

BOCO MISSION PROJECT

Youth and Families - *Brighter Tomorrows**

The Outreach Board continues to support Brighter Tomorrows, a human service agency dedicated to empowering survivors of domestic violence through the provision of safe housing, supportive counseling, and legal advocacy services on Long Island. Brighter Tomorrows' value-driven programs seek to connect women and children with a nurturing community while enhancing their personal security, independence, and self-esteem. ([Click here](#) for more information about this agency.)

Mt. Sinai Church has supported Brighter Tomorrows (*and families at the Island Heart Food Pantry) for a number of years and in a number of ways:

Backpacks & School Supplies



Gifts from the Mitten Tree



Easter Baskets





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Brighter Tomorrows services clients from Suffolk and Nassau Counties, as well as the Five Boroughs and the Tri-State area. Our secure domestic violence shelter offers clients the opportunity to begin to recover from their abuse in a safe, structured environment. The residential program includes case management services, clinical support groups, educational workshops, transportation, and childcare. Brighter Tomorrows' innovative transitional housing program facilitates independent living for previous residents of our domestic violence shelter and for survivors of human trafficking.

Clients are provided with ongoing support services and referrals while they attend degree programs or vocational training and seek out permanent employment and housing. In addition to our shelter services, Brighter Tomorrows offers individual and group counseling in a non-residential setting and staffs a 24-hour crisis hotline.

Brighter Tomorrows also works within the criminal justice system, providing bilingual advocacy to survivors of domestic violence in Family, District, Integrated Domestic Violence, Felony Youth, and Human Trafficking Courts, as well as piloting a therapeutic re-entry program for women who have been incarcerated. Brighter Tomorrows is a leading source of education, awareness, and insight about the many facets of abuse and the individuals it impacts in our community.