

LONG ISLAND

## These restaurants make donations as part of the giving season

Charity is on the menu and on tap this holiday season at dozens of Long Island restaurants — from big chains to independents — that give back to the community. Some host fundraising events, donate a dollar, a free meal or a drink, and even provide tons of prepared food to soup kitchens and food banks.

Here are some of the most generous givebacks and the worthy causes that benefit when you sit down to dine or have a drink after a day of shopping, or gather with friends to enjoy a bit of holiday cheer.

Lessing's Hospitality Group in Great River is pouring out holiday cheer with its Wine Not campaign at **Post Office Café** in Babylon, **Maxwell's** in Islip, **Library Café** in Farmingdale, **Finnegan's** in Huntington and **Southside** in Bay Shore. For each glass of wine purchased from a special list, a meal is donated to Feeding America hunger relief. Order a bottle — the equivalent of four glasses of wine — and an equal number of meals is donated, said Jennifer Cantin, Lessing's director of marketing.



Watermill Caterers gives away free desserts to families who bring an unwrapped toy for its upcoming Toys for Tots event. Photo Credit: Watermill Caterers

Lessing's Drink Beer, Give Back promotion is on tap at its **Mirabelle Restaurant and Tavern** in Stony Brook, **View** in Oakdale and **Sandbar** in Cold Spring Harbor. Ten percent of the proceeds from every 16-ounce draft of Lessing's Local Cheer, a deep amber ale made by Blue Point Brewing Co. in Patchogue, will be donated to a local charity during December.