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FREEPORT, NY: Ridgewood Savings Bank gives Long Island Council of Churches \$1,000 Community Investment Grant for its Nassau County emergency food program.

The Long Island Council of Churches (LICC) received a \$1,000 grant from Ridgewood Savings Bank to support its emergency food program in Nassau County.

We are most grateful to the 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 over 2,400 Neighbors a month in Nassau and giving them enough food for three days.

"We are extremely grateful for your continued support for our ministry to those who are in great need, those whom we see at the pantry. Facing a significant growth in demand for this kind of care in our Long Island communities, your generosity is a blessing for our ongoing work in 2019," said Long Island Council of Churches Chairman, Rev. Erik Rasmussen.

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 50 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 2018 the LICC fed 18,916 hungry Long Islanders 170,244 meals.

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