

LI Builders Institute continue efforts to serve local charities

From their beginning in 1941, Long Island Builders Institute members have traditionally



served on the boards and supported fund raising efforts of many of the charities on Long Island. So it was not a great leap of faith when in 2001, a handful of LIBI members came together to form an entity that had long been discussed but never acted upon and Long Island Home Builders Care (LIHBC) was created.

A separate, independent tax exempt 501C3 charitable entity, which accepts contributions from the organizations and individuals from all walks of life, Long Island Home Builders Care has no payroll and the organization is supported 100 percent by volunteers.

All donations are used to further our mission “to apply the member’s construction capability to directly assist families or individuals who are otherwise unable to overcome special life challenges and to enhance community facilities which otherwise could not adequately serve such persons and, to provide financial assistance to children or grandchildren of members and their employees who are planning to attend college.”

Today, LIHBC continues to stay true to its mission. After the 9/11 tragedy, working

together with other building organizations, members raised and contributed over \$400,000 to the victims and their families.

Through the years, among its wide-ranging community involvement, LIHBC has continued to:

- Provide home additions, renovations and repairs to assist handicapped and needy families
- Provide special needs children with customized transportation vehicles
- Contribute supplies and labor for local community projects
- Build and donate to Long Island charities, full sized children’s playhouses
- Build and donate animal pet houses for various animal shelters
- Annually donate food, clothing and toys for charitable holiday events
- Continue to adopt a children’s shelter for Christmas, donating presents and clothes to fulfill the wish list of the children, including throwing them a party complete with a visit from Santa Claus.

The Long Island Home Builders Care - Gregory Mancini Memorial



Scholarship Fund was originally created to honor a founding partner of the Park Ridge Organization who died suddenly in 1993. To date, LIHBC has provided over \$150,000 in scholarships to students attending college through this unique annual scholarship program.

Shelter is a basic human need. The members and their families who earn their livelihood in the construction industry understandably take great pride in their profession. LIHBC provides another vehicle for members to quietly “give back” to the communities they have helped to develop, continuing the founders tradition.