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FREEPORT, NY: Ridgewood Savings Bank gives Long Island Council of Churches \$2,500 Community Investment Grant for its Nassau County Emergency Food & Family Support Program.

The Long Island Council of Churches (LICC) received a \$2,500 grant from Ridgewood Savings Bank to support its Emergency Food & Family Support Program in Nassau County. Ridgewood Savings Bank has been supporting the LICC since 2012.

We are most grateful to Ridgewood Savings Bank for its generous support. This grant will help us keep up with the increased number of hungry Neighbors we are feeding in our Freeport Emergency Food Center. This allows us to feed more people and give them the food they need. We are feeding up to 12,491 Neighbors a month in Nassau and giving them enough food for three days.

“We are extremely thankful for all of the blessings and the continued support in our ministry to those that we serve and the generosity of the Ridgewood Savings Bank. As the demand with those suffering from food insecurity grows during this unprecedented pandemic, their support allows us to continue in **Serving Our Neighbors in Need**,” said LICC Director of Administration and Operations, Deacon Anthony Achong.

The Long Island Council of Churches, the region’s largest ecumenical and interfaith organization, is a faith-based, non-profit emergency food and social service agency. For 51 years the LICC has brought together hundreds of faith communities to respond rapidly to the emergency needs of the least fortunate. The agency collaborates with more than 50 public and private health and social service agencies to provide emergency food and essential social services to Long Islanders in crisis. In 2019 the LICC fed 30,649 hungry Long Islanders 275,841 meals.

As of August 31, 2020, the LICC has fed 43,197 hungry Long Islanders 388,773 meals.

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