



# *Women of* **DISTINCTION**

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## HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

*Kelly Craig*

Kelly Craig is a crisis management expert specializing in disaster prevention. In addition, she is also a sought-after consultant on the areas of nonprofit fundraising and startup business development.

Ms. Craig co-founded LIC Relief COVID-19 Response Group on March 13 with her friend Patrick Thompson. The group is a collaboration of local, civic, religious and business organizations working together to alleviate the needs in their neighborhoods. LIC Relief was Queens' first COVID-19 relief group, and the first in New York City to create an ecosystem community-based model paying 11 local restaurants to stay open and assist in feeding 5k people in need per week (over 40k people to date).

LIC Relief has secured over \$15k per week to restaurants to stimulate the local economy during the pandemic and help restaurants retain employees. Some of the places served include: NYCHA Astoria Houses, NYCHA Queensbridge, NYCHA Ravenswood, Hour Children, The Floating Hospital, Sunnyside Community Services, River View Gardens Senior Center and local first responders. This model has been so successful that it is now being replicated across the country.

LIC Relief has also operated an emergency food pantry out of Plaxall Gallery located in Long Island City. They have provided non-perishable foods for thousands of people, offered a delivery service for those homebound, and have sent out over a ton of food to other local pantries.

Ms. Craig serves on the Board of Directors for The Shoebox Project for Women, and is also the PTA Co-Vice President of P.S./I.S. 78Q. She is a LIC Girl Scout Troop Co-Leader and on the planning committee for the 108 NYPD annual Breast Cancer Awareness events.

Ms. Craig is a single mother and resides in Long Island City with her son, Ethan.

***Kelly Craig was selected as a  
2020 Woman of Distinction honoree by Senator Michael Gianaris.***

