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Thousands of people in our community benefit from the compassion and thoughtfulness of our supporters. Donations come to FSL in a variety of forms. Whether it is a large grant from a corporation, an award from a foundation, holiday gifts from a business, time from volunteers, in-kind gifts, or individual funding from those who want to better their community - the result is amazing. Working together, we're making a difference- and we are proud to share the following news with you.

Christ Church of Oyster Bay donates \$13,700 in support of HIHI

In partnership with over twenty-eight congregations throughout the township of Huntington, FSL regularly outreaches to those who are chronically homeless – people living on the streets, in parks, and other public locations. Through the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative (HIHI), we are able to facilitate access to shelter during the winter months for individuals who are unable or unwilling to access Suffolk County's shelter system. HIHI consists of over 1,000 volunteers - all of whom work together to provide respite, warmth, food, and clothing to those most vulnerable.

Christ Church of Oyster Bay, one of the founding supporters of this critical initiative, in total has donated over \$150,000. Gifts like this allow us to further our work of ensuring the health and safety of those who are struggling.

Project TOY is off to a great start!

For the past two months, FSL's has been collecting new, unwrapped toys. We are grateful for the hundreds of donations that have been coming in from all over Suffolk County.

We extend a special thank you to Bethpage Federal Credit Union, the lead sponsor of Project TOY. They generously give \$20,000 in support of this important annual tradition. Working together, we will be providing gifts for over 6,000 children whose families are struggling financially!

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Longtime supporter and Board Member, **Maggie Gilliam**, generously donated a gift of \$50,000. For over four decades she has championed efforts to bring quality mental health service and counseling care to communities across Suffolk County. Her belief in our mission has led her to be instrumental in securing funding for Long Islanders in need.

photo: Karen Boorshtein, FSL President & CEO, with Maggie Gilliam

The residents of FSL's Family Shelter's had a bountiful Thanksgiving meal. This generous event was made possible by **Dream 68's Gary Brown**, former NFL Football star, and his many volunteers. Thanks to him and the dedicated team of volunteers, the families were invited to have a delicious and plentiful meal containing all of the traditional food items. Our thanks to the Dream 68 team for their continued charitable efforts!



Thanks to the generosity of our friends at **ClearVision Optical**, the children residing in FSL's Network of Shelters were treated to a tasty meal and spent Veterans Day participating in various activities and games, including blanket-making, writing letters to veterans, and a "glassquerade"—a masquerade with decorative glasses.

This was truly a fun filled day of activities for everyone!

MSC awards a \$10,000 grant to FSL's William Floyd Family Center

FSL's Family Centers offer numerous programs and services all designed to help children, families, and seniors. The William Floyd Family Center (WFFC), located on the campus of the William Floyd School District in Mastic Beach, offers counseling, support, information, and resources.

In addition, MSC donated \$2,000 to Project TOY!





A tremendous thank you to our friends at **TD Bank** for hosting a diaper drive for FSL! Diapers are truly an essential need for new parents. Unfortunately, diapers and personal hygiene products are not covered under some assistance programs.

photo L to R: Maryellen Ferretti, TD Bank Retail Market Manager, VP LI East Region; Erin McFadden, FSL Asst. Dir. of Dev.; Jonathan Chenkin, FSL CDO; Lisa Holland, Market President, Suburban NY & Fairfield CT Market; Jerome D'Antone, VP Retail Market Manager, LI Central Region

Blankets give the gift of warmth and care!

Community teens worked with Ms. Kim McCarthy, Teen Librarian at Harborfields Public Library, to make fleece blankets for the residents in our shelter programs. As we head into these chilly late fall and winter months, items like these are essential for keeping our residents warm. Everyday, FSL houses over 600 children and adults in our Network of Shelters.

photo: Kim McCarthy and Karen Boorshtein



Suffolk County Office for the Aging awards \$125,000 for Caregiver Support

FSL offers a number of vital programs geared toward seniors and their families. These include vital support and respite for the caregivers. FSL provides caregiver support groups, individual counseling and educational programs via Zoom and in person. The program focuses on coping skills for caregivers to help manage stress, better understanding their role and options, and securing any assistance that maybe available.