For the third consecutive year, Long Island’s Community Foundation grants $50,000 to East End charities.

November 15, 2016 Melville, NY – The Long Island Community Foundation and the Board of the All For the East End (AFTEE) Fund announce the third round of grants of its Building Stronger Neighborhood Program, supporting organizations serving Long Island’s East End communities of Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton, Southold, and East Hampton.

“We are very proud to once again fund grants to 20 East End non-profits,” says Claudia Pilato, Executive Board, AFTEE. “Working with LICF, we are able to look at the needs of the East End. Through AFTEE, donors give to the needs of the entire East End community. These micro-grants really make a difference. AFTEE works to bring the non-profit community on the East End together in support, collaboration and action.”

With input from the AFTEE Advisory Committee, which included representation from each of the five East End towns, twenty proposals were approved to support projects and programs in the fields of health and welfare, the environment, arts and culture, education, youth development, and animal welfare. The committee members are Laura Anker, Greg Blass, Bonnie Michelle Cannon, Ken Pysher, Diane Radigan, and Vince Taldone.

“Serving as a member of the AFTEE Advisory Committee has been a wonderful experience for me,” says Vince Taldone, city planner and executive board member of the Flanders, Riverside and Northampton Community Association. “The AFTEE team has tapped into the local expertise of East End community service volunteers and professionals. The local expertise, combined with the in-house knowledge of the LICF staff is a terrific way of vetting proposals that best approach community needs in new and innovative ways. In particular, I wholeheartedly support the LICF’s efforts to fund projects that build local leadership skills and encourage innovation in serving the underserved communities on the East End.”

Below are the details of each $2,500 grant, listed by town:

**East Hampton**
- Amagansett Food Institute – to assist local farms understand and plan for implementation of new Food and Drug Administration regulations.
- Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center – for a series of workshops to help parents, teachers, and administrators better assist children 18 months to 4 years in their development and school readiness.
- I-tri: Inspirational Triathlon Racing International – to strengthen the emotional and physical wellbeing of middle school girls on the East End of Long Island.
- Project MOST – to launch a college preparation, financial planning, and career exploration program for youth that serve as group leaders in the organization’s after school program.
- YMCA East Hampton RECenter – for a mentoring program to teach entrepreneurship skills to teens.

**Riverhead**
- East End Disability Associates - for acting classes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Every Child Matters Fund – for a series of training workshops to help parents gain the skills to advocate for public policies and investments that affect their children.
- Hallockville Museum Farm - to provide ten summer camp scholarships to children from families within Riverhead’s Latino community.
North Fork Spanish Apostolate – for a training program to help immigrant parents better understand how to assist their children to improve educational outcomes.

Open Arms Care Center - to replenish the emergency food pantry stock.

Shelter Island
- Shelter Island Historical Society – for costs associated with the design and installation of exhibit space.
- Shelter Island Public Library Society – to launch an intergenerational discussion program on world affairs in partnership with Shelter Island High School.

Southampton
- Children's Museum of the East End – to teach nutrition and healthy eating habits to children on the Shinnecock Reservation, in partnership with the Wuneechanunk Preschool.
- Family Service League – to expand a mental health support group for teens and young adults to Southampton.
- SEPA Mujer - for a workers’ and women’s rights education, empowerment, and leadership program for Latina immigrants on the East End of Long Island.
- Southampton Community Housing and Development Corporation – for cleanup efforts tied to a housing development project that includes five sites in Riverside.
- South Fork Natural History Museum – for an after school bilingual environmental education program for students in grades K-8 and their families.

Southold
- Community Action Southold Town, Inc. - for the purchase of new books and toys for the Parent-Child Home program.
- Group for the East End - to organize three East End native planting projects.
- Town of Southold – to create and disseminate a video about the benefits and needs of affordable housing options in Southold.

AFTEE, a unique 501(c)(3) organization, was founded in 2011 with a singular mission: to help, support and showcase the nonprofits that make the East End a place unlike any other. By publicly showcasing and supporting the NPO’s of the five East End towns, AFTEE is a unifying voice, leveraging strategic assets of collaboration and its regional brand to raise awareness, rally support and launch a new era of fundraising and organizational integration. To learn more about AFTEE, contact Claudia Pilato, Executive Member, 631-537-1000 X 7241. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @All4EastEnd.

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Since 1978, the Long Island Community Foundation has been the home of charitable Long Islanders who share a passion and commitment to improve their communities. LICF supports an array of effective nonprofits that help make Long Island a vital and secure place to live, learn, work, and play, while building permanent resources for the future. The Foundation has made nearly $160 million in grants from hundreds of funds established by individuals, families, and businesses. LICF is a division of The New York Community Trust, one of the country’s oldest and largest community foundations.

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