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### **The Long Island Association for AIDS Care Congratulates Long Island Cares on New Mobile Food Program Grant!**

The Long Island Association for AIDS Care, LIAAC, a not-for-profit agency delivering comprehensive services to Long Islanders coping with various health issues including HIV/AIDS, hunger, substance use and hepatitis, would like to congratulate Long Island Cares, our neighbor in Hauppauge, on the recent acquisition of a grant to provide mobile nutrition services throughout Long Island.

With funding from the New York State Department of Health, Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP), LIAAC became one of the first agencies on Long Island to provide mobile pantry services through our Pantry on Wheels (POW) program. Since the program's inception in 2006, LIAAC has been providing nutritionally balanced pantry bags, nutrition education and screened referrals to nutrition-related services such as soup kitchens, food pantries and public benefit programs (i.e. WIC, FAN, food stamps) as well as referrals to additional community resources, utilizing the mobile approach. LIAAC's mobile van distributes over 47,000 nutritionally balanced meals to food insecure individuals residing in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties annually.

With local hunger statistics continuing to rise and limited food recourses available to Long Island residents, LIAAC is excited to learn about the new food resource and looks forward to continued collaboration with the Long Island Cares in our fight to eliminate hunger on Long Island.

For more information on LIAAC's services, please visit the website at [www.LIAAC.org](http://www.LIAAC.org) or call our toll free number at 1-877-TO-LIAAC (865-4222).