

# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Long Island Imagine Awards

Recognizing *Innovation & Leadership* in the Nonprofit Sector



Wednesday, July 8, 2020

*Virtual Event*



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# IMAGINE

a world without hope or compassion  
a world without food and shelter  
a world without arts and culture  
a world without innovation and impact  
a world where the nonprofit sector didn't exist

2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. People's lives and businesses have been put on pause. This means a greater demand for nonprofit services. However, the nonprofit sector is similarly feeling the impact of the pandemic with cutbacks in funding at all levels, ever-changing government regulations, and the need to find innovative ways to provide service.

The nonprofit sector is such a vital part of Long Island. It's the best of all of us. The part we wish showed itself more often; the part of us that puts others above self; the part of us that does whatever it needs to do to make a difference, no matter what; and, unfortunately, the part of us that doesn't always get the recognition and funding it so desperately needs. That is why organizations need a night like tonight; a night where we can shine the light on the sector that does so much for all of us. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we, much like the nonprofit sector has done, had to make lemonade out of lemons... moving the event virtually.

Welcome to the 8th annual Imagine Awards, a program established to recognize and celebrate some of the best nonprofits on Long Island, to provide an avenue for exploration and collaboration, and to allow nonprofits (*and the rest of us too*) to share ideas and learn from each other. Tonight is an opportunity for us to support and appreciate those that all year long diligently work to elevate and support all of us. This is a special evening, albeit virtual, where 20 of Long Island's top nonprofit organizations will be competing in five different categories: *Leadership, Innovation, Rising Star, Arts & Culture, and Social Impact*, for a chance to win a prestigious Imagine Award, a \$5,000 check, and bragging rights for the year. Regardless of who wins, everyone tonight is a winner.

In addition, tonight, Island Harvest becomes the first inductee into the Long Island Imagine Awards Hall of Fame. Island Harvest has continuously shown impact, leadership, and innovation and has been a consistent winner/finalist over the first seven years of the Imagine Awards.

Your support of the Imagine Awards is helping to make a difference, so thank you for helping us continue to recognize the best of the best of Long Island's nonprofit community. I would especially like to thank this year's Platinum Sponsors; **Cerini & Associates, LLP**, **Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP**, **Empire National Bank**, **Claire Friedlander Family Foundation**, **Vanguard Insurance Agency**, and **Nerds that Care**, our Hall-of-Fame sponsor; **Nonprofit Resource Hub**, and our Cocktail Reception sponsor, **Nationwide Retirement Plans**. Consider supporting them as they support the nonprofit sector. Lastly, I would like to thank the awards committee and the judges who were so instrumental in making tonight a reality.

Although this is an awards program, our finalists need your support. We have added a text to donate component to this year's event, and we hope you will consider making a donation so that our finalists can continue to do amazing things.

Once again, congratulations to this year's Imagine Awards finalists! Thank you for making Long Island a better place for all of us.

Kenneth Cerini, CPA, CFP, FABFA  
Managing Partner, Cerini & Associates, LLP



# Evening Program

## Nationwide Cocktail Reception

### Welcome

Kenneth Cerini, CPA, CFP, FABFA, Imagine Awards Chair  
Managing Partner, Cerini & Associates, LLP

### Emcee

Doug Geed, Anchor, News 12 Long Island

## The Claire Friedlander Family Foundation Arts & Culture Award

### presented by:

Peter J. Klein CFA®, CRPS®, CAP®  
President, The Claire Friedlander Family Foundation  
Chief Investment Officer & Founder, ALINE Wealth

## The Vanguard Insurance Agency Rising Star Award

### presented by:

Edward Probst, CLU ChFC ChHC RHU HCR REBC  
President, Vanguard Insurance Agency

## The Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP Leadership Award

David Goldstein

Partner, Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP

## The Nerds That Care Fan Favorite Award

### presented by:

James Rocker  
President & CEO, Nerds That Care

## The Empire National Bank Innovation Award

### presented by:

Thomas M. Buonaiuto, CPA  
President & COO, Empire National Bank

## The Cerini & Associates, LLP Social Impact Award

### presented by:

Kenneth Cerini, CPA, CFP, FABFA  
Managing Partner, Cerini & Associates, LLP

## The Nonprofit Resource Hub Hall of Fame Award

### accepted by:

Randi Shubin Dresner  
President & CEO, Island Harvest Food Bank

### Conclusion

Kenneth Cerini, CPA, CFP, FABFA, Imagine Awards Chair  
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## After Party - Nationwide Cocktail Reception

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## SUPPORT OUR AMAZING FINALISTS!



**Ken Cerini, CPA, CFP, FABFA**  
**Managing Partner**  
**Cerini & Associates, LLP**

Ken Cerini is the founder and managing partner of Cerini & Associates, LLP. Like many of the nonprofits he serves, Ken is passionate about making a difference, believing that it is important to be deeply invested in every client relationship and providing real value to each of his clients. He is one of the top accountants/consultants in the State of New York working with special education providers, is well versed in nonprofit issues, and also is heavily involved in the healthcare industry. However, most of you already know that about Ken. Since this is the Imagine Awards, a program more focused on passion than on technical skills, let's dive into who Ken really is:

- ▶ Ken is a mentor, spending countless hours educating his clients and his staff to help them to become more knowledgeable and successful.
- ▶ Ken is an avid climber and hiker, believing that anything could be made better by just adding a mountain. He enjoys the thrill of pushing himself and the views he gets once he arrives (*follow him on Instagram @totalcerinity*). Over the years, Ken has channeled his passion for hanging off rocks and traversing alpine terrains into fundraising opportunities for various nonprofits through the Cerini Challenge.
- ▶ Ken is compassionate, putting others ahead of himself to help ensure that people's needs are being met... which is what drew him to the nonprofit sector.
- ▶ Ken also enjoys family. He has been married to his wife Bonnie for over 30 years and has three children he is very proud of; Kelli - *who just started her own line of activewear - Cerinic Apparel*, Arielle - *a doctoral student at RPI*, and Erik - *a video game programmer who is also attending WPI for his masters*.
- ▶ Ken loves to cook and bake... he feels it allows him to express the creative side of his personality.
- ▶ Ken is a head-banger (*loves heavy metal music for the energy it contains*), and as people tend to mellow out as they get older, that is not the case for Ken.
- ▶ Ken is the founder of the Imagine Awards, an impactful way of recognizing and celebrating the nonprofit sector, a sector that is often overlooked and taken for granted.



**Doug Geed**  
**Anchor**  
**News 12 Long Island**

Doug Geed is an anchor and the last remaining original team member for News 12 Long Island when it debuted in December of 1986.

A graduate of Syosset High School and the University of Missouri School of Journalism, Geed co-anchors News 12's Daytime Show, reports in the field and is the creator, producer and host of the Emmy Award Winning East End Show.

In all Geed has won 10 Emmy Awards and was named the 2004 Journalist of the Year by the LI Press Club.

He lives in Suffolk County with his wife of 35 years and his three children.

# Imagine

*"You may say I'm a dreamer but I'm not the only one, I hope someday you'll join us, and the whole world will live as one."*

*~John Lennon*



**Rachel Fernbach**  
**Counsel**  
**Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP**

Rachel A. Fernbach concentrates her practice in the area of not-for-profit and corporate law, representing health care providers, behavioral health providers and agencies that provide services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ms. Fernbach has significant experience in corporate transactions involving not-for-profit corporations, including formation, application for federal tax exemption, mergers and acquisitions, dissolution and governmental approval of major corporate actions. In addition,

Ms. Fernbach serves as the Deputy Director and Assistant General Counsel of the New York Psychiatric Association, the medical specialty association of psychiatrists practicing in New York State.

#### **Education**

The George Washington University Law School, J.D. 1998 Tufts University, B.A. 1995

#### **Admissions**

Ms. Fernbach is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey.

#### **Affiliations**

Ms. Fernbach is a member of the New York State and Nassau County Bar Associations.



**Michael Halperin**  
**Vice President of Business Development**  
**Solaris Technologies**

Michael Halperin is the Vice President of Business Development at Solaris Technologies, Inc., which provides outsourced managed services to clients nationally. As a business development expert, Michael believes the key to being successful in sales is not actually selling, but uncovering a client's needs and providing solutions. Vital to that process is truly listening to the client, establishing trust, and successfully achieving intended goals.

*"It's all about genuine relationships," says Michael. "If I can, I help them. If I can't help them, then I will introduce them to someone who can. When you surround yourself with great people and build real relationships, they will keep coming back to you."*

While on the Board of Directors at Habitat for Humanity, Michael met Matthew Nikraves, the President and Co-Founder of Solaris Technologies. It became clear that Michael would be a great fit for Solaris and was hired to be an integral part of Solaris's executive team.

Michael is presently President and Chairman of the Board for Habitat For Humanity Nassau. Michael also holds board seats with both Girls Inc. and Spirit of Huntington Art Center.

Michael has three degrees in Business and Advertising Arts and Design. Michael started his career in finance before moving into Business Development in 2009. Michael is passionate about hockey, enjoys being outdoors, and has a deep appreciation for music and art. His teenage daughter shares his love for art and together, they have amassed an eclectic art collection from all over the world in their home on Long Island



**Joanne Krush**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**SterlingRisk**

Joanne Krush, the Chief Financial Officer of SterlingRisk, joined the company in February 2015. She brings an extensive financial management background as well as a strategic focus to the company.

Prior to joining SterlingRisk, Ms. Krush held various financial positions in the insurance brokerage industry, most recently as SVP/Finance for Hub International Northeast. Prior to Hub, Ms. Krush was the SVP/Finance at

Aon/Berkely Travel and VP/Finance at Jardine Insurance Brokers. She began her career at Grant Thornton.

Ms. Krush received a BBA in Accounting from Hofstra University.

A licensed CPA and CGMA, Ms. Krush is an active member in the New York State Society of CPAs, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Institute of Management Accountants. She enjoys Community Service work with the United Way, Mary Brennan INN, and the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF).



**Annette Marinaccio**  
**AVP - Business Development**  
**Northwell Health**

Annette Marinaccio, CPA is currently the Vice President of the Physician Compensation and Contracting Department at Northwell Health. In this role, she oversees the generation and processing of approximately 3,000 Physician Employment and Services Agreements and Amendments annually.

Ms. Marinaccio joined Northwell after two years as the AVP of Physician Practice Management at Winthrop-University Hospital and 23 years at NRAD Medical Associates (formerly Nassau Radiologic Group) where she served as Chief Executive/CFO. There, she was responsible for leading the private physician practice through multiple generations of ownership, expansions and acquisitions.

Marinaccio earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Binghamton University and subsequently became a Certified Public Accountant in New York State. Throughout her illustrious career, Ms. Marinaccio has been recognized with several prestigious honors including being named one of the Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business by Long Island Business News in 2005.

She is an initial member of Long Island's Financial Executive Women (FEW) and is a member of the Healthcare Leaders of New York and the Medical Group Management Association – the nation's premier membership association for professional administrators and leaders of medical group practices.

She resides in Farmingdale, NY, with her husband. She enjoys spending time with her two adult children.



**Cindy Morris**  
**CEO**  
**The Benson Agency**

With a BA in Political Communication and a Masters in Tourism Administration from The George Washington University, after nearly fifteen years working for a variety of corporate organizations in the hospitality and travel industries, Cindy founded The Benson Agency. The Benson Agency, works with non profits that want to bridge the gap between social good and sustainability.

Over the past decade, in addition to working with almost 50 different Long Island based Non-profits, Cindy has also been the Chief Operations Officer of i-tri, which provides mental health supports to middle school aged girls from Mastic to Montuak, empowering them to see beyond their own hurdles to achieve short and long term successes academically, behaviorally and socially.

And today, Cindy serves as the Vice President of Development and Community Engagement for the American Society on Aging, which aims to cultivate leadership, advance knowledge and strengthen the skills of all who work with and on behalf of older adults.

# Meet the Judges



**Dan Sabia**  
**Founder/CEO**  
**Built Well Solar**

Dan Sabia founded Built Well Solar Corp. in 2001, and currently serves as its President. Long Island's original solar energy company, Built Well Solar has designed and installed more solar-electric systems on Long Island than most other companies combined. The company provides residential and commercial solar-electric (*photovoltaics or PV for short*) systems. For seven years in a row, Built Well Solar has been ranked one of the "Top Solar Contractors in the United States."

For more than 25 years, Dan served as Director of Facilities for Carle Place Schools, the first school district on Long Island to install a large-scale PV solar system, for which Dan was the project manager who oversaw its completion. During his tenure at the district, he coordinated major renovations and special projects funded by two bond issues totaling \$24 million for new construction that included a library/media center, district-wide roofing systems and electrical upgrades, installation of elevators, and a renovated sports field and an all-weather track. Prior to that, Dan served as Assistant to Director of Physical Plant, Nassau Community College, where he supervised more than 100 tradesmen in renovating and maintaining campus facilities, and as an inspector for the Nassau County Department of Public Works, as well as an independent home improvement contractor.

Dan is also a retired military officer, with the rank of Major in the U.S. Army, having served in the New York Army National Guard for 27 years. He was logistics officer and facilities engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers for 12 years, and commander of the 204th Engineers at Camp Smith Training Site in Peekskill, New York. Due to his military training in nuclear/biological/chemical warfare, Dan was called as a first responder after the collapse of the Twin Towers on 9/11. In fact, Dan's experience at Ground Zero triggered his decision to further renewable energy as an alternative to foreign oil. Dan soon founded Built Well Solar, launched when he designed and installed a PV system on his own home, the first 10-kilowatt residential system on Long Island.

Dan holds a B.S. in Architecture/Occupational Education from the **New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)**, and pursued graduate studies in Environmental Science at C.W. Post in the 1970s, where he first became aware of the promise of renewable energy, the technology then in its infancy. Dan holds certifications in the design and installation of solar technology, having completed coursework at the Florida State Solar Institute and at the Solar Energy Center at SUNY Farmingdale, accredited by the Institute of Sustainable Power. He has NYS permanent teacher certification in Occupational Education, Building/ Construction, and conducts courses on PV and solar energy operations.

Dan served as alumni advisor to the Solar Decathlon team at NYIT in 2005 and 2007, and Built Well Solar was a major commercial sponsor for the 2007 event. The decathlon is a global competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy challenging college students to design and build a solar-powered house.

A longstanding member of the Chamber of Commerce of the Bellmores, in 2017 Dan was honored to be named "*Businessperson of the Year*" for the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce. His Long Island roots run deep – his late mother's family, the Buczaks, among the first settlers of East Meadow and his late father a founder and later Fire Commissioner of the North Bellmore Fire Department.

# Meet the Judges



**Matthew Thompson, CFP®, CIMA®**  
**First Vice President**  
**Morgan Stanley**

Matthew A. Thompson, CFP®, CIMA® has been providing highly customized advice, personalized investment solutions and financial planning services to individuals and multi-generational families for more than 22 years. As the financial services industry has moved to a more consultative approach, his corporations and non-profit organizations have looked for guidance in strategic planning, employee engagement, and corporate benefits in addition to the traditional financial services. His numerous titles include: First Vice President; Family Wealth Advisor, Senior Investment Management Consultant, Senior Portfolio Manager, Financial Planning Specialist and Financial Advisor.

A graduate of Occidental College with an Advanced B.A. in both Economics and Geology, Matthew is committed to continued higher learning. In 2006, he received his Certified Investment Management Analyst® (CIMA®) certification from The Wharton School of Business. This prestigious designation focuses on asset allocation, ethics, due diligence, risk measurement, investment policy and performance management and is the only credential designed specifically for financial professionals who to attain a level of competency as an advanced investment consultant.

In addition, Matthew earned his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER (CFP®) designation in 2011. As a CFP®, Matt has successfully completed the rigorous education, examination, experience and ethics requirements required by the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER Board of Standards, an independent professional regulatory organization. As such, he holds himself to and is held to the highest standards of ethics and competency for his clients.

Having a presence in the local community is one of his personal undertakings. He is currently Chairman of the Board for the American Red Cross on Long Island and on the Board of Directors for the Greater New York Region. In 2020, he was asked to join Board of Directors for the Bayside Business Association. He also a member of the regional planning community for his alma mater, a member of ADDAPT, the Queens Chamber of Commerce, the 2019 Class of Molloy College's Energeia Partnership and teaches financial literacy to local high schools as a SIFMA Foundation volunteer.

For the past 9 years, Matthew has resided in Pelham Manor, NY, with his wife, Heather and their two children, Neala and Liam. In his leisure time, he coaches his daughter's soccer team, plays golf with family and friends and is an avid wine collector.





### ***Claire Friedlander Family Foundation Arts & Culture Award***

The arts are an integral part of what makes us human. They nourish the roots of our culture and communities. This award is given to an organization that helps shape and inspire its community through the arts; not only taking us on a journey of enlightenment but also acting as an economic engine that helps build and shape the community around it.

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### ***Vanguard Insurance Agency Rising Star Award***

This award will recognize a nonprofit generating under \$2 million in revenue for its outstanding innovation, impact, and achievements in meeting its mission. The award will be given to an organization who demonstrates an outstanding record of sustained achievement, has successfully demonstrated successful financial performance and impact, and has built a reputation for excellence within the community.

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### ***Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP Leadership Excellence Award***

This award recognizes an exemplary nonprofit leader (*who may be an Executive Director, board member, staff member, volunteer, etc.*) whose accomplishments have advanced his/her organization. The leader must work in and reside in either Nassau or Suffolk Counties. This is not about traditional volunteering, directors, or funding, but focuses on innovation in driving organizational change and social impact.

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### ***Nerds That Care Fan Favorite Award***

Each finalist is automatically entered into the voting pool to win the \$3,000 Fan Favorite Award. Voting typically runs for 3 weeks in March/April. The public can vote daily via social media and each finalist is encouraged to share the link. The finalist with the most votes is declared the "*Fan Favorite*" and is announced LIVE at the event.



### ***Empire National Bank Innovation Award***

This nonprofit has been innovative in adopting new platforms that have led to a significant increase in the organization's ability to meet its mission. This could include the implementation of technology that enables the organization to achieve cost savings and better communication; a strategic approach to fundraising; a unique and effective public relations campaign; etc.

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### ***Cerini & Associates, LLP Social Impact Award***

This award will be given to a nonprofit that measures success not just by meeting its mission, but by affecting its surrounding community. The impact goes beyond the number of children served, shelters provided, and mouths fed. Impact looks at how lives and communities have been changed, and how an organization can measure that.

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### ***Nonprofit Resource Hub 2020 Hall of Fame Imagine Award – Island Harvest***

The Long Island Imagine Awards Hall of Fame was established to honor those organizations that consistently excel in the areas of leadership, impact, and operations. These organizations continuously operate at the highest level and have been recognized by the Imagine Awards as a consistent winner or finalist.

# Congratulations Finalists



**CERINI ASSOCIATES LLP**  
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**Social Impact Award**

**Family Service League**  
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**Arts & Culture Award**

**NASSAU COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART**

**THE SPIRIT OF HUNTINGTON**  
ART CENTER

**Splashes of Hope**

**CERTILMAN BALIN**  
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**Leadership Excellence Award**

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**AMERICA'S VET DOGS**  
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**THE SPIRIT OF HUNTINGTON**  
ART CENTER

**GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION**  
EST. 1946

**NERdsThatCare**  
IT Experts - Cyber Specialists

**Fan Favorite Award**

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**The Book Fairies**

**AMERICA'S VET DOGS**  
EST. 2003

**GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION**  
EST. 1946

**VANGUARD**  
INSURANCE AGENCY  
Employee Benefit Solutions

**Rising Star Award**

**Bringing Birthday Parties to Homeless Children**  
birthday wishes

**newhour**

**Smile FARMS**

**The Book Fairies**

**Nonprofit Resource Hub**

Hall of Fame Winner

**Island Harvest**  
A FOOD BANK FOR LONG ISLAND



**The Nassau County Museum of Art** is an established cultural landmark that is rapidly changing to serve a broad and diverse community. For the past 30 years, it has been a hub for Long Island's culture-hungry residents, presenting critically acclaimed exhibitions, concerts, and events that draw over 200,000 visitors each year. For 15,000 school children who visit on field trips and enrichment programs, it is very often their first taste of a museum experience. The professional staff of educators use an "inquiry based" approach to teaching. This innovation has propelled the museum to a leadership role in the training of teachers and students who are hoping to enter the arts, including art therapy and disability studies.

In the past year, the Museum has opened The Manes center where, many of the Island's top artist-teachers lead studio classes. With the full calendar of sold-out gallery talks, symposia, Sunday family programs, and films, we attract artists of all abilities and backgrounds to the campus. Our grounds include 145 acres of woodland trails, a formal garden, and a renowned collection of monumental outdoor works, which makes the campus an art experience beyond walls.

In addition to over 100 schools, we welcome groups from our community partners, including the North Shore Autism Circle, Sid Jacobson Jewish Center, United Cerebral Palsy and Glen Cove Adult Day Program. With programs for visitors with Alzheimer's, and children on the autism spectrum, the museum has become one of the most innovative and advanced places for art lovers with disabilities on the Island.

*Charles A. Riley II, Ph.D., Director*  
*Nassau County Museum of Art*  
*One Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor, NY 11576*  
*(516) 484-9338 | [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org)*



**The Spirit of Huntington Art Center** is a non-profit organization that believes creative expression can transform lives of students with special needs and veterans by igniting a passion in their lives. We are a community resource for fine art classes, exhibits and auctions, as well as digital art vocation training with special needs students for rewarding careers in graphic and computer design.

Our first program "**Artists Come Alive**" is a class for creative expression that offers those with special needs the opportunity to learn about renown artists, many of whom overcame personal challenges to pursue their passion. Students then create their own masterpieces emulating that artist's style culminating in a big art show for the public.

**ArtWORKS™** is another innovative program that offers personalized training by providing students with skills and knowledge to work with digital art, computer graphics, and social media management. With unemployment at 85% for young adults with special needs, **ArtWORKS™** offers workplace applications through internships at the Center. Training with non-profit clients as graphic designers, students gain professional skills and the confidence necessary for today's competitive job market.

Spirit of Huntington Art Center offers successful brand representation and corporate identity for non-profits, developing their marketing strategy and telling their stories through direct media channels.

Many local and national non-profit organizations that serve diverse communities have expressed interest and our future looks bright and is limited only by the boundaries of art itself!

*Michael H. Kitakis, Executive Director*  
*Spirit of Huntington Art Center*  
*2 Melville Road, Huntington Station, NY 11746*  
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**Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts (PTPA)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization that enriches, educates, and entertains a diverse audience by cultivating and showcasing a broad variety of performing artists. Patchogue Theatre serves as an innovative cultural resource for its community and the Long Island region by collaborating with neighboring organizations and fostering educational opportunities.

The historic Patchogue Theatre, which opened in 1923, is publicly owned by the Incorporated Village of Patchogue and its residents. It is a full-time, mixed-use venue, offering a variety of entertainment including concerts, live performances, films, educational presentations, commercial productions, community forums, and other events.

Since its opening in 1998 the theatre has played a part in housing Broadway shows, plays, The Long Island Hall of Fame, comedy, auctions, dance performances and competitions, and live concerts by local and national acts. Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, has seen the likes of a wide range of music styles, ranging from classical to Jazz, Rock, Blues, Folk, etc.

Since 2004, Patchogue Theatre has maintained a state-of-the-art world-class sound system and Broadway-caliber lighting and rigging. New, more spacious seating with better sightlines was installed bringing Patchogue Theatre's total number of seats to 1,106, including the handicap-accessible seating throughout the Orchestra level. This allows Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts to remain the Largest Theatre in Suffolk County.

*Jodi Giambrone, Director of Marketing & PR*  
*Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts*  
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**Splashes of Hope** creates customized mural works for hospitals and healthcare centers, transforming the space 'From Clinical to Colorful.' The artwork is used to brighten the environment for patients and residents, family members, and healthcare staff.

Splashes of Hope was founded 23 years ago. Thousands of murals have been installed throughout the country and internationally. There are currently over 100 healthcare facilities on our waiting list seeking the funds to partner with our organization.

*Painting for a Purpose* is an interactive mural painting event, where attendees 'partici-PAINT' a mural supporting a great cause. The murals are first outlined for the event, painted in by attendees alongside our artists, completed by our professional artists, then installed into a local healthcare center!

*Celebration of Life* program dedicates mural work in tribute to an anniversary, retirement, coming of age, or in memory of. Names of loved ones can be painted directly into the murals, we can add them sailing on a sailboat, or relaxing on the beach!

Splashes of Hope artists also create mural work customized for children with serious medical illnesses called, '**Splash Stars**,' children undergoing strenuous and oftentimes life-threatening procedures, spending extended periods of time in their homes for recovery. Our artists create a mural just for them, incorporating all of their favorite things within a unique composition to be installed within the child's bedroom to enjoy every day.

'**Friend on the Mend**' is a coloring book custom-designed by Splashes of Hope artists specifically to acclimate children in the hospital setting.

*Sarah Baecher, Executive Director*  
*Splashes of Hope*  
*101 Browns Road, Huntington, NY 11743*  
*(631) 424-8230 | [www.splashesofhope.org](http://www.splashesofhope.org)*



The mission of **Birthday Wishes of Long Island** is to improve and empower the lives of homeless children and their families by providing joy, play and hope through the magic of a birthday party. Our goal is to ensure that children experiencing the trauma of homelessness have the opportunity to celebrate their birthday joyfully, surrounded by family, friends and others who care.

Birthday Wishes of Long Island began having parties 10 years ago in one shelter, and since then, has expanded to serve children in over 81 local family shelters, emergency and transitional housing programs and domestic violence shelters. Birthday Wishes is the only one on Long Island to provide this invaluable service, and we celebrate more than 140 birthdays every month!

Our grassroots philosophy fosters the spirit of volunteerism and community service in the adults, children and families who donate their time and resources. All of our birthday parties are run by volunteers, who participate as individuals, families and groups. In addition, we have over 500 volunteers island-wide, who participate in many other ways. They tirelessly give of their time, and donate the baked goods, party supplies, wrapping paper and toys needed to run our program.

A combination of academic research, anecdotal evidence and program evaluation tells us that birthday celebrations build self-esteem and provide a sense of normalcy not often experienced by homeless children. The Birthday Wishes program ensures that every birthday child we serve knows the day s/he was born was a very special day.

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*"When my family founded Smile Farms, we did so not only to help those in need, but to show other groups and businesses that individuals with developmental disabilities can be every bit as productive, if not more so, as those without a disability." — Jenna McCann Messer, Founding Family Member, Smile Farms, Inc.*

At Smile Farms Inc., we create meaningful employment, vocational, and educational opportunities for people with disabilities at farms, urban gardens, and greenhouses in their local communities. These rewarding experiences allow them to gain the satisfaction of mastering new skills, while contributing to their team and community.

Smile Farms began with the goal of providing employment at one agricultural campus for one partner organization. As we have grown, so has our ambition, and we now see Smile Farms emerging not only as a leader in providing solutions for the problem of unemployment among adults with disabilities but also an anchor for K-12 school-based curriculum and pre-vocational programs.

When we asked Berdina Wright of Smile Farms at Skills Unlimited about the favorite part of her job, she said, *"I grew up with gardens being a big part of my life at home, and I am happy to have the opportunity to continue gardening and earn a paycheck. I love harvesting produce to share with my community. Cucumbers are my winning crop!"*

Smile Farms is shaping a better future where people with disabilities are embraced and valued for the real contributions they make in our workplaces and communities.

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**New Hour for Women and Children - Long Island**, founded in 2014 works to provide pre- and post-release services to promote successful community re-entry for justice impacted women. With thirteen weekly programs inside the two Suffolk jails and a program for women after release, EMERGE, New Hour is designed to support and empower women so that they never return to jail once released.

Our work directly addresses the over-criminalization of women and mothers, especially women of color as well as the trauma experienced by the children of incarcerated mothers. The profound and devastating increase in the involvement of women within the criminal justice system has been the result of more expansive law enforcement efforts, stiffer drug sentencing laws, and post-conviction barriers to reentry that uniquely impact women. The female jail population nationwide now represents the fastest growing population. And this is exactly what we have seen in the jails on Long Island.

Since its inception, New Hour has provided services to over 1,300 criminal justice-involved women and their children, and has a 2% rate of re-incarceration for the women who participate in our jail and reentry programming. This is in stark contrast to the 65% recidivism rate those in Long Island jails have when not receiving support from New Hour. We aim to empower and engage women as advocates for themselves and to ensure they have a strong support system to ensure successful reentry and family reunification with their children.

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*Can you imagine a home, classroom or school library without books? Lack of access to and the cost of books are key contributors to illiteracy, which feeds the cycle of poverty.*

One in four New Yorkers is illiterate. Books educate and prepare a child for success in school and beyond. And, there is a direct correlation between reading scores and the number of books in the home. So the most successful way to improve the reading achievement of low-income children is to increase their access to books.

Founded in 2012, **The Book Fairies** is a not-for-profit organization that collects and redistributes new and gently used books to communities that lack access to reading materials. Books are collected through drives organized with schools, businesses and organizations. Through upcycling, resources that already exist are shifted from those who no longer need them to those who need them most. The Book Fairies has four program areas: Children's Programs, Community Programs, Global Literacy, and Special Needs Partnerships.

Since inception, over 2.2 Million books have been distributed, benefitting 572 individual learning institutions and 255 Community organizations. In 2019, 597,652 books were distributed, including 150,000 that went overseas, and 12 tons were recycled. Over 180 volunteer opportunities were provided for special needs individuals, offering them a chance to contribute to their own communities.

The Book Fairies is committed to creating partnerships that enable us all to serve more powerfully, working together to break the cycle of poverty that stems from illiteracy. It starts with a book!

**Eileen Minogue, Executive Director**  
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**Robert S. Budd** is the CEO of **Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.'s (FREE, Inc.)** Network. Robert has been a lifelong advocate for individuals with disabilities and has spent over 35 years being a champion of inclusion. Under Robert's leadership the FREE network touches the lives of over 35,000 of the most vulnerable individuals with diverse housing, day, employment, youth, after school, crisis, rehabilitative and other innovative services to enhance local communities.

FREE's mission is to help individuals of all abilities realize their full potential. Under Robert's guidance, FREE creates highly personalized services for each individual, to help them lead meaningful, independent lives rooted in their community.

Robert is a vision driven, results orientated leader. He has initiated numerous innovative proposals most notably the Network structure to help smaller organizations achieve efficiencies and strength of a larger Network. Robert takes leadership roles on many advocacy boards both regionally and nationally and is working on initiatives that will help direct the future of services for individuals with disabilities. Robert serves as the President of the Board for **American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)** and was inducted into the ANCOR Foundation Legacy Leaders Circle.

Robert believes deeply in collaboration, partnership and synergy and created a partnership and collaboration model that has gotten national attention as an effective way to realize cost containment and expand services to new populations. Opportunities for volunteerism, job readiness and employment have been created by collaborating with libraries, museums, schools, universities, nursing homes, food pantries, animal shelters, businesses and inviting all valued team members to share their gifts, talents and passions.

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**Hope For Youth** is dedicated to facilitating positive change in the lives of children, youth and families through programs that offer stable, nurturing, residential care, foster care, preventive and outpatient programs which educate, motivate and empower individuals to achieve their full potential. In 1969, Hope For Youth was founded to get children out of psychiatric centers and into the community. Hope For Youth's Board of Directors and our dedicated staff recognize that the well-being of individuals and of our agency is built on a foundation of innovation programs. Over the last 30 years Hope For Youth has grown exponentially under the leadership of Executive Director and CEO **Dr. David Hegarty**. HFY's focus continues to be the well-being of children, youth and families across Long Island as we address the struggles of trauma, addiction, mental health, housing, food insecurity and child neglect. Our programs and treatment models incorporate evidence-based interventions and cutting edge solutions that strive to keep children at home with parents or other family members, or expedite return a home as quickly as possible when out of home care is necessary. Just as building a strong house requires a variety of materials, Dr. Hegarty recognizes that building well-being relies on programs that engage a variety of community resources, building social relationships, and creating opportunities for people that empower change.

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The mission of **Girls Inc. of Long Island** is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold. Our research-based programming is delivered by trained facilitators who focus on the development of the whole girl, supporting, mentoring, and guiding girls in an affirming, pro-girl environment. Our programs enable girls to grow up healthy, educated, and independent. We bridge the gap between academics and successful living, providing girls the tools they need to truly be successful and resilient. At Girls Inc. of Long Island, girls learn to value their whole selves, learn, discover and develop their inherent strengths, and receive the support they need to navigate the challenges they face. We advocate for girls' rights and gender equity to ensure girls are able to take their rightful places in this world.

Under the leadership of **Renee Flagler**, Girls Inc. of Long Island has experienced exponential growth by significantly increasing the budget, launching new innovative programs and initiatives, and serving over 1000 girls. Girls Inc. of Long Island has received numerous accolades for its growth including the Outstanding Affiliate of the Year Award by the national Girls Inc. organization. We continue to be driven by our vision of creating a more equitable world for all girls and helping them grow stronger, smarter and bolder.

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Since President and CEO **John Miller** joined the **Guide Dog Foundation** and **America's VetDogs** in March of 2018, both organizations have experienced record setting impact, including the demand for its services and visibility. By implementing clear expectations and goal clarity, by adopting a "be at the table" strategy, and by forming partnerships with high profile clients and partners including former President George H.W. Bush and his family, NBC, and the NHL, the organizations awareness and impact of its services is at an all-time high. Miller has been able to harness the power of these high profile relationships to significantly elevate not only our organizations, but the industry as a whole.

In his role as the leader of two established nonprofit organizations, Miller recognized the essential need for organizational evolution in order to elevate the great work of the Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs. He fostered a structure for open and transparent communication with all constituencies, and instituted an organization-wide platform of role and goal clarity, empowerment & responsibility so all staff and volunteers can meet goals and have the largest impact for our consumers.

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Established in 1948, **The Children’s Learning Center (CLC)**, has a well-earned reputation for outstanding education, evaluation, and treatment services for children from birth to age 21 with a broad range of mild to severe disabilities. Each child’s program is individualized and closely monitored by a team of multidisciplinary professionals. At the Children’s Learning Center, preparation for inclusion, mainstreaming and maximum independence in the community is emphasized. The CLC is affiliated with the **Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County** where a “lift-free” environment is a goal.

One of the programs at CLC that helps our students reach these goals, is the MOVE program. **MOVE** stands for **Mobility Opportunities Via Education** and seeks to improve the overall quality of life for people with disabilities. Through the use of specialized equipment, MOVE helps promote fuller participation in our students’ own lives. With the constant practice provided at CLC, in therapies and classrooms alike, we truly believe that our students will gain independence unlike ever before.

At CLC, MOVE is already providing our students with new experiences. Students that have never experienced the joy of walking to their classrooms, are doing so. Students that have only attended a field trip in a wheelchair, are now walking while supported in a gait trainer. Through the use of hand supports at a table, students that have never stood and participated in classroom activities are now able to participate alongside their peers.

Through the success of the MOVE program at The Children’s Learning Center, our students are gaining independence, dignity and inclusion in their daily activities. Move is empowering and is changing lives of students and their families.

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**The Spirit of Huntington Art Center** is a non-profit organization that believes creative expression can transform lives of students with special needs and veterans by igniting a passion in their lives. We are a community resource for fine art classes, exhibits and auctions, as well as digital art vocation training with special needs students for rewarding careers in graphic and computer design.

Our first program “**Artists Come Alive**” is a class for creative expression that offers those with special needs the opportunity to learn about renown artists, many of whom overcame personal challenges to pursue their passion. Students then create their own masterpieces emulating that artist’s style culminating in a big art show for the public.

**ArtWORKS™** is another innovative program that offers personalized training by providing students with skills and knowledge to work with digital art, computer graphics, and social media management. With unemployment at 85% for young adults with special needs, **ArtWORKS™** offers workplace applications through internships at the Center. Training with non-profit clients as graphic designers, students gain professional skills and the confidence necessary for today’s competitive job market.

Spirit of Huntington Art Center offers successful brand representation and corporate identity for non-profits, developing their marketing strategy and telling their stories through direct media channels.

Many local and national non-profit organizations that serve diverse communities have expressed interest and our future looks bright and is limited only by the boundaries of art itself!

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**Planned Parenthood of Greater New York (PPGNY)** is a leading provider of sexual and reproductive health services and information, a fierce advocate, and a committed partner in advancing equity and improving health outcomes for all.

Integral to our mission is providing teens with medically-accurate and age-appropriate sexual health education in schools and through other community-based organizations. Equipping youth with this education empowers them to make informed decisions and ultimately supports them in leading healthy and responsible lives. Of course, PPGNY adult educators do not take on these efforts alone; we partner with those who know teens best: teens themselves. We do this through our **Teen Advocate Project (TAP)**.

TAP is a peer education initiative that was launched 35 years ago to better reach and engage youth in our communities. Currently, the program employs high school students from the Hempstead, Roosevelt, and Uniondale school districts, where these young advocates interact with their peers in school and community settings. Importantly, their efforts to inform their peers are focused on meeting teens where they are most: on social media.

Last year, our TAP Teens launched the “*You Asked, We Answered!*” campaign, which used videos and creative visuals on SnapChat and Instagram to answer questions relating to abstinence, condom use, birth control, healthy relationships, consent, and access to health services. This campaign garnered millions of views, and meaningfully kept youth in our community healthy, safe, and empowered. We invite teens to “tap” into health information that resonates with them by following @ppgny.teens.

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For more than 70 years, the **Guide Dog Foundation** has trained and placed guide dogs to provide independence, enhanced mobility, and companionship to people who are blind, have low vision, or have other special needs. Through the creativity and vision of our staff and volunteers, we are emerging as the premier assistance dog organization for training and placing facility dogs to provide animal assisted therapy intervention. Our most notable placement, “*Sunny*,” the former NBC Today Show puppy with a purpose, is a trained facility dog at the Henry Viscardi School. This placement is the first of its kind for both organizations.

Sunny’s daily tasks include greeting students as they start their day, motivating students during physical and speech therapy sessions, providing a safe and non-judgmental partner during reading activities, acting as a social and emotional learning tool to assist children in managing stress and understanding emotions, empathy, goals, and relationships. Learn more about the Foundation at [www.GuideDog.org](http://www.GuideDog.org).

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For over 90 years, **Family Service League (FSL)** has been helping our neighbors in need by providing vital services and programs which address life's most pressing struggles. FSL is a non-profit, non-sectarian community-based human service agency that offers a comprehensive spectrum of care which includes over 60 programs at 20 locations throughout Long Island. It is a safety-net for thousands of families each year. Its broad array of programs serves infants to elders through Children & Youth Programs, Senior Services, Vocational Programs, Family Support Programs, Mental Health Counseling, Addiction Treatment, Housing & Homeless Services, and the 24-hour DASH Crisis Care Center and Hotline.

Included in FSL's continuum of care are a network of shelters that provide housing for over 600 children and adults every night. Another life-line resource for our most vulnerable residents is the FSL Family Centers. These are community-based centers, located in Bay Shore, Huntington Station, Riverhead, and Mastic Beach, offering a wide array of services.

While each person's situation is unique, common threads run through people's lives that impact their ability to improve their economic condition. These include mental illness, addiction disorders, poor physical health, and low educational levels. FSL is committed to providing tangible programs and building alliances with school districts, hospitals, and other community partners to ensure that those most at risk have access to services that can help them and their families on their journey to a better quality of life. FSL is Restoring Hope and Rebuilding Lives.

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**Special Olympics New York** is proud to be part of a global movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport every day. Through programming in sports, health, education and community building, we are changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and working to reduce global injustice, isolation, intolerance and inactivity they often face.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, Special Olympics New York is the largest state chapter in the country, serving more than 67,000 athletes across New York with year-round sports training, athletic competition, and health screenings. The organization also partners with more than 170 schools statewide to offer Unified Sports. All Special Olympics New York programs are offered at no cost to athletes, their families or caregivers.

Our mission is to provide year-round, authentic sports training and athletic competition in 22 Olympic-style sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Offering real sports, Special Olympics New York provides the highest quality training and competition for athletes 8 years or older in an inclusive culture that stresses athletic excellence, rewards determination, emphasizes health and celebrates personal achievement. In New York State, there are approximately 6,000 competitions each year, an average of 16 a day. Athletes advance from local events to regional, state, national, and even international competitions.

Special Olympics New York is a symbol of hope.

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**Options for Community Living, Inc.** is a private not-for-profit organization that has been providing residential and support services to people in need on Long Island for 38 years. Our programs are specialized to serve individuals with psychiatric disabilities and other serious chronic illnesses including HIV/AIDS. Last year alone, Options provided supportive housing for more than 700 Long Islanders and case management and care coordination services for more than 1,600 people. Our programs help vulnerable individuals and families – adults and children – to develop their fullest potential for independent living.

Programs and Services include:

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- Health Home Care Coordination for Adults and Children connect people to health care providers and resources (Medicaid eligibility required)
- Long-term supportive housing for formerly homeless or inadequately housed individuals and families with disabilities and/or HIV/AIDS
- Financial assistance and housing services to help People Living with HIV/AIDS access and maintain housing
- Supportive Housing Rental Subsidies for Homeless Health Home Members
- Rapid Rehousing Program for homeless individuals and families
- Ryan White funded Case Management, Education and Insurance Enrollment

People come to us from difficult circumstances. When housing needs are met and support is provided, hope is restored and a new plan for the future can be made.

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**Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk, Inc. (VIBS)** is a family violence and rape crisis center that has been providing free and confidential services and programs to community members in Suffolk County since 1976. Our services include counseling, advocacy and legal assistance. In addition, we have a Community Education program and provide outreach and prevention to schools, agencies and community groups. We facilitate the **SANE/SAFE (Sexual Assault Nurse/Forensic Examiner)** Program in Suffolk County and train nurses, forensic examiners, law enforcement personnel and rape crisis counselors to provide trauma-informed, compassionate medical care to survivors of sexual assault and rape.

VIBS provides trauma-informed services to victims of domestic /intimate partner violence, rape/sexual assault, human trafficking, child abuse, elder abuse and veterans with PTSD and/or MST, regardless of discharge status. We serve men, women, children (ages 3+), elders (age 60+), veterans, immigrants, those with a range of disabilities (including deaf/hard of hearing, physical disabilities, etc.) and provide services in English and Spanish, as well as all languages via a Language Service Line.

Thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteers, VIBS served over 2,000 clients and reached over 10,000 individuals through community education and outreach. This included 1,269 advocacy clients; 328 clients receiving legal services; 1,460 counseling clients in 6,721 sessions; 212 educational presentations in the community to 10,235 individuals; 279 SANE cases in four partner hospitals; and 2,616 hotline calls/chats from individuals in crisis.

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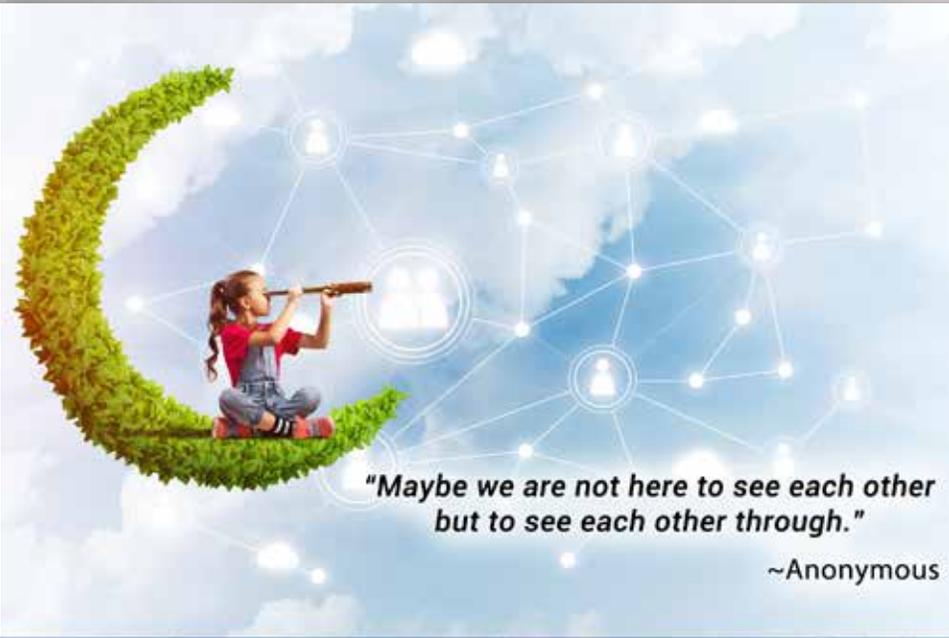
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