

## NONPROFITS



South Nassau Communities Hospital was awarded \$30,000 toward a renovation project from the Long Island Real Estate Group, a philanthropic trade group of real estate industry profes-

sionals that supports real estate-related projects at local nonprofit organizations.

LIREG's gift was applied to the renovation and modernization of a 23-bed medical-surgical patient care unit at the Oceanside hospital. Updates to the unit include advanced cardiac monitoring equipment, wireless communications and computerized electronic medical records.

"We receive many grant requests for real estate-related projects on Long Island and through a heavy vetting process, this project stood out for its merit," Peter Schapero, co-president of LIREG, said in a statement.

### East End nonprofits encouraged to apply

A total of \$50,000 in competitive grants is available for nonprofits serving Long Island's five easternmost towns, through the All for the East End Fund at the Long Island Community Foundation.

Melville-based LICF is accepting proposals from organizations with projects and programs serving the towns of Riverhead, Southold, Shelter Island, Southampton and East Hampton, in the categories of health and welfare, the environment, arts and culture, education and youth.

In making selections, LICF will consult with an advisory committee consisting of one representative from each of the five towns.

The deadline for applications is April 24; visit [licf.org](http://licf.org).

### Insurance money

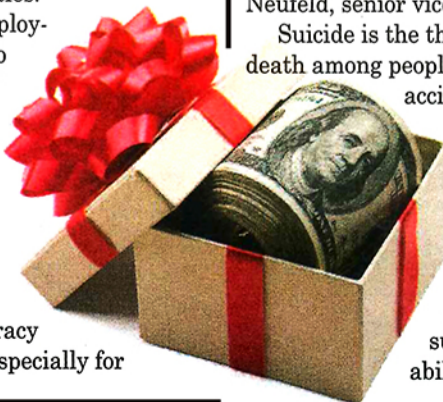
Insurance company State Farm donated \$16,000 to Mercy Haven, to help the Islip Terrace-based nonprofit expand a program that prepares its formerly homeless, low-income residents for employment.

The human services agency's Supported Employment Program includes job readiness education, vocational training, peer-to-peer mentoring and financial literacy workshops.

The gift was part of State Farm's ongoing Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant program, whose goal is to help local organizations build safer, stronger and better educated communities.

"Mercy Haven's employment program fits in to the State Farm goal of creating better educated communities," Naomi Johnson, New York community specialist for State Farm, said in a statement.

"Our focus is on job training, financial literacy and basic economics, especially for



underserved communities, all components of Mercy Haven's program."

### Grant for FREE

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, a nonprofit based in Old Bethpage, received a \$5,000 grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health to promote a suicide prevention program directed toward Long Island youth between the ages of 15 and 25.

"We hope that the suicide prevention program will provide youth with valuable resources and help during the most vulnerable time in their lives," said Anita Dowd-Neufeld, senior vice president of FREE.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people ages 10 to 24, behind accidents and homicides, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

FREE's suicide-prevention program will be aimed at youth considered at high risk, such as those with disabilities, those living in fos-

ter care and/or substandard neighborhoods or LGBT individuals that endure bullying.

The grant helped FREE establish a website, [freespli.org](http://freespli.org), which includes information and resources. The funds will also allow FREE to conduct a public awareness campaign in print and online media aimed at suicide prevention among youth, and also to institute suicide-intervention training programs for its staff. FREE refers depressed individuals to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, a 24/7 hotline with trained crisis counselors.

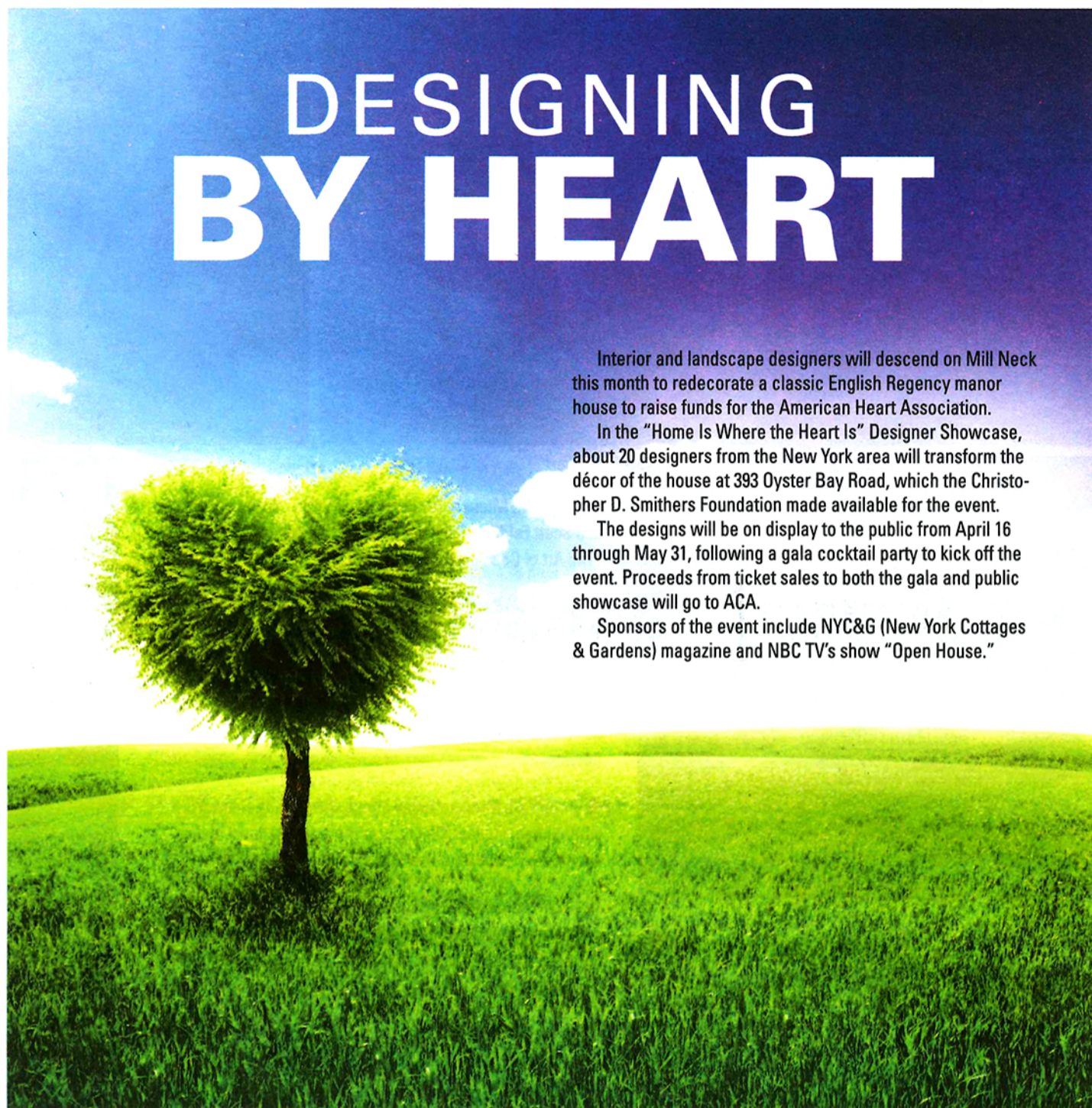
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### Staff support

The Sunrise Association of Oceanside, which runs three day camps for children with cancer, received a gift of \$10,000 to provide scholarships to some of its camp counselors.

The donation from the Ohio-based Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation will provide four \$2,500 scholarships to students who have worked at Sunrise Day Camps and who are pursuing a career in healthcare.

Two of the scholarship recipients — Tracy Rosenblatt of Plainview and Layne Morowitz of Woodbury — have worked at



# DESIGNING BY HEART

Interior and landscape designers will descend on Mill Neck this month to redecorate a classic English Regency manor house to raise funds for the American Heart Association.

In the "Home Is Where the Heart Is" Designer Showcase, about 20 designers from the New York area will transform the décor of the house at 393 Oyster Bay Road, which the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation made available for the event.

The designs will be on display to the public from April 16 through May 31, following a gala cocktail party to kick off the event. Proceeds from ticket sales to both the gala and public showcase will go to ACA.

Sponsors of the event include NYC&G (New York Cottages & Gardens) magazine and NBC TV's show "Open House."



the Long Island camp, which is in Wheatley Heights. Working with children at the camp influenced the counselors to go into healthcare, according to Sunrise Marketing Director Judy Fishkind.

Sunrise Day Camps offer a summer camp experience free of charge to children with cancer and their siblings.

### Correction

An item on the "Hot Shots" page in LIBN March 27 should have specified that a donation from Gershow Recycling was going to Phillips Avenue Elementary School's onsite food pantry.