



# The Mission

Care With Dignity ... Life With Hope

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**I**f you're like most people, the Polar Vortex that gripped Long Island in January hit you with bone-crushing cold.

All kinds of local records were broken with weeklong temperatures that hovered below zero.

Those temperatures can plunge the human body into hypothermia in less than five minutes so it's especially perilous for Long Island's homeless. People raise an eyebrow when they hear the phrase "Long Island's homeless," but we can assure you they exist and it's particularly heartbreaking when those homeless are our nation's veterans, the same men and women who donned the uniform to protect the liberties we all enjoy. On Long Island, these homeless heroes often seek shelter behind abandoned buildings and in the woods along highways and in parks.

We know firsthand because that's where our employees Joe Silva and Lisa Mosquera find them. This "Dynamic Duo" works for Project Veterans Independence, a Catholic Charities partnership with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Our goal is to get these veterans into permanent housing and living

independently with access to the support networks that can get them back on their feet.

But that's easier said than done. Joe and Lisa scour the streets of our communities looking for these vets who are usually too proud to accept any help. "You have to understand that they're survivors," Joe explains. "Before they let us help them, we usually have talk with them for weeks, sometimes months building up that trust."

If a vet agrees, the team secures an apartment then helps with the mounds of paperwork for various nonprofit and government agencies. Joe and Lisa then furnish the apartments, delivering and even assembling the furniture side by side with the veterans. They take them to medical appointments and go food shopping with them too. When asked why, Lisa replied, "We're their extended family so we're with them every step of the way."

And that's the Catholic Charities difference. These vets consider Catholic Charities their family—and that includes you. If it weren't for your compassionate giving, these heroes would be mostly forgotten. But working together, that won't happen. As Joe said, "These vets were there for us, so we'll never turn our backs to them."

*"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?"*  
—Luke 15: 4



Watch News12 Long Island tell the story at [www.facebook.com/CCharitiesLI](http://www.facebook.com/CCharitiesLI)

## Did You Know?

- Catholic Charities regularly serves more than 59,000 Long Islanders of every faith and background each year.
  - Our Commodity Supplemental Food Program delivers more than 10,000 packages of free, nutritious food to the needy each month.
  - Since 1961, Catholic Charities' Regina Residence has helped thousands of scared, pregnant teenagers have healthy babies and become responsible, loving mothers.
  - Our Thea Bowman Residence offers affordable apartments that are specifically designed for the physically disabled.
  - Young people suffering from serious emotional disturbances regularly find stability and support at our five Teaching Family Homes.
  - Our seven senior centers/congregate meal sites provide nutritious meals, recreation, health services and socialization to more than 1,000 local seniors each year.
  - Our Disaster Response Fund distributed over \$2 million in direct assistance to more than 2,400 Long Islanders in need after Superstorm Sandy.
  - Our three mental health clinics provide low-cost individual, group, and family therapy to hundreds of struggling Long Islanders each year.
  - We have 13 homes that provide round-the-clock care for 113 developmentally disabled adults, most of whom have lived with us for more than 15 years.
  - We are the regional service provider designated by New York State and the U.S. Department of Justice to care for victims of human trafficking.
  - Our Meals-On-Wheels program delivers more than 249,000 meals to the sick and homebound each year.
  - Our Housing Department operates 1,329 safe, comfortable and affordable apartments for disadvantaged senior citizens on Long Island.



*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... Colossians 3:12*

# The Story of Bill

**1967** Bill volunteers at St. Vincent De Paul, then a ministry of Catholic Charities

**1974** Bill becomes a community advocate in Valley Stream on behalf of Christopher Residence, our first home for the developmentally disabled

**1980** Bill's wife Helen volunteers at Regina Residence, our home for unwed teenage moms and their babies

**1987** The couple joins their local Parish Social Ministry (PSM) and works hand-in-hand with Catholic Charities

**1996** Bill signs his homebound mother up to receive Catholic Charities' Meals-On-Wheels

**2001** After losing a son on 9/11, Bill and his family receive support and counseling via Catholic Charities

**2010** Bill attends one of our Senior Community Centers five days a week and receives nutritious meals and recreation while socializing with his friends

## Bill passed away in 2012...

**but he'll provide 4,338 meals to homebound seniors this year.**

Bill made a bequest to Catholic Charities of Rockville Centre. And you can too. Including Catholic Charities in your estate plan is a wonderful way to tie your faith to your charitable giving while improving the lives of countless fellow Long Islanders. If you'd like to learn more about our planned giving program just check off the information request box on the enclosed envelope. We'll send you a no-obligation brochure that will explain how easy it is to help generations of Long Islanders for years to come.

**Your legacy gift today builds a more beautiful tomorrow.**



## From Our Mailbag



## Responding...

Our special thanks to these friends for helping us provide **Care With Dignity...Life With Hope.**

### The Thanks Belong to You!

Dear Friends,  
Please accept this check for three thousand dollars on behalf of the estate of [REDACTED]. Your organization provided him with quality meals when he resided in Bellmore. Your service enabled him to live on his own longer than he would have been able to otherwise. He raved about the food and anxiously awaited daily delivery. It was comforting to know that we could rely on you. We'll always remember the professionalism and kindness demonstrated by your staff. He thought highly of you all and wanted you to have this gift. Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,  
WJP - Huntington, NY

Our **11th Annual Catholic Charities Golf Classic** was blessed with sunshine and generosity as 125 golfers raised more than \$199,000 dollars while honoring the **Most Reverend John C. Dunne**, Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre.

Our heartfelt thanks to the **JPMorgan Chase Foundation** for their generous grants: \$50,000 for our affordable senior housing and \$30,000 for our immigration and refugee efforts. This long-time partner in care has provided nearly \$600,000 since 2007.

We are especially grateful to **Newsday Charities, a Fund of the McCormick Foundation** for helping us battle homelessness on Long Island with a grant of \$56,000.

Thanks to **supporters like you** our Thanksgiving Appeal provided \$43,640 for our Meals-On-Wheels program while \$58,365 was raised by our annual Christmas Appeal.

We salute the **FedEx** team who made Christmas so merry for the mothers and babies at our Regina Residence. Their special Santa arrived with gifts and goodwill for all.



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**Chemical Dependence Services:** *Talbot House Chemical Dependence Crisis Center/Outpatient Clinics*

**Commodity Supplemental Food Program:** *Permanent and Mobile Food Distribution Sites/Nutrition Education*

**Disaster Response**

**HIV/AIDS Services:** *Housing*

**Housing:** *Affordable Housing for Seniors and People With Physical Disabilities*

**Immigrant Services:** *Legal Counseling/Citizenship & Voter Registration/Refugee Resettlement/Advocacy & Organizing*

**Mental Health Outpatient Services:** *Community-based Clinics*

**Mental Health Residential Services:** *Siena Residence for Adults with Psychiatric Disabilities/Teaching Family Homes for Children/Project Independence and Project Veterans Independence*

**Nutrition Outreach Education Project**

**Parish Social Ministry:** *Parish Outreach/Central Information and Referral (CIR)/Catholic Campaign for Human Development*

**Regina Maternity Services:** *Regina Residence/Mary's Residence/Mentoring Program*

**Residential Services for People with Developmental Disabilities:** *Case Management/Community Integration/Skills Development/Community Residences*

**Senior Services:** *Case Management/Meals-On-Wheels/Senior Community Service Centers/Senior Deaf Club/Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) Center*

**Women, Infants and Children Program:** *Food/Nutrition Education/Referrals to Health and Social Services*

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