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Your contributions will help us keep needy Long Islanders in their homes. If you would like to contribute, volunteer, and/or receive our monthly newsletter, please contact us at 516-565-0290, e-mail us at: licc@optonline.net or contact us at:

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