

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Janet and John Kornreich have been providing educational and vocational opportunities that pave the way to success for thousands of Long Islanders!



This June marked the 10th Anniversary of a graduating class from FSL's Kornreich Early Learning Center which provides a comprehensive pre-school program for three-year-olds living within the Mineola School District. Janet and John Kornreich understand the importance of providing an environment conducive to helping children grow and expand their horizons. Ten years ago they joined with FSL and the Mineola School District to create an educational climate which nurtures and supports children in a way that encourages and produces self-confidence, cooperation, self-esteem, and a love of learning. The Kornreich Early

Learning Center's curriculum supports the development of strong cognitive skills, gross and fine motor skills, and includes the promotion of English literacy. These graduates begin their Pre-Kindergarten experience with the skills and confidence needed to excel.

Two vocational programs have also been generously funded - The Kornreich Computer Literacy Center and Kornreich Adult Language Center. The computer literacy curriculum offers training to adults in office computer skills, using software programs such as Microsoft Word and Excel. Each class is staffed with a bi-lingual (Spanish/English) computer instructor. The Kornreich Adult Language Center (ESL Program) provides instruction for adults who are learning English as a second language.

Our thanks to Janet and John Kornreich for their vision, dedication and generosity. For over a decade, they have graciously worked with FSL to help provide much needed community services to those in need.



Vocational Training Offers Needed Skills

The problems associated with today's unpredictable economic realities, chronic unemployment, and underemployment are often at the root of an individual's hardship and dysfunction. FSL has a series of proven vocational programs designed to instill confidence through educational advancement and technical training. These career and vocational paths specifically target job skill improvement, offer job-search services, and placement assistance for those who have had difficulty finding and maintaining regular employment, as well as those job seekers who are coping with mental illness.

Our thanks to **Capital One** for a generous grant of \$10,000 to help fund **FSL's Flexible Employment Program (FEP)** in the Lovino South Shore Family Center located in Bay Shore. FEP is a comprehensive computer-training program for individuals with disabilities, in which students learn the necessary skills to obtain and maintain competitive employment. The program mirrors the workplace to ensure that students are prepared for the structure and demands of integrated employment. In addition, individuals develop insight regarding their vocational strengths and work-related needs.

Volunteers Making a Difference...

Over 400 volunteers help FSL provide valuable services to thousands of people every year. Whether mentoring a teen, helping a neighbor as a senior advocate, or lending business experience, there is a place for everyone at FSL. Volunteer opportunities can be "done in a day" or on a

long-term basis. We welcome and appreciate individuals, businesses, corporations, and civic organizations looking to make a difference in the lives of those in need. **Contact Mary Winterle of FSL Volunteer Services at mwinterle@fsl-li.org or 631-470-6772.**

SENIOR SERVICES

Ombudsman Volunteers Are Needed!

(OM'BUDZ'MAN) A SWEDISH WORD THAT MEANS "CITIZEN ADVOCATE"

Across the country, Ombudsmen are playing an integral part in educating and empowering residents living in long term care facilities to understand and exercise their rights to receive good care and quality of life. These volunteers are professionally trained, state certified advocates who listen to residents' needs and family concerns, then investigate and resolve issues on their behalf.

Ombudsmen assure that long term care residents are cared for appropriately by working with facility administrators and staff to improve the quality of residents' lives.

Ombudsmen come from diverse backgrounds that include teachers, health care workers, social service workers, business men and women, attorneys, homemakers – some retired and others who just want to spend a few hours a week making a difference. The one trait they all have in common is the desire to help. Ombudsmen are the eyes and ears in facilities, ensuring that residents are safe, comfortable, and able to live with dignity. **Contact Eileen Swanberg, LCSW, Volunteer Coordinator at eileen.swanberg@fsl-li.org or 631-470-6755.**

This program is supported through State and Federal funding provided through the NY State Office for the Aging and the Suffolk County Office for the Aging.

CAREGIVERS

Long Islanders now have eight convenient locations across Suffolk County to join one of FSL Caregiver Support Groups. With generous support from the Suffolk County Office for the Aging and the US Department of Health and Human Services through the NYS Office for Aging, FSL has provided FREE Caregiver Support Services to individuals caring for a person with disabilities (over age 60) since 2005. These services include individual counseling, support groups, and trainings. Timely topics such as coping skills, estate planning, feelings of guilt associated with frustration, stress management, and nutrition are discussed. These groups provide a safe space where caregivers can share their experiences, concerns and successes. It is also a great venue to learn more about community resources.

According to a 2015 National Caregiving survey, more than 42 million family caregivers provide unpaid care for an aging parent, spouse or other loved one so that they may age in place. 64% of caregivers report feeling emotionally stressed, but 94% say that it is important for them to provide the care for their loved one so they can continue to live independently in their own home.

Families often find themselves thrust into caregiving situations based on a crisis situation. They can become quickly overwhelmed by the enormity of the caregiver role and their own limitations. FSL support groups provide the resources families need and there are no fees charged to those who attend.

E. Suffolk contact Robyn Berger-Gaston, LCSW-R, Division Director at rberger-gaston@fsl-li.org or 631-369-0104. W. Suffolk contact Beth Signore, LCSW Program Director at beth.signore@fsl-li.org or 631-724-6300.

HOMESHARE

OVER 100 SUCCESSFUL MATCHES

The FSL Home Share program which offers a unique opportunity geared to help homeowners stay in their homes while providing an affordable Long Island housing solution to those in need of a residence. Given today's economy, HomeShare provides a viable alternative to the high cost of maintaining a home or paying hefty rental fees. The goal of the program is to successfully bring people together to provide companionship, security, and safety in a mutually advantageous setting.

HOMEOWNERS - Are you 55 years of age or older and want to stay in your home, but are having difficulty with monthly expenses? Do you have an empty bedroom and living space to share with another? Has living alone left you isolated and you would enjoy companionship?

HOME SEEKERS - Are you a responsible individual (18 years or older), willing to share a home, and decrease your living expenses? Would you be willing to perform household chores in exchange for a reduction in rental fees?

Contact Doreen Davidson, Program Coordinator at Ddavidson@fsl-li.org or 631-470-6939.

THE HEART OF FSL HAS ALWAYS BEEN

Bethpage Backpack Program Provided Over 3,000 Children with Needed School Supplies!



L-R: Wayne N. Grossé, Bethpage Federal Credit Union President & CEO, Karen Boorshtein, FSL President & CEO; Robert Suarez, AVP, Bethpage Community Development; Nan Gerson, Bethpage Charitable Giving

This year FSL's Bethpage Backpack Program received a generous grant of \$40,000 from **Bethpage Federal Credit Union** (Bethpage). With the support of Bethpage, and many other donors across Long Island, FSL was able to offer welcomed relief to hundreds of families facing financial hardship by providing much needed supplies for their children. Mr. Grossé said, "Bethpage Federal Credit Union, through our Heart of Bethpage Charitable Giving Program, is once again delighted to sponsor Family Service League's Bethpage Backpack Program. Starting the school year off in a positive way for more than 3,000 Long Island children is what our charitable program is all about". FSL is proud to work with Bethpage and many other wonderful organizations to offer so many programs that contribute to a child's educational development.

"Coins for Camp Wishing Wells" at Westfield Malls Help Support CAMP Program for At-Risk Children



L-R: Robyn Berger-Gaston, FSL Division Director; Doreen Boehme, FSL Camp Supervisor; Vanessa Mitton, Westfield Marketing Director; Karen Boorshtein, FSL Pres & CEO; Stephen Abramson, APS Pension & Financial Services; Win Dookram, State Farm Agency; Robert Shaw, Division Manager, King Kullen Grocery Co.

FSL receives over 350 camp applications each year. This summer, thanks to donor support, FSL was able to place 244 campers in 21 day camps and 5 sleepaway camps. A camp experience is a positive outlet to help steer children struggling with the challenges of poverty away from the temptations of gang involvement, street violence, drugs and alcohol by providing an environment that fosters life skills, develops self-esteem, and forges new friendships. The experience gives them an opportunity to get away from what is often a troubled home life in a dangerous community. Unfortunately, each year there are children left on a wait-list or denied access to camp due to rising costs and insufficient funding.

This past July, community leaders and families joined FSL to kick-off this vital program. Our thanks to **Win Dookram, State Farm - Winston Dookram Agency Inc.** and **Stephen Abramson, APS Pension and Financial Services** for donating the funds to purchase the Wishing Wells, as well as our

longtime annual supporters **King Kullen, Wild by Nature**, and their loyal customers for running an in-store donation program each year during June and July. Our new partner in this worthwhile endeavor is **Westfield Mall**. They graciously agreed to install "**Coins for Camp Wishing Wells**" as permanent installations in its **Westfield South Shore Mall**, located in Bay Shore, and the **Westfield Sunrise Mall**, located in Massapequa. "Working with organizations like FSL is wholly consistent with Westfield's commitment to giving back to the communities where we do business," said Vanessa Mitton, Marketing Director for Westfield South Shore and Westfield Sunrise. "We are happy to support a project that provides a positive experience for at-risk youth."

Spare change can make a difference! Moving forward we believe that the generosity of Long Island Westfield shoppers will help bridge the gap by "making a wish" and donating coins in a fun interactive way.

OUR DONORS & VOLUNTEERS

FSL'S BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL (BCS) AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM RECEIVES GENEROUS GRANTS!

Thanks to these generous awards, students will continue to benefit from the academic enrichment, arts, and cultural programming offered at the BCS. The goal of FSL's BCS is to increase opportunities for students to succeed in school by adding resources known to make a difference: increased parental involvement in their children's education, enhanced learning opportunities through educational enrichment, linguistically sensitive programs, consistent adult guidance and support, and access to health, dental, and mental health services.

Newsday Charities, a McCormick Foundation Fund, supports the Brentwood Community School After-School Program with a grant award of \$50,000.



(l-r) Karen Boorshstein, FSL Pres. & CEO; Edward Bushey, Newsday Co-Publisher; Dale Cole, Newsday Community Affairs Project Manager; Jonathan Chenkin, FSL VP of Dev., Debby Krenek, Newsday Co-Publisher, Paul Fleishman; Newsday VP Public Affairs



(l-r) Brentwood Asst. Principal Ms. Lisa Catandella, Principal Mr. Jerry Cheng, Asst. Principal Dr. Karen Kregel, Beverly Lee-Wo, Nature's Bounty Director of Corporate Social Responsibility with (center) Chef Rich League and (r-l) FSL Parent Liaison Liz Cordero, Division Director for Family Services Lisa Jamison, and Youth Development Specialist Joanna Cruz, and students of the Brentwood Community School

The Nature's Bounty Foundation, the charitable arm of The Nature's Bounty Co., believes in enhancing lives and giving back to the community.

With a grant award of \$25,000, students will be given the opportunity to learn about nutrition through the hands-on experience of preparing healthy meals through cooking classes.

"At The Nature's Bounty Foundation, we believe that overall wellness is attainable by everyone," said Michael Oliveri, Chairman of The Nature's Bounty Foundation. "We are committed to providing resources that support people on that path. Teaching children about nutrition is such a valuable way to help bring wellness into the home, and back to family members. We are inspired by this program and are proud to provide this grant to support it."

MSC Industrial Supply Co. awarded \$10,000 in support the Family Service League's Manor Field Family Center (MFFC), a walk-in family center located in Huntington Station. MFFC provides a lifeline and opportunities for Huntington's poorest families. The majority of families served at the MFFC are geographically and socially isolated, with many speaking little or no English. Many live in crowded and unsafe housing. Working toward family stability is a main focus of the work that is done at the MFFC. Children and teens are encouraged to participate in educational, recreational and social activities. Adults are welcome to use the computer room where classes are regularly taught and families work with advocates on securing food, clothing, and other services.

FSL EVENTS ARE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF

“Our deepest thanks to the honorees, donors, guests and committee volunteers for their support of FSL’s fundraising events. Their assistance allows FSL to continue reaching out to thousands of Long Island children and families throughout the year in support of critical services!”

– Jim Petrocelli, Gala Co-Chair

66TH ANNUAL HOUSE TOUR

The **66th Annual House Tour** on May 24th welcomed hundreds of guests to explore five of the North Shore’s most magnificent homes and, at the same time, support FSL’s services by raising more than \$100,000. The gourmet lunch, held at Harbor Club at Prime, included a presentation to recognize FSL’s 2017 honorees for their commitment to the families and children of Long Island. FSL was privileged to have the opportunity to present **Kim Radovich, Kim E. Courtney Interiors & Design**, with the Community Leadership Award and **Regina Rogers, Douglas Elliman Real Estate**, with the Corporate Leadership Award. This fundraiser was made possible by the amazing efforts of over 200 volunteers and this year’s event co-chairs, **Susan Eisner** and **Mary Winterle**.

HAMPTON’S SUMMER GALA

The July 14th **Hampton’s Summer Gala** in Westhampton Beach was a SOLD-OUT success! FSL was pleased to honor **Lincoln Computer Services** with the Corporate Leadership Award and **The Houseknecht Family** with the Community Leadership Award. **Teddy Cillis**, President & CEO, and **John Antimisiaris**, Vice President & CTO, accepted the award on behalf of Lincoln. **Alice Houseknecht**, founder of the foundation graciously accepted the award and spoke about the positive impact that FSL has had on the East End. Both honorees are strong advocates of the many programs offered by FSL and understand the need to increase funding for services being provided to our Long Island community residents. Our Gala Co-Chairs, **Jim Petrocelli** and **Kimberly Stevens**, along with a great committee, created an extraordinary oceanfront evening on Dune Road.

GREAT CHEFS OF LONG ISLAND

The 25th Anniversary of the gastronomic tradition known as **“Great Chefs of Long Island”** was held on Monday, November 6th at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. Over 50 of LI’s top restaurants, winery and spirit vendors, from Long Beach to the Hamptons, presented their best fare during an evening of decadent tastings and delicacies. **Sal Ferro**, President of **Alure Home Improvement**, was the emcee for the evening. **Scott Maskin**, President of **SUNation Solar Systems** received the Community Leadership Award. Co-Chairs, **Matt Niegocki** of Prudential Financial Advisors and **Dennis Russo** of GEICO, along with the fabulous committee planned a spectacular evening for all. Our deepest thanks to sponsors, guests, vendors, and **Bethpage Federal Credit Union** and **GEICO** – our lead sponsors.

YOU CAN HELP...

Proceeds from events support the programs FSL provides for Long Island children and families in need. Find out how you, your company or organization can help by participating in one of our fundraising events through various underwriting, partnership and committee opportunities. Please contact Tricia O’Hare, Director of Development & Communications at tohare@fsl-li.org or 631-998-0009.

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1. Kim Radovich & Katharine Posillico McGowan
2. Regina Rogers & Karen Boorshtein
3. Laura Gerde & Barbara Page
4. Alice, Jaclyn & Ray Houseknecht
5. Aimee & Matt Niegocki
6. Cecilia & John Antimisiaris
7. Kimberly Stevens & Karlin McIntyre
8. The Cillis Family
9. The Petrocelli Family
10. John & Elaine Kanas
11. Dennis Russo & daughter Natalia
12. Molly & Sal Ferro
13. Kristie & Scott Maskin
14. Joan & Winston Dookram



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MISSION STATEMENT

Family Service League helps individuals, children and families throughout Long Island to mobilize their strengths and improve the quality of their lives at home, in the workplace and in the community.



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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

67th Annual House Tour

Wednesday, May 23

Summer Gala on the Beach

Friday, July 13

Bethpage Backpacks Program School Supply Drive

July and August

Project TOY Holiday Gift Drive

November and December

26th Annual Great Chefs of Long Island

Monday, November 5



YOUR GIFT HAS HAD A SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF YOUR NEIGHBORS!

There are many Long Islanders living without the basic necessities that most of us take for granted. When food, safety, and shelter are lacking, it becomes nearly impossible to survive, much less function. When offered essential support and life skills, struggling individuals can heal, grow, and contribute, often making a positive impact by giving back to the communities that supported them.

We invite you to become part of our family of donors through Memorial & Honor Gifts, Corporate Matching Contributions, Gifts of Stock & Securities, In Kind Donations, or our Legacy Society with a planned bequest. Your tax-deductible gift, in any amount, provides direct support to children and adults in need. For ways you can help contact Jonathan Chenkin, VP for Development at jchenkin@fsl-li.org or 631-470-6770.