



# 2025 NEWSLETTER


Every day Family Service League works with thousands of Long Island's children and adults to help them on their journey to a brighter, healthier future. We are Restoring Hope & Rebuilding Lives!



## MISSION STATEMENT

Transforming lives and communities through mental health, addiction, housing, and essential human services.

# FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE



Our special events are a great way to catch up with old friends and meet new people who also believe that FSL's 60+ human service programs are a critical resource for Long Island's children, teens, and adults. We hope you can join us this year!

## 2025 EVENTS SAVE THE DATES

### Summer Celebration

Stonebridge Country Club  
Wednesday, June 4th at 6pm  
**Lincoln IT**  
**Legacy of Giving Award Honoree**

### 7th Annual Walk for Wellness

Belmont Lake State Park  
Saturday, September 6th at 9am

### Great Chefs of Long Island

Crest Hollow Country Club  
Monday, November 17th at 5:30pm  
**Vickie Moskowitz**  
**Legacy of Giving Award Honoree**

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For sponsorships and tickets contact:  
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## Message from Karen Boorshtein, FSL's President & CEO

Dear Friends,

As you read through this Newsletter, you'll learn more about our accomplishments and successes—all of which your support has helped to provide. We offer children and adults life-changing programs and opportunities that help them on their journey to a better life. As we look to the future, we'll continue to build on the incredible momentum of our 99-year history of unparalleled service to Long Islanders.

We'd love for you to join us in even more meaningful ways – follow us on social media, attend our fundraisers, volunteer, or become a committee member. Your time and talents will further our mission of providing safety-net services and mental health counseling.

I thank you for your support and generosity. Your commitment makes a profound impact, and we simply could not do this without you. Thank you for believing in our mission and for standing with us every step of the way. Together, we are Restoring Hope and Rebuilding Lives!



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## We welcome Jodi Baker to the Board of Directors!



Jodi Baker is the Vice President of Marketing and Revenue Management for Heatherwood. In 2004, Jodi began her career as a member of Heatherwood's Residential and Account Management team. She expanded her experience through work as Director of NYC Leasing and Director of Revenue Management before assuming her current role. She attended Clemson University's Bachelor of Arts program for English as well as Clemson's Graduate program in Professional Communication. She is a long-time supporter of FSL and will be an asset to our organization.

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## Board Of Directors

The Board of Directors are a distinguished group of volunteers who share our mission of helping Long Island's most vulnerable children and adults.

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**Founded in Huntington in 1926 as a social service agency, FSL has grown substantially. Today, we have 60+ social service and counseling programs in more than 20 locations, and a dedicated staff of over 700 to serve Long Island's most vulnerable citizens. From seniors seeking companionship to those seeking shelter, to those suffering from addiction and mental illness, and to families lacking essentials - FSL offers support and security when people need it most!**



The PSEG Foundation's grant in support of the Advancing Equity in Human Services program is helping FSL continue to lead the way in creating inclusive environments and systems, ensuring that every client experiences fair access to optimal care. The lunch and learn model provides invaluable feedback from clients and helps ensure we are in touch with the changing needs of our community. FSL continuously strives to exceed industry standards and best practices for delivering top-quality care to Long Islanders, and we remain dedicated to making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.



Paddlers for Humanity granted a generous \$10,000 award in support of our East Hampton Clinic. This office provides care for a diverse population regardless of one's ability to pay, and currently serves 402 clients, 90 of them children and adolescents. The clinic provides both group therapy and individual counseling in the areas of Psychiatric Evaluations, Psychotherapy, Medication Management, Crisis Intervention, and Care Coordination.

For the past 10 years, Paddlers for Humanity has generously supported FSL's Community Behavioral Health Collaborative which provided mental health and suicide prevention services in East End schools. This funding enables us to provide services tailored to meet the unique needs of those living on the East End.



The compassion and empathy of people like Meg Gary and Board member Slava Vero help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. Thanks to the dedication and support of all of our volunteers and donors, FSL is able to provide life's safety-net services and basic necessities to thousands of children, teens, and adults. Each of our clients' stories is unique, and we strive to make sure that the help we provide will be meaningful for their journey towards a better, healthier life. On behalf of those we serve, we thank Meg, Slava, and all of our supporters from the bottom of our hearts!

*Thousands of children receive school supplies and holiday toys every year!*

## **New Program...**

### **OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT TEAM**

**We support individuals wherever they are in their struggle with addiction.**

Our clinical team includes social workers, peers, and case managers all working together to enhance access to care. Our team works with substance abuse prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery providers throughout Suffolk County to coordinate, individualized comprehensive care.

Our Outreach & Engagement Team services include:

- Harm reduction education and supplies
- Overdose prevention and intervention education
- Peer advocate support
- Care management
- Traveling to homes, schools, shelters, libraries, hospitals, and many other community settings



**631-656-1020**

**Let FSL help you on your journey to a better life!**

Administrative office located at **FSL's Family Recovery Center 1235 Montauk Hwy., Mastic, NY 11950**

This program is funded by NYS OASAS.



# FSL IS MAKING AN IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY!



FSL offers 5 unique programs designed to help LI's seniors live their best lives. Services range from advocating and providing critical support, to respite for the caregivers who love them.

Every year, 5,000+ children are given new backpacks full of school supplies to start the school year.

This year, 244 children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances or medical conditions are participating in our Health Home Care Management Services.

Through our referral pathways with local hospitals, over 2,000 people were connected to FSL for ongoing clinical services.

Over 24,000 children and adults struggling with severe mental health or addiction issues have been assessed, treated, and provided with counseling and support at DASH.  
(March 2019 - Dec. 2024)

Over 93,414 calls have been received at our DASH crisis care center in the past 6 years!

Project TOY, FSL's annual gift drive, provided more than 6,600 children with a brighter holiday. Our thanks to lead sponsor FourLeaf and hundreds of other generous donors.

600 children and adults are living in our Network of Shelters which consists of 7 facilities across LI. Residents are provided with safe housing, food, counseling, and vital care.

In 2024, 315 individuals and families were moved from our network of shelters into permanent housing!

## LEARN MORE AT [WWW.FSL-LI.ORG](http://WWW.FSL-LI.ORG)

Family Service League provides a wide range of children and family services to help ensure that every child has the opportunity to excel and choose the right path no matter their financial or home situation. Programs offer professional guidance, counseling, encouragement, character-building recreational activities, and so much more. Our social workers, care managers, and advocates support those who are most vulnerable and at risk. FSL programs, such as CAMP, UPK, and Operation Success, have a transformative impact on the lives of children and their families.

## Summer Camp

Many of the children served by FSL do not have the same opportunities as other children. A Summer Camp experience is something that helps bridge the gap. Playing, learning, and growing in a safe and nurturing environment can change a child's life. This can only happen with the compassion and vision of our Camp Champions and other generous donors.

Camp Champions know that their 3-year pledge of \$2,500 per year has a direct impact on the life of a child. To learn more contact Jonathan Chenkin at [jchenkin@fsl-li.org](mailto:jchenkin@fsl-li.org) or 631-470-6770



With thanks to **Sunshine Foundation**, our lead sponsor, and the 2025 Camp Champions:

- Rafael Brenner Ashe Foundation
- Corso Family Foundation
- Laura and Eric Gerde
- AJH Foundation
- King Kullen
- Kissinger Family Foundation
- Andrea B. and Peter D. Klein
- Drs. Ellen and Jay Steinberg

## Great Chefs of Long Island

Join us on Nov. 17th for the 32nd Annual Great Chefs of Long Island, a premier food and wine tasting event featuring our region's top culinary talent. Indulge in an evening of exquisite dishes crafted by renowned local chefs and beverage vendors.

**If you are a restaurant, beverage vendor, or bakery interested in participating in this year's event, please contact 631-470-6775.**



**Our thanks to the 40+ restaurants and beverage vendors who made the 2024 event a success!**

Photos 1-6 > Harbor Mist, City Cellar American Modern, Sunflower Café, Grasso's, AG Steakhouse, and The State Room/Shands General. For more photos, the restaurant guide, and event journal, please visit [www.FSL-LI.org](http://www.FSL-LI.org).





## Childhood should be a time for exploration, learning, and joy!

Every day, there are thousands of Long Island children and adults struggling. People turn to us for mental health counseling, housing concerns, food insecurity, addiction treatment, and many other services. We need your assistance to provide this critical care.



### Ways you can make a difference...

1. Text to give "FSL25" to 91999.
2. Scan the QR code to bring you to our giving page.
3. Go to [www.FSL-LI.org](http://www.FSL-LI.org) to donate or review event sponsorship opportunities.
4. Use this page as a mailer - fill out form below and mail.
5. Ask your employer if they offer Matching Gift opportunities.
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Circle your age bracket: Under 35 36-50 51-65 66+ Prefer not to answer (We never share information!)

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### Together, we can work toward a brighter future for all.

For information call 631-470-6770, visit [www.FSL-LI.org](http://www.FSL-LI.org), and follow us on social media.

Family Service League is a 501(c)3 corporation. Your gift is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.



### Have you thought about leaving a lasting legacy?

Consider how **Planned Giving** can help you make the impact you envision - a brighter future for thousands of children and adults. There are numerous ways to make that impact: from methods like charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts to real estate and retirement funds, the possibilities are vast. Naming opportunities are also available. Contact Jonathan Chenkin, CDO, at [jchenkin@fsl-li.org](mailto:jchenkin@fsl-li.org) or 631-470-6770 to learn more.



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When you donate, you ensure that mental health counseling, addiction treatment, emergency housing, and other essential human service programs are available to all Long Islanders.

Pledge your support today! Please go to [www.FSL-LI.org](http://www.FSL-LI.org) or scan the code.



## FSL IS A GREAT PLACE TO WORK - JOIN OUR TEAM

Our employees enjoy an environment that reflects the unique talent and needs of the communities we serve. FSL offers a comprehensive benefits package, extensive time off, and several employee recognition programs. Visit [www.FSL-LI.org/career-opportunities](http://www.FSL-LI.org/career-opportunities)

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