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In addition to funding outside programs, the WE CARE Fund administers its own programs, including scholarships to worthy high school students, a Dressed to a Tea annual function which aids people going back into the work force, a holiday party for disadvantaged children, the donation and distribution of Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need, and myriad other programs and endeavors.

While helping those who need assistance has been the paramount mission of the WE CARE Fund from its inception, a collateral benefit has been the recognition by the community at large of the selfless charitable efforts of the bench and bar of Nassau County.

—Stephen Gassman, Esq., WE CARE Founder

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THE WE CARE FUND

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Legal professionals serving
the community
— Since 1988 —

WE CARE Founder Stephen Gassman (center) with WE CARE Golf & Tennis Co-Chairs Jeffrey L. Catterson (left) and Joseph Lo Piccolo (right).

About Us

The WE CARE Fund is a part of the Nassau Bar Foundation, Inc., the charitable arm of the Nassau County Bar Association. It was founded in 1988 by then Bar Association President Stephen Gassman. WE CARE is supported through donations and fundraising efforts of the legal profession and the community at large. Over \$5 million has been raised by WE CARE to fund various programs. The money is disbursed through charitable grants to improve the quality of life for children, the elderly, and others in need throughout Nassau County.

Since all administrative costs are generously absorbed by the Nassau County Bar Association, 100% of funds raised by the WE CARE Fund benefits those in need.

The WE CARE Fund is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

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WE CARE is an organization that is unmatched, and we work year after year to better the lives of so many children with so many different needs. Being able to witness the changes throughout the years and being a part of it first-hand has been one of the most rewarding and incredible journeys.

—Deanne M. Caputo, Esq.
WE CARE Co-Chair 2021-2023

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Who We Help

WE CARE PROJECTS

The WE CARE Fund distributes grants semi-annually to organizations that help those in need throughout Nassau County, which serve various purposes, including:

- Food pantries and soup kitchens
- Domestic violence and emergency homeless shelters
- Breast cancer prevention education in underserved communities
- Boxed Thanksgiving dinners for families in need.
- Legal resources to low-income individuals
- After school and summer programs for underprivileged and physically challenged children

GRANT RECIPIENTS

A few previous grant recipients include:

- The Safe Center LI, formerly Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Nassau County Family Court Emergency Fund
- Girl Scouts of Nassau County
- Bethany House
- The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network)
- Long Island Sled Hockey
- ERASE Racism, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The WE CARE Fund provides annual scholarships to Nassau County high school and law school students.



Annual Children's Festival

Get Involved

WAYS TO GIVE

- **Donate Online** at www.thewecarefund.com.
- Choose "Nassau Bar Foundation, Inc." using your **Amazon Smile** account, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to the WE CARE Fund!
- Make a **donation in memory** of a loved one, or to honor a special person or occasion. Acknowledgement cards are sent upon receipt of a contribution.
- **Volunteer** at a WE CARE event.

WE CARE EVENTS

WE CARE hosts events for the community and to raise funds, including:

- **Golf and Tennis Classic**—A day of golf, tennis, swimming, and more
- **Dressed to a Tea**—A spring fashion show to benefit those re-entering the work force
- **Children's Festival**—A day of food, games, and entertainment for disadvantaged children during winter break
- **Thanksgiving Luncheon**— A luncheon for senior citizens with all the trimmings
- **Gingerbread University**—A day of gingerbread house building for children and the young at heart