



April 10, 2017

Hon. Sean Walter – Town Supervisor
Town of Riverhead Long Island
200 Howell Avenue
Riverhead, NY 11901

Dear Sean, 

We seem to have a common friend in John King, chief customer officer of J. Kings Food Service.

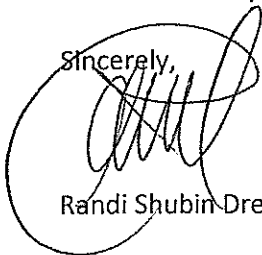
John recently donated 20,000 square feet of warehouse space to Island Harvest Food Bank and has agreed to let our organization use the dry storage facility, at 2711 Sound Ave., Calverton, under a 20-year, no-cost lease. The warehouse space will help facilitate the collection and distribution of food (in particular, fresh fruits and vegetables donated by the local farming community) to those in need on the East End of Long Island. The warehouse will also serve as a distribution point for disaster relief in Eastern Suffolk County, as Island Harvest Food Bank is a lead agency in the region's emergency-response preparedness for food and product distribution.

The Calverton site will be a strategic element in the efficient flow of food to those in Eastern Suffolk who are facing hunger and food insecurity. The proximity of the warehouse to East End farms enables Island Harvest Food Bank to provide top-quality, nutritious fruits and vegetables to the population in need of our services.

In addition, John made a generous year-end contribution, which indirectly supports our Kids Weekend Backpack Feeding Program in the Phillips Avenue Elementary School in Riverhead. This program supports children over the weekend and during holiday breaks when they do not have access to free or reduced breakfast and lunch that the school provides. The Phillips Avenue site also hosts a food pantry and Summer Food Service Program to ensure food-insecure children have healthy food to eat at home and during the summer months when school is not in session.

Island Harvest Food Bank is implementing so many other programs in Riverhead—and I would love to tell you about them! I extend a warm invitation to call and arrange a tour of our Calverton Food Collection and Distribution Center at your convenience so that you can see the impact we are making in the lives of so many in Suffolk County.

Sincerely,



Randi Shubin-Dresner, President & CEO

hope to have the opportunity to meet + give you a tour

Cc: John King