



Thank you to to Bethpage and all who supported this year's school supply program!

This health emergency continues to take a great toll on many Long Islanders. No matter what a child's school day looks like, the one thing we know for certain is that children still need school supplies to help them learn, foster their creativity, and develop study skills to encourage them to be successful. With the help of hundreds of donors, partner organizations, and staff working within the health guidelines of social distancing we were able to give a bright start to many. This year, we collected backpacks, educational supplies, masks, gift cards, and donations of other essentials for more than 3,000 children living with the burden of extreme financial hardship. Our thanks to all who participated in the annual **Bethpage Backpack School Drive** and we extend our best wishes for a healthy, happy school year to all of our Long Island neighbors!



SUMMER CAMP

This has been a challenging summer for all - especially children living in poverty. For many years, and with the help of generous donors, FSL has worked with families to give hundreds of children the experience of attending summer camp. This year we created a new model of "camp" and gave families options that would best suit their child's individual situation. With the funds available through the FSL Camper Scholarship Program our team was able to coordinate a variety of experiences. These included field trip adventures like hiking, beach outings, the LI Adventure Park for ziplining with a ropes course, fishing, and "Chef for a Day" experiences, and structured virtual camps.



In addition, the FSL Scholarship funds allowed for us to distribute "**Camp in A Bag**" activity kits for children. Kits included crafts, educational games, STEM activities, and assorted toys, and a Fire tablet. The FSL Shelter team purchased materials, games and activities for staff led programs throughout the summer months.

FSL's CAMP Champions are the major underwriters of the Scholarship Program. Their 3 year commitment of \$2,500 per year gives this program a strong dependable foundation. Our thanks to the 2020 Champions!

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There are still opportunities for you to help children and families in need by clicking on the [Amazon Wish List](#) link.

To learn more about the **CAMP Champions** and other ways you can join our family of supporters please contact **631-47-6770** or restorehope@fsl-li.org

Thank you!

Visit the "Find Help" page of www.fsl-li.org for information on services and programs for children, families, and seniors.

Since 1926, FSL has assisted in all aspects of human services, including mental health counseling, treatment of addiction abuse, early education, and senior services.

Today, FSL touches the lives of more than 50,000 Long Island children and families. FSL is Restoring Hope and Rebuilding Lives!

Your contributions are needed now more than ever.

Please consider helping us during this crisis. Together, we can overcome the challenges of this unprecedented situation and build a stronger future for all Long Islanders. Making a tax deductible donation is easy by clicking below or sending a text to 91999 and type "FSLCovid". Any amount is greatly appreciated!



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