

### US Drug Use Shows Little Change

“...one in five young adults last year acknowledged illicit drug usage within the previous month...”

— *Newsday*, September 4, 2008

### Medicaid Changes to Cost LI Clinics, Hospitals \$50M

“...jeopardizing programs for children, pregnant women and the disabled...”

— *Newsday*, September 11, 2008

### Amid Affluence, the Hidden Homeless

“In Suffolk, officials have struggled to house the mentally ill since three major psychiatric hospitals closed...”

— *New York Times*,  
November 25, 2007



### About Family Service League

As one of Long Island's largest not-for-profit social service agencies, Family Service League operates more than 50 programs that reach underserved populations at facilities across Long Island. Accredited by the prestigious Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services, FSL represents the highest standards of professional performance. Most important, though, are the approximately 47,000 Long Islanders whom we help each year. Without fanfare, and with total respect for individual privacy, FSL provides these services through its six centers:

- Diane Goldberg Center for Behavioral Health
- Center for Children and Youth
- Center for Family Support
- Center for Housing and Homeless Intervention
- Center for Job Development and Technology
- Center for Senior Support

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Why doesn't  
SOMEONE  
do something?



*Instead of asking why  
someone isn't doing something  
to help...be the "someone" who does.*

You don't have to go beyond each morning's newspaper to understand the troubles people face every day on Long Island. And when the problems are as close as tomorrow's headlines; the answers need to be even closer. They have to start with each and every one of us who is able to help.

Especially now, as government programs and corporate gifts are being reduced or cut, every dollar contributed by a caring individual like you carries so much more importance. There are individuals, children, and families across Long Island who have never needed your help and your generosity more than they do today.

### **NY Metro Area Foreclosure Activity Rises**

"In Suffolk, 78 homes were seized (in the month of August), a 51 percent increase from August 2007.."

— *Newsday, September 12, 2008*

**Please consider making your contribution to  
Family Service League at one of our benefactor levels:**

#### **Advocate . . . . . \$1,000+**

A gift at the Advocate level can support the preschool education for a four-year old child, ensure prenatal care for a teenage mother-to-be, or provide an advocate for an elderly nursing home resident.

#### **Patron . . . . . \$999 - \$500**

At the Patron level your gift can provide early diagnosis and treatment for an emotionally troubled, school-age child; or provide the child of a low-income family with a two-week summer camp experience.

#### **Supporter . . . . . \$499 - \$250**

Your gift can provide grief counseling support for the family of teenage suicide victims, intensive obesity prevention and treatment for a 10-year-old, or treatment for a young woman's drug addiction.

#### **Associate . . . . . \$249 - \$100**

An Associate gift can make a trained counselor available to assist a financially burdened family recover from debt, or vocational training for a young man or woman; or assistance for a young, mentally ill woman coping with motherhood.

#### **Friend . . . . . \$99 - \$1**

Your gift can bring homework help and academic support to a youngster struggling in school, parenting education to a teenage mother, or vocational assessment and job placement for a young person with disabilities.

### **U.S. Jobless Rate Rises Past 6%, Highest Since '03**

"For the eighth straight month, the nation's employers shed jobs..."

— *New York Times, September 6, 2008*



Of course, any contribution you are able to provide will be gratefully accepted and used to improve the lives of children and families on Long Island.

**Please make your tax-deductible contribution today.**



## *The best time to give back is when the need is greatest*

Dear Friend of Family Service League:

No one can doubt that the current state of our nation's economy will increase the challenges faced by Long Island's most vulnerable individuals and families. Indeed, it is difficult to think of a time in recent memory when the need for social services was more critical than it is today... or as likely to reach into every level of society.

Now is not the time to underestimate the importance of your support for Family Service League, and its programs and services. Every donation made is an investment in the continued well-being of our Long Island communities. Without the generosity of those who are able to help, we may not be able to reach out to all who are in need.

Please take a few moments to consider the difference your contribution can make in the lives of people here in your own community. Then make your generous and well-appreciated gift to Family Service League.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Reinhardt Van Dyke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Reinhardt Van Dyke, LMSW  
President and CEO

## ***We thank you...***

on behalf of all the Long Islanders in need who will turn to Family Service League in the coming year. While you may never meet the people helped by your gift, we see the gratitude in their faces every day. Imagine the grin of a child at summer camp...tears in the eyes of a grandmother now able to support her dependent grandchildren...the look of hope shared by a once homeless family. Multiply these tens of thousands of times over and you will begin to appreciate the true worth of your gift, and gifts of others like you. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

**Yes,** I want to support Family Service League in their mission  
of ***Restoring Hope...Rebuilding Lives.***

- Advocate \$1,000+     Patron \$999 - \$500     Supporter \$499 - \$250  
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Enclosed is my tax deductible donation for the level indicated,  
or bill to my credit card (*circle one*)    AMEX    MC    Visa

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