



Day Habilitation participants present fundraising check to Carolyn Dornstauder, Long Island Program Director.

## WellLife Network's Day Habilitation Programs Brighten the Holidays for Long Islanders

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***Sometimes it takes individuals in need to see the need in others.***

That is what participants with intellectual/developmental disabilities, who attend WellLife Network Day Habilitation programs, found out when they raised funds to provide holiday meals to less fortunate families on Long Island.

Participants of the Astoria, Station Road and Long Island City Day Habilitation Programs raised more than \$250 in support of WellLife Network's Smithtown food pantry. With a matching grant, provided by senior executive staff, the total was **\$500**. Through the sale of baked goods and healthy snacks, some 80 families will receive a nourishing and satisfying meal this holiday season. With contributions from our Board of Directors and generous vendors the total grew to more than **\$4,500**.

**“We wanted to help people who are hungry. People should not be hungry during the holidays,” exclaimed Maria, a participant at the Station Road program. “We want everyone to have a great holiday.”**

The WellLife Network Day programs assist individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities in learning basic life, socialization and prevocational skills through structured activities and volunteering in the community.

### Serving More than 5,000 Long Islanders

The check was presented to **Carolyn Dornstauder**, Program Director, and **Rebecca Costa**, Vice President, Long Island Operations on Tuesday, December 19, 2017. This WellLife Network pantry is one of four located in Suffolk County. Each year some **5,000** people receive groceries and toiletries from our pantries in Huntington, Smithtown, Wyandanch and Coram.

The event was covered by Channel 7, WABC Eyewitness News.

### Partners Make A Difference

Working in cooperation with **Long Island Cares** and **Temple Beth David**, WellLife Network will provide a traditional holiday meal for a family of four, including: turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce and a delicious apple pie for dessert.

### Here's How You Can Help

Join the WellLife Network of Long Islanders who take care of one another by sending a tax deductible gift today. Please call **Cody Fisher, Director of Development at: 917-563-3383**.