



Lighthouse Mission
"Hope Beyond the Food"
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LIGHTHOUSE MISSION PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

As Long Island's largest Mobile Food Pantry, Lighthouse Mission has been feeding the hungry and helping the homeless since 1992. Each week more than 2,300 neighbors in need receive assistance from the Mission's programming, which includes Food Distribution, Youth Development, and other Community Programs.

The Mission exists to feed the hungry and help the homeless by sharing God's love with people in need in practical ways. Our commitment is to feed the poor, but our goal is to empower people to overcome poverty and live purpose-filled lives.

CURRENT PROGRAMMING

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

Our core program involves weekly distributions of food, clothing, and household items at program sites across Suffolk County. These programs bring donated produce, canned goods, and other essentials via box truck to publicly accessible locations to share with our neighbors in need. All members of the public are welcome to receive help at these programs.

- **Weekly Program Sites** occur in: Bellport, Centereach, Islandia, Lake Ronkonkoma, Middle Island, Patchogue, Port Jefferson Station, Riverhead, Rocky Point, and Shirley.
- **Emergency Food Pantry** is available year-round at the Mission's Bellport headquarters during normal business hours.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The Mission's youth programming targets local children and teens facing challenging circumstances at home, in school, and in their communities.

- **The Refuge:** after-school mentoring program for at-risk Middle School and High School students. Incorporates outdoor adventures (kayaking, mountain biking, etc.), annual camp trips, and internship opportunities alongside regular weekly gatherings.
- **Aspire:** reading assistance and tutoring program for Intermediate grade children.



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

In addition to its regular programming the Mission offers select programs in response to seasonal and specialized needs facing members of our local community. These include:

- **Back-to-School:** the Mission collects school supplies to distribute to local teachers and students identified by school guidance counselors as especially in need.
- **Thanksgiving:** annual distribution of frozen turkeys and other Thanksgiving specific foods at the Mission's Food Distribution programs.
- **Christmas Gift-Giving:** collection and distribution of gifts for local families in need.
- **Community Service:** opportunities for community members to meet volunteer and court mandated community service hours at the Mission's programs and warehouse.
- **Summer Work Internship:** paid internship opportunities for local teens.

PROGRAM FUNDING & SUPPORT

Lighthouse Mission's programs are funded by compassionate individuals, businesses, churches and communities groups, and foundations who donate food, clothing, and funds in support of our efforts. Nearly 80% of the Mission's funding comes from local sources.

Programs are staffed by a team of 13 employees and more than 200 community volunteers, plus volunteer groups from local businesses, churches, and organizations.

The Mission is a 501(c)-3 nonprofit organization registered with New York State.