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### YMCA of Long Island's Island Food Drive Feeds Hundreds in Need This Holiday Season

#### P R E S S   R E L E A S E

Glen Cove, NY - November 30, 2023 - The YMCA of Long Island proudly announces the success of its Island Food Drive, a community-wide effort to support families and individuals in need during the holiday season. From November 1st to November 30th, members, staff, and volunteers came together to collect donations of canned and non-perishable food items, resulting in an impressive total of over 600 lbs.

The food drive aimed to alleviate hunger and provide essential support to those facing food insecurity in the surrounding areas. The generosity and compassion displayed by the Long Island community have made a significant impact on the lives of many. The collected donations were distributed to several local shelters, including Long Island Cares in Huntington, Island Harvest, and Portch Pantry in Glen Cove. These organizations play a vital role in providing food assistance to individuals and families facing economic challenges.

"We are overwhelmed by the incredible response to our Island Wide Food Drive," said Anne Brigis, President and CEO of the YMCA of Long Island. "The outpouring of support from our members, staff, and volunteers demonstrates the power of community unity and compassion. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of those who need it most, especially around the Holiday Season."

The YMCA of Long Island extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the food drive. Through their generosity, countless individuals and families will have access to nutritious meals and essential support during the holiday season.

#### **About the YMCA of Long Island**

*The YMCA of Long Island is a 501c3 nonprofit community-based service organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, teens, adults, and families through programs and services that nurture youth development, foster healthy living, and inspire social responsibility. Long Islanders learn to live their healthiest and fullest lives inside the YMCA's located in Bay Shore, East Hampton, Glen Cove, Holtsville, Huntington, and Patchogue. For information and locations, [visit ymcali.org](http://ymcali.org).*

**Photos:**



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**Food Drive Box at the Patchogue Family YMCA Lobby**



**Food Drive Box at the YMCA at Glen Cove Lobby**



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November Food Drive**




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Thank you for your Gift of 294 pounds of goods received on 11/17/2023.  
Your generosity supports the 234,000 individuals including 65,000 children, who are food insecure on Long Island.

Your donations come at a time where people are gearing up for the holiday season, unsure of where their holiday meal will come from. What should be a time of celebration and gratitude is a difficult obstacle many food insecure Long Islanders face. People simply do not know where their meals are coming from. Your gift helps to lessen the burden our fellow Long Islanders feel during the season and allows their holidays to be more joyous and bright.

Your Support is critical to Long Island Cares' mission and our vision of a Hunger Free Long Island.

Sincerely,  
William E. Gonyou, M.S.  
Community Events and Food Drive Manager



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**Thank you letter for Long Island Cares Event and Food Drive Manager, to our Huntington YMCA**