our distribution model to continue providing access to healthy food for children and their families. Utilizing a contactless drive-through model, Island Harvest ensured that the students who depended upon free or reduced-price meals at school, as well as their families, continued to have access to nutritious food despite school closures.

LIFTED BY HOPE. 
Client: Gloria
For so many who lost their jobs or were simply struggling to provide meals for their children and families, Island Harvest became a lifeline during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing food, services, and support.

CHALLENGE SPARKS CHANGE. 
School Partner: Copiague School District
When the COVID-19 pandemic reached Long Island, the Copiague School District worried as much about food insecurity as the educational hurdles facing students. The School District immediately partnered with Island Harvest to distribute thousands of pounds of produce and shelf-stable food to students and families. District teachers and staff generously donated their time before school and on weekends to distribute food. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kathleen Bannon voiced her appreciation for the partnership. “Island Harvest provided the guidance and assistance to initiate, and operate, an in-district food pantry. The ‘Kids Weekend Backpack Feeding Program’ provides a tremendous service to ensure that students have nutritious meals over weekends.”

LESIONS IN HUMANITY.
School Partner: Copiague School District

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SUPPORT AND REVENUE

June 30, 2020

Donated food $21,933,619
Contributions 10,334,442
Capital Campaign 459,305
Government grants 1,173,356
Special events (net of direct costs $131,656) 400,833
Investment income, net 73,970
Other income 41,748
Net assets released from restrictions

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE $34,417,203

EXPENSES

Program services $27,932,521
Management and general 732,904
Fundraising 867,408

TOTAL EXPENSES 29,532,433

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS 4,884,800

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING 5,021,491

NET ASSETS, ENDING $9,906,291

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Michael Babitch
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Community Leader

Marc Tell
The Sam Tell Companies

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Founder, Island Harvest

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Past Board of Directors Chairman

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