



LI-TMA Assist - Hope for the Future

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Long Island Chapter

Turnaround Management Association

Poised to help Turnaround local Soup Kitchen devastated by fire

HOPE
For The Future
Ministries



On Sunday, November 15th, the headquarters of Hope for the Future Ministries was destroyed by fire. This included the kitchen, the food storage warehouse, offices and the refrigerated van. Police say the fire appeared to be intentionally set.

Although the building was insured **the value of the damage is likely to be substantially more than the insurance value.**

Pastor Diane Dunne is asking for all supporters of the ministry to pray, and if possible, to consider how they can donate toward the rebuilding and restocking costs.

Long Island Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association

Each year, at its annual holiday party, the Long Island Chapter makes donations to a number of charities. In years past the Chapter has given \$1,000 to \$1,500 to 2 to 3 charities. This year, the Chapter decided to give to only one charity, Hope for the Future Ministries as it suffered a devastating fire to its building on November 15th. The Chapter also decided to raise its budgeted charitable donation of \$2,000 to \$3,000 due to the devastation to the facility and operations.

As it is a Chapter of an international organization that focuses on Turnarounds, **the Chapter has also decided to take a proactive role in assisting the Ministry with its Turnaround.** To this end, the Chapter is asking its Board Members and Members to donate their time, services and business contacts to help the Ministry solve its immediate, short-term and long-term needs.

This Executive Summary shows pictures of the devastation suffered by the Ministry, and contains articles about the fire.

The Executive Summary also discusses the Ministries' immediate needs with respect to serving the elderly, hungry and homeless during the holiday season.

TMA members should review this information to see if they have clients or know of companies that might be able to donate items or facilities that the Ministry can use. The TMA's effort is being coordinated by Executive Board Member, Neil Seiden who has volunteered to be the liaison between the TMA and the Ministry. Neil can be reached at 516-383-8898 or via email at neil.seiden@assetenhancement.com.

As we close 2009 and enter 2010, the Long Island Chapter has a unique opportunity to put into place a "real" Turnaround benefiting the Ministry. Please join me in this effort in any way you can.

Very truly yours,

John Lemanski

President, Long Island Chapter



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PAY TO THE ORDER OF Hope For the Future Ministries, Inc \$ 3000.00
Three Thousand & XX/100 DOLLARS

DATE 12/7/09

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President
TMA Long Island Chapter

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Immediate Need

Items needed to distribute to the Elderly, Homeless & Hungry during the Holiday Season



1. Toys for Teenagers (Approx 30 toys needed)
2. Holiday gifts for Senior Citizens
3. Warm Weather Clothing
 - a. Gloves
 - b. Hats
 - c. Coats
 - d. Sweaters & Sweatshirts
 - e. Blankets
 - f. Thermal Underwear
 - g. Rain Gear
 - h. Sleeping Bags

4. Shopping Carts

- a.



5. Paper Goods

- a. 9 inch Styrofoam Containers
 - b. 8 inch tins and lids
 - c. Plastic forks, knives and spoons (medium or heavy weight)
 - d. Paper napkins
 - e. Heavy duty plastic "T Bags" (These bags hold the hot meals and food distributed by the Ministry)



Immediate Need

Hot Meals for the Hungry

The Ministry had prepared 800 to 900 hot meals per week in its kitchen facilities. The meals were prepared by one cook, an employee of the Ministry assisted by 4 volunteers. The vast majority of the food prepared is donated by a number of companies in the food service business.



- On Mondays, 500 meals were prepared for distribution at Tuesday's or Wednesday's Outreach
- On Fridays, 300 to 400 meals were prepared for Saturday's Outreach

In order to continue providing hot meals to the hungry until its facility is rebuilt the Ministry needs:

1. Use of a **commercial kitchen facility** on a donated or rental basis which the Ministry can use to cook the food that is donated to it. The Ministry can bring in its own people to prepare the food. The Ministry needs the ability to store fresh, frozen and dry food. The Ministry also needs to be able to reheat the food so that it can be stored in Cambro food storage containers during transit to the Hungry.



2. Alternatively, the Ministry needs to find **an entity that will cook** the 900 hot meals with the food that was donated to the Ministry by its current donors.
3. The facility needs to be cleared by the Board of Health.

Typical Hot Meals prepared by the Ministry Include:

- Meat Loaf, potato and vegetable
- Roast Chicken, rice and vegetable
- Salisbury Steak, noodles and vegetables
- Baked Ziti, vegetable
- Chili with rice

Kitchen Equipment Needed

As the Ministry is significantly underinsured with only \$100,000 in Property Insurance it will need donations of equipment to regain its ability to properly service the Hungry, Elderly and Homeless.

Following is the beginning of a wish list:

This equipment can be new or used:

1. HVAC for building
2. 12" by 26" walk in fridge
3. Industrial pots and pans
4. Walk in freezers

Insurance Coverage

The Ministry is significantly underinsured with only \$100,000 in Property Insurance and \$50,000 in Food Spoilage Coverage. There is also \$100,000 for Business Interruption and Extra Expense, \$25,000 for reimbursement for Debris Removal, \$25,000 Personal Effects, \$25,000 for the Property of Others and \$50,000 for Valuable Papers.

A number of these coverages come into play only as a reimbursement for expenses incurred on an out of pocket basis by the Ministry.

The Ministry has retained an insurance adjuster, and a TMA member from Chernoff Diamond, Michael Aronson is assisting with the review of the insurance claim and insurance coverage.

Staffing & Administration

Interns

The Ministry can greatly benefit from unpaid interns or volunteers who can assist in one of the following areas:

1. Marketing
2. Email marketing
3. Bookkeeping
4. Fundraising

5. Newsletters
6. Coordination of interns/volunteers

Board of Directors

Pastor Dianne Dunn has expressed the need to enhance the organization's Board of Directors

Arson squad probes fire at E. Farmingdale charity

November 15, 2009 by MICHAEL AMON AND PATRICK WHITTLE. / michael.amon@newsday.com
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Less than two weeks before [Thanksgiving](#), the headquarters and kitchen of an East Farmingdale hunger relief charity was destroyed Sunday in a fire that Suffolk police said appeared intentionally set.

The early-morning blaze upended busy holiday season plans for Hope for the Future, a nondenominational Christian nonprofit that serves food to more than 1,000 people in East Farmingdale, Hempstead and New York City, said the Rev. Diane Dunne, its president and founder.

>>PHOTOS: [Fire burns East Farmingdale charity](#)

[she's hungry]

Thousands of children go hungry on Long Island. That's no way

Help-A-Family

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The advertisement features a close-up photograph of a young child's face, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The text "[she's hungry]" is written in a white, handwritten-style font across the top of the image. Below the image, the text "Thousands of children go hungry on Long Island. That's no way" is displayed in a clean, sans-serif font. To the right of this text is the "Help-A-Family" logo, which consists of a white dove with its wings spread, set against a purple square background. Below the logo, the words "Newsday CHARITIES" are printed in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

Dunne said someone apparently started the fire toward the back of the building, where the windows were smashed and the smell of lighter fluid was still present Sunday afternoon. The rear storage area held paper products, such as plates and towels, which were all burned, she said.

The fire spread quickly and it took East Farmingdale firefighters several hours to contain it. There were no serious injuries, police said, and nothing appeared to be stolen.

[>>VIDEO: Click here to see footage from the crime scene](#)

The one-story, brick Verdi Street building served as the 22-year-old charity's main office, kitchen and warehouse.

Meals cooked there are typically loaded into a refrigerated van, which Dunne has used to operate a mobile soup kitchen five days a week. Before some meals, Dunne presides over a short, outdoor religious service, but no one is required to attend.

The building also served as a food pantry once a week. Sunday, the smell of spoiled food and sour milk hung in the air as hundreds of pounds rotted outside of the damaged refrigeration equipment.

Dunne, of Massapequa Park, said Hope for the Future has property insurance but she expects losses to be heavy.

Meanwhile, other charities worried about the impact of losing an important food provider right before the busy holiday season. The Hope group also supplied several local charities with food for their hunger-relief efforts.

"This is going to devastate not only Hope for the Future, but also all of the ministries that have come to count on [it]," said Deborah Mitchell, a board member and pastor of Love and Mercy Fellowship in Bay Shore.

"It will be a significant hit," said Randi Shubin Dresner, president and chief executive of Island Harvest, a Mineola nonprofit that supplied food to Hope for the Future. "But we're going to all chip in and help them out the best we can."

"Even the day's one silver lining turned out to be a false hope. It was thought early Sunday that several turkeys in the facility's freezer could be salvaged for a [Thanksgiving](#) Day meal for the poor. But later, the group decided the birds were probably contaminated.

"It's really sad to see our kitchen like this," said Rosemarie Campagna, of Bay Shore, a volunteer and the main cook. "especially with the holidays coming up."

E. Farmingdale soup kitchen tries to rebuild after fire

November 16, 2009 by JENNIFER BARRIOS / jennifer.barrios@newsday.com



Sitting in a gray van outside her torched East Farmingdale soup kitchen, the Rev. Diane Dunne let out a whoop. "We're rolling!" she exclaimed as she hung up her cell phone Monday.

Since the Hope for the Future Ministries soup kitchen was burned early Sunday in what police said appeared to be arson, Dunne has been receiving dozens of calls and visitors offering food, office space, and their labor to clean up the debris-filled, burned-out space and return the pantry to normal.

"We need to rebuild," Dunne said. "A lot of people are going to be hurting."

[she's hungry]

Thousands of children go hungry on Long Island. That's no way to spend the holidays.

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Not the least of which are those who rely on Dunne's organization for [Thanksgiving](#) dinner and [Christmas](#) gifts. Turkeys and toys that the group had amassed were burned in the fire.

Dunne unlocked the boarded-up front door to let visitors see a glimpse of the devastation. Inside, the smell of soot was intense. The only sound was the constant dripping of water from the now-exposed beams in the ceiling. Shelves of spices stood over pieces of the burned ceiling in the darkened kitchen. A clock on the wall was stopped at 3:03.

Police so far have not announced any suspects in the attack, although Dunne said she thought it might have stemmed from an unspecified incident at her ministry several years ago.

The kitchen has been cooking hot meals for the needy for 18 years out of the East Farmingdale location. The facility relies on more than 200 volunteers to prepare meals, maintain its warehouse and deliver food. More than 1,000 meals are served each week out of a van in Farmingdale, Hempstead and the Lower East Side of [Manhattan](#). Also, more than 2,000 bags of food are handed out at the facility's food pantry each week.

Monday, as Dunne and other volunteers fielded phone calls from the parking lot and waited for insurance adjusters to begin assessing the damage, a stream of well-wishers visited, looked at the building and offered their help.

Jonathan Meo, 26, of Lynbrook, came by on his lunch break from a nearby printing company.

"I had to come and check it out," said Meo, who offered to help clean up. "Get this place open for [Christmas](#)."

A business owner offered to build new shelving. Two libraries volunteered to collect food. Stop & Shop, which already had a turkey drive planned for Tuesday, is donating emergency gift cards to Dunne, and Hauppauge food bank Long Island Cares is donating a mobile food pantry to the group.

Roman Krawczyk, partner in Cablelot Systems, a Farmingdale computer company, said every year his company donates turkeys to Hope for the Future. This week, he said, they were going to send 250 birds - plans now scuttled by the fire.

Krawczyk, who is offering an office in his building for the group, said he couldn't understand why anyone would torch a soup kitchen. "Who are you hurting?" he asked. "You're hurting the people who need food."



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