

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

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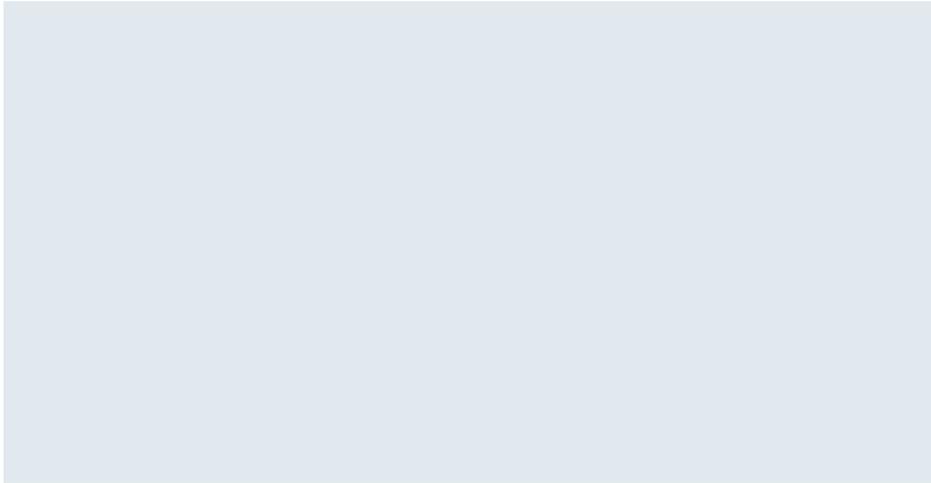


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CAST Receives Bank of America Award

CAST IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE THE RECIPIENT OF THE BANK OF AMERICA NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDERS® AWARD.

This highly selective program awards leadership development grants to “high performing” nonprofits across the U.S. that address issues fundamental to economic mobility. As part of the award, CAST will receive leadership development training and a one-time \$200,000 in flexible funding. Neighborhood Builders® illustrates how cross-sector partnerships and local community leaders can play a meaningful role in positioning communities for success. The awardees are selected by a committee with representation by local community leaders from diverse sectors.

This award will be used towards helping low-income neighbors meet their basic needs, and give CAST the ability to expand their impact in the Southold Town community. “We are honored that Bank of America chose CAST for this award, out of all the worthy nonprofits around the country seeking support,” said Helen Finnigan, President of the CAST Board of Directors. “This award will be transformative, giving us the resources to deliver greater community impact and to strategically plan for the future of CAST.”

The majority of CAST’s funding comes from the generosity of our North Fork community, this award helps us expand our existing programs and services to serve more of our community.

Thank You Southold Town!

SO MANY INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS CONTRIBUTED TO THE CAST HOLIDAY PROGRAM

to ensure that our neighbors in need in Southold Town could celebrate the holidays. From the generosity of so many, over 175 households were helped with food from the food pantry, including many who received gift cards for the holidays. 216 children received gifts of toys, books and stuffed animals, thanks to all of those in our community who supported the Toy Drive. At one point CAST didn't think they'd have enough toys and gifts to provide for all of the children. A special thank you to Southold Local who published an article on social media and brought our community together to support CAST and the families CAST assists. Children emptied their piggy banks to support CAST, toy collection boxes started to overflow at the local collection sites, boxes started arriving at the CAST office filled with donations of toys. Donors, from near and far, sent checks to support the Toy Drive. A local woman, along with several of her friends organized a Wrap-a-Thon and collected donations which they donated to CAST, in exchange for providing a wrapping service. It truly takes a village to do what CAST does—we are “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”!

From the President...



DARE WE HOPE THAT SPRING IS FINALLY HERE?

While the winter can be quiet in many parts of Southold Town, thanks to your contributions, CAST had a busy winter.

You fed 1,058 families through our needs-based Food Pantry; fed countless others through donations from local supermarkets, convenience stores and coffee shops; connected 30 of your neighbors to heating and electricity support through Project Warmth and HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program); provided emergency assistance to 41 neighbors in dire need, including, for example, deliveries of hundreds of gallons of oil donated by two Southold Town oil company neighbors. These are only some of the services in the safety net that your generosity provides to your neighbors in need.

You have supported a path to self-sufficiency for your neighbors, too. Your generosity has provided 26 computer learning classes and ESL classes for 190 students. Thanks to you and a generous grant from the Bank of America, the number of classes offered will increase, in addition to expanded participation in the North Fork Parent Child Home Program that currently serves 43 families.

Many of you know Linda Ruland who was CAST's Executive Director until March 31, 2017 when she retired. We will miss her and are grateful for all that she did to put CAST on the path of continuous improvement. We are delighted to be welcoming a new Executive Director, Cathy Demeroto later this spring. Cathy has a wealth of experience and is excited to bring her ideas to a community with such caring neighbors.

SAVE THE DATE!

May

FEED-A-KID APPEAL

During the school vacations when children are not able to receive free breakfast and lunch at school, CAST helps fill the need by providing bags of breakfast and lunch to eligible families.

castsoutholdtown.org/Feed

July 13th

BLAST FOR CAST

From 6-9 at American Beech in Greenport, the first annual Blast For CAST fundraiser. An evening of food, cocktails and music performed by Gene Casey.

castsoutholdtown.org/Blast

August

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

CAST collects and distributes backpacks and school supplies for eligible families in need to help students start the school year off on the right foot.

castsoutholdtown.org/School

November/December

TOY DRIVE

Help make the holidays bright for local families by donating to the CAST Toy Drive.

castsoutholdtown.org/Toy

Ways to Give

Your gift to CAST can have more impact, for CAST and your bottom line, if you plan well. Consider the following gift ideas:

GIFT OF STOCK

A gift of publicly traded stock (long term) that has appreciated in value allows you to take an income tax deduction for the full fair market value while avoiding capital gain taxes.

GIFT FROM YOUR IRA

Gifts directly from your IRA to CAST (up to a certain amount) provide you an income tax deduction and avoidance of ordinary income tax on an IRA distribution.

BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL

A bequest to CAST is a wonderful way to ensure that our vital programs continue while costing you nothing now. And if your circumstances change you can always modify your will.

Please call Robin Phillips at 631-477-1717 for more information.

SUCCESS STORY



PARTICIPATING
PARENT
EXHIBITS
ARTWORK IN
GREENPORT

Alma Vasquez is one of the parents who participates in CAST's North Fork Parent-Child Home Program. Her paintings were exhibited at the Floyd Memorial Library in Greenport during January and February 2017, her first exhibition in New York State. A resident of Greenport for 10 years, Alma is a native of La Palma, El Salvador where she studied art under the renowned Fernando Llorc, El Salvador's National Artist.

CAST by the Numbers

A SNAPSHOT FROM FEBRUARY 2017

948

PEOPLE SERVED

5

FOOD DRIVES
PLANNED FOR 2017

73

CHILDREN SERVED
THROUGH OUR
FEED-A-KID PROGRAM

\$12,768

WORTH OF ITEMS DONATED BY

128

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

69

GENEROUS DONORS

CAST SERVICES

- Food Pantry
- ESL Classes
- Computer Training Program
- Advocacy for Referrals and Benefits
- Child Tutoring
- Clothing and Household Supplies
- Parent-Child Home Program

CAST PROGRAMS

- School Supply Drive
- Holiday Toy Drive
- Summer Story Hours
- Seasonal Feed-A-Kid
- Produce Rescue
- Birthday in a Bag
- Food Drives

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Who We Are



COMMUNITY ACTION SOUTHDOLD TOWN CAST

is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization incorporated in 1965 to help low-income residents meet their basic needs by addressing the areas of nutrition, clothing, employment, energy, housing and education. We also provide advocacy and referrals to help families get needed services from other sources such as social services and other programs. CAST helps families move towards

self-sufficiency by providing educational programs for adults. Our continued goal is to improve child and family well-being through direct services and referrals.

“It is the mission of Community Action Southold Town to promote self-sufficiency and provide a safety net for Southold Town residents in need.”

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