



2026

Advocacy **PLATFORM**



STEPPING BACK FROM THE BRINK

In FY 2024-205, Island Harvest distributed **nearly 22 million pounds of food**—the most in our history, including the pandemic years. By every measure, food insecurity on Long Island is getting worse, not better.

From October 1 to November 12, 2025, the United States experienced the longest federal government shutdown in history. Across Long Island, the consequences were immediate and severe. Federal workers were furloughed or forced to work without pay, and SNAP participants went nearly two weeks without the benefits they rely upon to feed their families.

This shutdown capped a year of frequent policy changes that weakened the social safety net more than **240,000 Long Islanders** depend on to survive in one of the highest-cost regions in the nation.

Federal Decisions with Local Consequences

- The USDA's Local Food Purchasing Assistance Program (LFPA / New York Food for New York Families) provided **\$2 million** to Island Harvest to purchase food from New York farms before being canceled early, with funding expiring in August 2025.
- Efforts led by Senate Democratic Leader **Chuck Schumer** to protect SNAP from harmful eligibility changes and cost-shifting were unsuccessful. New reporting requirements are expected to push **more than 1 million people** off SNAP nationwide.
- The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), which provides monthly food packages to low-income seniors, was zeroed out in the Administration's "skinny" budget proposal. Thanks to intervention by **Rep. Nick LaLota**, the program was fully funded through September 2026—averting the loss of a critical lifeline for seniors.

Community Leadership in a Time of Crisis

Despite these challenges, Island Harvest received critical support from leaders at every level of government:

- **Gov. Kathy Hochul** announced \$65 million in emergency aid to food banks following the shutdown.
- Nassau County Executive **Bruce Blakeman** and Comptroller **Elaine Phillips** provided **\$50,000 each week** of lapsed SNAP benefits, for a total of \$100,000. Suffolk County Executive **Ed Romaine** consistently elevates the urgency of protecting SNAP and ensuring no Long Islander goes hungry.
- Thank you to all the elected officials who helped us behind the scenes.

A Call to Action

This moment demands leadership. We urge our elected officials to step back from the brink, work across party lines, and pursue common-sense solutions that protect access to food, strengthen the safety net, and ensure dignity for every neighbor we serve.



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PROVIDING LOCAL ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SUSTENANCE (PLATES)

Governor Kathy Hochul's State Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget proposes a new initiative: **Providing Local Access to Essential Sustenance (PLATES)**, a competitive grant program that invests in the infrastructure of New York's emergency food system.

PLATES includes \$10 million in capital funding, administered through the Department of Health and the New York State Dormitory Authority (DASNY), for food banks, food pantries, community-based organizations, and municipalities.

Island Harvest is seeking capital support to expand our proven **Workforce Skills Development Institute**, which addresses food insecurity by connecting individuals to stable, living-wage employment. Our current Warehousing & Inventory Control Program has graduated 87 students with a 73% employment rate.

Planned Program Expansion

Island Harvest plans to launch two new workforce training tracks:

- **Culinary Skills Development Program**

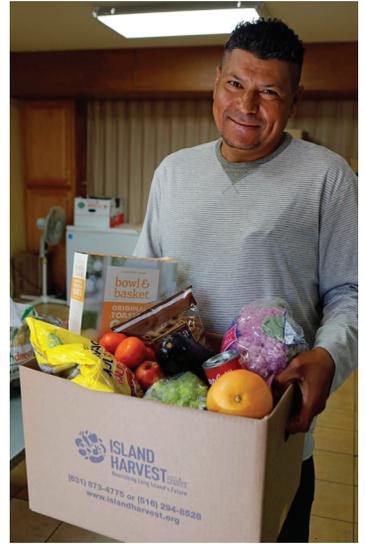
Requires renovations to our Melville facility, including a **Demonstration Kitchen**.

- **Machine-Controlled Repacking Program**

Requires a dedicated space, including renovations and room relocations.

Food alone cannot end hunger. Lasting food security requires access to good jobs, in-demand skills, and economic stability. Island Harvest's Workforce Skills Development Institute is a proven model for addressing the root causes of hunger—not just its symptoms.

Support from elected officials is essential to securing the capital investments needed to expand these programs and strengthen pathways out of food insecurity for Long Islanders.



OH, SNAP!

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is America's leading anti-hunger program, serving an average of 41.7 million people monthly with an average benefit of \$187.20, totaling \$99.8 billion annually.¹

On Long Island, approximately 184,000 people receive an average benefit of \$257.50 per month² - more than \$47 million in local spending each month that both feeds families and strengthens the regional economy.

Recent federal actions, including H.R.1, have restricted SNAP eligibility and shifted federal costs to states. New work-reporting requirements now apply to individuals classified as "Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents" (ABAWDs), who must document 80 hours per month of work, volunteer service, or job training to receive benefits beyond three months in a three-year period.

Island Harvest supports the dignity and value of work. However, on Long Island— one of country's highest cost regions —current SNAP income limits often discourage employment. A single individual may earn only **\$20,352 to \$31,300** to receive the maximum **\$298** monthly benefit. For many working households, the reporting requirements are too burdensome, causing them to forgo benefits. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of Long Islanders earn just above eligibility limits yet remain food insecure.³

¹<https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/key-statistics-and-research>

²<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/snap-sar-fy23.pdf>

³<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/18/nyregion/nyc-food-budgets.html> - Island Harvest receives a grant from Robin Hood in support of our SNAP Advocacy



INVESTING IN NEW YORK STATE'S EMERGENCY FOOD ECOSYSTEM

Island Harvest Food Bank, Feeding New York State, and the nine other regional food banks serving New York, are prioritizing \$75 million each for the **Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)** and **Nourish NY** - a total of \$150 million - in this year's State Budget.

The Governor's Proposed SFY 2027 Budget

- \$72.797 million for HPNAP (\$15 million increase over SFY 2026)
- \$55 million for Nourish NY (level funding with SFY 2026)

The overall SFY 2027 budget proposal is \$260 billion. At current levels, HPNAP and Nourish NY represent 0.049% of the budget. Fully funding both programs at \$150 million would represent 0.057%.

If the New York State budget were \$100, investing in our neighbors facing hunger would cost **a nickel**.

More than **2.8 million New Yorkers** experienced food insecurity in 2023, according to Feeding America's *Map the Meal Gap*. A **\$150 million** investment equals just **\$53.57 per food insecure New Yorker per year**.



SUPPORT PARTICIPANT GROWTH IN THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

Island Harvest requests the State **provide \$30 million to support participation growth in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**.

- WIC supports more than 450,000 New Yorkers with critical nutrition and public health services.
- Participation has grown 25% over the past four years.
- Local WIC agencies have been flat-funded, jeopardizing access to services.

Supplemental state funds will:

- Stabilize local WIC agencies so they can serve all eligible families.
- Support needed outreach to underserved communities.
- Sustain recent modernizations that improve accessibility and efficiency.

Reduced access to SNAP could be offset by WIC for those who qualify. Every support program that provides additional emergency food support reduces the burden on Island Harvest and our network of more than 300 member agencies.



STATEWIDE OFFICIALS



Governor Kathy Hochul

Distributed to New York:
 21,144,618.42 lbs (99.79%)*



Sen. Chuck Schumer
 Senate Democratic Leader

Donated from New York:
 11,404,759.65 lbs (87.87%)



Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand

Program Sites: 491 (100%)
Volunteers: 986 (99.40%)

REPRESENTATIVES



Rep. Nick LaLota
 1st District

Distributed to District:
 5,162,389.13 lbs (26.98%)
Donated from District:
 4,080,992.95 lbs (35.78%)
Program Sites:
 102 (20.82%)
Volunteers:
 220 (22.31%)



Rep. Andrew Garbarino
 2nd District

Distributed to District:
 6,273,865.30 lbs (32.79%)
Donated from District:
 1,871,975.00 lbs (16.41%)
Program Sites:
 169 (34.49%)
Volunteers:
 226 (22.92%)



Rep. Tom Suozzi
 3rd District

Distributed to District:
 2,959,340.36 lbs (15.47%)
Donated from District:
 1,868,078.50 lbs (16.38%)
Program Sites:
 85 (17.35%)
Volunteers:
 305 (30.93%)



Rep. Laura Gillen
 4th District

Distributed to District:
 4,553,969.63 lbs (23.80%)
Donated from District:
 2,046,469.20 lbs (17.94%)
Program Sites:
 133 (27.14%)
Volunteers:
 203 (20.59%)

STATE SENATE



Sen. Anthony Palumbo
 1st District

Distributed to District:
 3,006,467.78 lbs (15.71%)
Donated from District:
 1,329,016.00 lbs (11.65%)
Program Sites:
 57 (11.63%)
Volunteers:
 42 (4.26%)



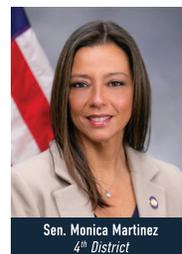
Sen. Mario Mattera
 2nd District

Distributed to District:
 1,402,960.39 lbs (7.33%)
Donated from District:
 966,640.95 lbs (8.48%)
Program Sites:
 31 (6.33%)
Volunteers:
 166 (16.84%)



Sen. Dean Murray
 3rd District

Distributed to District:
 1,828,476.03 lbs (9.56%)
Donated from District:
 1,954,585.00 lbs (17.14%)
Program Sites:
 65 (13.27%)
Volunteers:
 52 (5.27%)



Sen. Monica Martinez
 4th District

Distributed to District:
 4,069,312.43 lbs (21.27%)
Donated from District:
 816,416.00 lbs (7.16%)
Program Sites:
 94 (19.18%)
Volunteers:
 92 (9.33%)



Sen. Steve Rhoads
 5th District

Distributed to District:
 337,016.36 lbs (1.76%)
Donated from District:
 1,469,129.70 lbs (12.88%)
Program Sites:
 31 (6.33%)
Volunteers:
 189 (19.17%)



Sen. Siela Bynoe
 6th District

Distributed to District:
 4,217,280.94 lbs (22.04%)
Donated from District:
 830,077.20 lbs (7.28%)
Program Sites:
 112 (22.86%)
Volunteers:
 81 (8.22%)



Sen. Jack Martins
 7th District

Distributed to District:
 1,437,633.79 lbs (7.51%)
Donated from District:
 508,008.80 lbs (4.45%)
Program Sites:
 38 (7.76%)
Volunteers:
 159 (16.13%)



Sen. Alexis Weik
 8th District

Distributed to District:
 1,396,021.54 lbs (7.30%)
Donated from District:
 928,324.00 lbs (8.14%)
Program Sites:
 32 (6.53%)
Volunteers:
 122 (12.37%)



Sen. Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick
 9th District

Distributed to District:
 1,254,395.16 lbs (6.56%)
Donated from District:
 1,065,318.00 lbs (9.34%)
Program Sites:
 29 (5.92%)
Volunteers:
 51 (5.17%)

*The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) accounts for 2 million pounds of food; district-level data is not available for this program.



STATE ASSEMBLY



MA Tommy John Schiavoni
1st District

Distributed to District:
1,083,609.84 lbs (5.66%)

Donated from District:
57,605.00 lbs (0.51%)

Program Sites:
24 (4.90%)

Volunteers:
7 (0.71%)



MA Jodi Giglio
2nd District

Distributed to District:
2,261,656.14 lbs (11.82%)

Donated from District:
1,015,048.00 lbs (8.90%)

Program Sites:
32 (6.53%)

Volunteers:
26 (2.64%)



MA Joe DeStefano
3rd District

Distributed to District:
543,003.90 lbs (2.84%)

Donated from District:
1,737,976.00 lbs (15.24%)

Program Sites:
30 (6.12%)

Volunteers:
16 (1.62%)



MA Rebecca Kassay
4th District

Distributed to District:
599,045.15 lbs (3.13%)

Donated from District:
281,513.00 lbs (2.47%)

Program Sites:
20 (4.08%)

Volunteers:
18 (1.83%)



MA Doug Smith
5th District

Distributed to District:
1,099,486.00 lbs (5.75%)

Donated from District:
630,390.00 lbs (5.53%)

Program Sites:
12 (2.45%)

Volunteers:
40 (4.06%)



MA Phil Ramos
6th District

Distributed to District:
1,508,129.11 lbs (7.88%)

Donated from District:
566,866.00 lbs (4.97%)

Program Sites:
45 (9.18%)

Volunteers:
32 (3.25%)



MA Jarett Gandolfo
7th District

Distributed to District:
470,106.14 lbs (2.46%)

Donated from District:
410,000.00 lbs (3.59%)

Program Sites:
45 (9.18%)

Volunteers:
39 (3.96%)



MA Michael Fitzpatrick
8th District

Distributed to District:
285,612.84 lbs (1.49%)

Donated from District:
609,515.00 lbs (5.34%)

Program Sites:
21 (4.29%)

Volunteers:
46 (4.67%)



MA Michael Durso
9th District

Distributed to District:
137,496.54 lbs (0.72%)

Donated from District:
175,580.00 lbs (1.54%)

Program Sites:
7 (1.43%)

Volunteers:
38 (3.85%)



MA Steve Stern
10th District

Distributed to District:
827,777.91 lbs (4.33%)

Donated from District:
278,448.25 lbs (2.44%)

Program Sites:
21 (4.29%)

Volunteers:
98 (9.94%)



MA Kwani O'Pharow
11th District

Distributed to District:
1,739,664.41 lbs (9.09%)

Donated from District:
65,943.00 lbs (0.58%)

Program Sites:
43 (8.78%)

Volunteers:
43 (4.36%)



MA Keith Brown
12th District

Distributed to District:
1,085,862.04 lbs (5.68%)

Donated from District:
166,460.70 lbs (1.46%)

Program Sites:
14 (2.86%)

Volunteers:
59 (5.98%)



MA Charles Lavine
13th District

Distributed to District:
1,673,843.85 lbs (8.75%)

Donated from District:
317,149.00 lbs (2.78%)

Program Sites:
43 (8.78%)

Volunteers:
68 (6.90%)



MA David McDonough
14th District

Distributed to District:
38,912.20 lbs (0.20%)

Donated from District:
181,740.00 lbs (1.59%)

Program Sites:
11 (2.24%)

Volunteers:
65 (6.59%)



MA Jake Blumencranz
15th District

Distributed to District:
380,972.24 lbs (2.04%)

Donated from District:
900,711.50 lbs (7.90%)

Program Sites:
17 (3.47%)

Volunteers:
106 (10.75%)



MA Daniel Norber
16th District

Distributed to District:
407,933.20 lbs (2.13%)

Donated from District:
276,898.00 lbs (2.43%)

Program Sites:
14 (2.86%)

Volunteers:
53 (5.38%)



MA John Mikulin
17th District

Distributed to District:
157,447.42 lbs (0.82%)

Donated from District:
334,972.00 lbs (2.94%)

Program Sites:
9 (1.84%)

Volunteers:
57 (5.78%)



MA Noah Burroughs
18th District

Distributed to District:
2,404,739.66 lbs (12.57%)

Donated from District:
57,656.00 lbs (0.51%)

Program Sites:
62 (12.65%)

Volunteers:
20 (2.03%)



MA Edward Ra
19th District

Distributed to District:
543,647.61 lbs (2.84%)

Donated from District:
778,284.20 lbs (6.82%)

Program Sites:
8 (1.63%)

Volunteers:
42 (4.26%)



MA Ari Brown
20th District

Distributed to District:
667,174.69 lbs (3.49%)

Donated from District:
717,297.00 lbs (6.29%)

Program Sites:
12 (2.45%)

Volunteers:
20 (2.03%)



MA Judy Griffin
21st District

Distributed to District:
614,755.17 lbs (3.21%)

Donated from District:
7,703.00 lbs (0.07%)

Program Sites:
25 (5.10%)

Volunteers:
43 (4.36%)



MA Michaelle Solages
22nd District

Distributed to District:
408,688.36 lbs (2.14%)

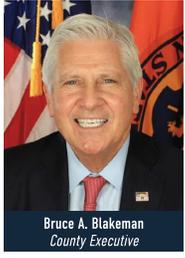
Donated from District:
299,760.00 lbs (2.63%)

Program Sites:
12 (2.45%)

Volunteers:
18 (1.83%)



NASSAU COUNTY

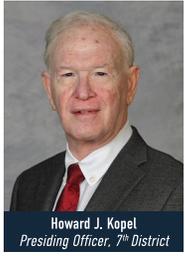


Distributed to County:
 7,336,047.24 lbs (34.62% of total - District % Based on County totals)

Donated from County:
 3,918,604.70 lbs (34.36% of total)

Program Sites:
 217 (44.20%)

Volunteers:
 520 (52.74%)



Distributed to District:
 157,374.12 lbs (2.15%)

Donated from District:
 103,277.00 lbs (2.64%)

Program Sites:
 5 (2.30%)

Volunteers:
 9 (1.73%)



Distributed to District:
 59,688.76 lbs (0.81%)

Donated from District:
 189,367.00 lbs (4.83%)

Program Sites:
 3 (1.38%)

Volunteers:
 29 (5.58%)



Distributed to District:
 29,691.60 lbs (0.40%)

Donated from District:
 97,965.00 (2.50%)

Program Sites:
 7 (3.23%)

Volunteers:
 35 (6.73%)



Distributed to District:
 525,050.91 lbs (7.16%)

Donated from District:
 135,439.00 lbs (3.46%)

Program Sites:
 14 (6.45%)

Volunteers:
 26 (5%)



Distributed to District:
 853,058.89 lbs (11.63%)

Donated from District:
 518.00 lbs (0.01%)

Program Sites:
 25 (11.52%)

Volunteers:
 27 (5.19%)



Distributed to District:
 1,283,483.55 lbs (17.50%)

Donated from District:
 774,020.50 lbs (19.75%)

Program Sites:
 29 (13.36%)

Volunteers:
 26 (5.00%)



Distributed to District:
 508,282.39 lbs (6.93%)

Donated from District:
 17,062.00 lbs (0.44%)

Program Sites:
 12 (5.53%)

Volunteers:
 8 (1.54%)



Distributed to District:
 526,337.17 lbs (7.17%)

Donated from District:
 657,201.00 lbs (16.77%)

Program Sites:
 8 (3.69%)

Volunteers:
 16 (3.08%)



Distributed to District:
 972,253.49 lbs (13.25%)

Donated from District:
 143,411.00 lbs (3.66%)

Program Sites:
 28 (12.90%)

Volunteers:
 13 (2.50%)

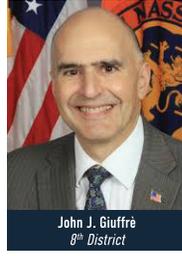


Distributed to District:
 845,471.13 lbs (11.52%)

Donated from District:
 3,863.00 lbs (0.10%)

Program Sites:
 25 (11.52%)

Volunteers:
 11 (2.12%)



Distributed to District:
 230,344.04 lbs (3.14%)

Donated from District:
 90,392.70 lbs (2.31%)

Program Sites:
 5 (2.30%)

Volunteers:
 15 (2.88%)



Distributed to District:
 253,192.21 lbs (3.45%)

Donated from District:
 148,685.00 lbs (3.79%)

Program Sites:
 4 (1.84%)

Volunteers:
 30 (5.77%)



Distributed to District:
 232,145.01 lbs (3.16%)

Donated from District:
 17,367.00 lbs (0.44%)

Program Sites:
 4 (1.84%)

Volunteers:
 26 (5.00%)



Distributed to District:
 96,785.82 lbs (1.32%)

Donated from District:
 242,836.00 lbs (6.20%)

Program Sites:
 4 (1.84%)

Volunteers:
 13 (2.50%)



Distributed to District:
 45,191.11 lbs (0.62%)

Donated from District:
 151,272.00 lbs (3.86%)

Program Sites:
 7 (3.23%)

Volunteers:
 34 (6.54%)



Distributed to District:
 96,091.34 lbs (1.31%)

Donated from District:
 281,365.50 lbs (7.18%)

Program Sites:
 8 (3.69%)

Volunteers:
 89 (17.12%)



Distributed to District:
 133,864.28 lbs (1.82%)

Donated from District:
 766,082.00 lbs (19.55%)

Program Sites:
 11 (5.07%)

Volunteers:
 41 (7.88%)



Distributed to District:
 398,461.03 lbs (5.43%)

Donated from District:
 52,700.00 lbs (1.34%)

Program Sites:
 13 (5.99%)

Volunteers:
 41 (7.88%)



Distributed to District:
 89,280.39 lbs (1.22%)

Donated from District:
 42,485.00 lbs (1.08%)

Program Sites:
 5 (2.30%)

Volunteers:
 30 (5.77%)



SUFFOLK COUNTY



Distributed to County:
 11,613,517.18 lbs (54.81% - District % Based on County totals)

Donated from County:
 5,962,453.95 (52.28%)

Program Sites:
 272 (55.40%)

Volunteers:
 438 (44.42%)



Distributed to District:
 2,246,514.29 lbs (19.34%)

Donated from District:
 985,249.00 lbs (16.52%)

Program Sites:
 27 (9.93%)

Volunteers:
 11 (2.51%)



Distributed to District:
 586,866.44 lbs (5.05%)

Donated from District:
 341,140.00 lbs (0.57%)

Program Sites:
 18 (6.62%)

Volunteers:
 6 (1.37%)



Distributed to District:
 165,643.65 lbs (1.43%)

Donated from District:
 22,578.00 lbs (0.38%)

Program Sites:
 20 (7.35%)

Volunteers:
 7 (1.60%)



Distributed to District:
 167,890.85 lbs (1.45%)

Donated from District:
 1,605,386.00 lbs (26.92%)

Program Sites:
 9 (3.31%)

Volunteers:
 10 (2.28%)



Distributed to District:
 98,883.70 lbs (0.85%)

Donated from District:
 260,473.00 lbs (4.37%)

Program Sites:
 10 (3.68%)

Volunteers:
 17 (3.88%)



Distributed to District:
 469,652.80 lbs (4.04%)

Donated from District:
 92,006.00 lbs (1.54%)

Program Sites:
 7 (2.57%)

Volunteers:
 15 (3.42%)



Distributed to District:
 972,962.88 lbs (8.38%)

Donated from District:
 122,684.00 lbs (2.06%)

Program Sites:
 28 (10.29%)

Volunteers:
 18 (4.11%)



Distributed to District:
 950,456.88 lbs (8.18%)

Donated from District:
 647,596.00 lbs (10.86%)

Program Sites:
 6 (2.21%)

Volunteers:
 27 (6.16%)



Distributed to District:
 731,582.34 lbs (6.30%)

Donated from District:
 198,288.00 lbs (3.33%)

Program Sites:
 25 (9.19%)

Volunteers:
 16 (3.65%)



Distributed to District:
 579,946.72 lbs (4.99%)

Donated from District:
 419,123.00 lbs (7.03%)

Program Sites:
 19 (6.99%)

Volunteers:
 45 (10.27%)

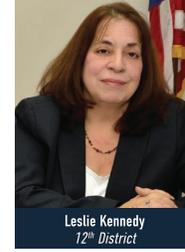


Distributed to District:
 274,913.20 lbs (2.37%)

Donated from District:
 186,710 lbs (3.13%)

Program Sites:
 10 (3.68%)

Volunteers:
 26 (5.94%)



Distributed to District:
 111,790.20 lbs (0.96%)

Donated from District:
 532,215 lbs (8.93%)

Program Sites:
 4 (1.47%)

Volunteers:
 23 (5.25%)



Distributed to District:
 305,057.32 lbs (2.63%)

Donated from District:
 224,422.00 lbs (3.76%)

Program Sites:
 4 (1.47%)

Volunteers:
 21 (4.79%)



Distributed to District:
 257,051.59 lbs (2.21%)

Donated from District:
 122,884.00 lbs (2.06%)

Program Sites:
 10 (3.68%)

Volunteers:
 21 (4.79%)



Distributed to District:
 1,880,999.93 lbs (16.20%)

Donated from District:
 201,389.25 lbs (3.38%)

Program Sites:
 44 (16.18%)

Volunteers:
 35 (7.99%)



Distributed to District:
 636,615.39 lbs (5.48%)

Donated from District:
 59,305.70 lbs (0.99%)

Program Sites:
 10 (3.68%)

Volunteers:
 46 (10.50%)



Distributed to District:
 984,130.51 lbs (8.47%)

Donated from District:
 149,342.00 lbs (2.50%)

Program Sites:
 14 (5.15%)

Volunteers:
 43 (9.82%)



Distributed to District:
 192,558.49 (1.66%)

Donated from District:
 88,301.00 lbs (1.48%)

Program Sites:
 7 (2.57%)

Volunteers:
 47 (10.73%)



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Advocacy **PLATFORM**

SELECT FEDERAL & STATE BILLS SUPPORTED BY ISLAND HARVEST

FEDERAL

- **H.R.1538 (Rep. Zachary Nunn, IA-03)** – Creates a pilot program for home delivery of Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) senior meal packages.
- **H.R.2512 (Rep. Grace Meng, NY-06)/S.1202 (Sen. Michael Bennet, CO)** – Allows Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants to purchase hot food at eligible locations.
- **H.R.2883 (Rep. Chellie Pingree, ME-01)/S.1395 (Sen. Chris Coons, DE)** - Establishes an Office of Food Loss and Waste in the United States Department of Agriculture.
- **H.R.4987 (Rep. Chellie Pingree, ME-01)/S.2541 (Richard Blumenthal, CT)** – Standardizes food date labels to improve consumer clarity regarding consumption and donation.

STATE

- **A.699 (MA Jessica González-Rojas)/S.1465 (Sen. Jose M. Serrano)** – Requires the State to implement consumer-grade chip/tap technology for EBT benefit cards for programs like SNAP.
- **A.3578 (MA Marcela Mitaynes)/S.403 (Sen. Zellnor Myrie)** – Creates a victims compensation fund for stolen SNAP benefits.
- **A.7921 (MA Karines Reyes)/S.7618 (Sen. Michelle Hinchey)** - Standardizes food date labels to improve consumer clarity regarding consumption and donation.
- **A.8091B (Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes)/S.7638B (Sen. Michelle Hinchey)** – Modernizes procurement law to help municipalities support local farmers and food producers when bids are within 10% of a lowest bidder.

ABOUT ISLAND HARVEST

Island Harvest Food Bank is a leading human services organization whose mission is to end hunger and reduce food waste on Long Island. We accomplish this through innovative programs and services aimed at enhanced hunger awareness, short-term case management, nutrition education, outreach and advocacy initiatives, our Healthy Harvest Farm, a Workforce Skills Development Institute, and efficient food collection and distribution.

Our work directly supports children, families, seniors, and veterans who turn to us in times of crisis and supports a network of community-based nonprofit organizations. Island Harvest Food Bank is a member of Feeding America®, a nationwide network of food banks leading the effort to solve hunger in the U.S.

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