

capital budget. That included \$10 million for open space acquisitions, with \$6 million for purchases in the Carmans River watershed. — DEON J. HAMPTON

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\$300G to be given to Literacy Nassau

The John and Janet Kornreich Charitable Foundation will donate \$300,000 to Literacy Nassau, a Freeport-based not-for-profit that provides tutoring for illiterate adults.

John Kornreich, trustee of the Old Westbury-based foundation, said in a statement that the charity donated to Literacy Nassau because of its commitment to fostering language skills in Nassau County.

"We are impressed with the literacy mission, Nassau County localism, efficient economics, and strong leadership — and that's why we're making this significant commitment to Literacy Nassau," the statement said.

The literacy agency will use the donation to reduce its waiting list and serve more students, said Literacy Nassau's executive director Karen Micciche.

"Our free services target those who are hardest to reach, those who can't easily assimilate into a large group classroom setting," Micciche said.

Literacy Nassau is also looking to add more tutors, Micciche said. Becoming a tutor involves completing a workshop program, she said. Information is available at www.literacynassau.org. — PATRICK WHITTLE



Mary Ellen Walsh of Syosset feeds Tasha tiger, at the Garden State Cat Show and

ly received \$75,000 from Wal-Mart to aid with supplying food during the holidays.

The money is part of \$1 million donated to pantries across the state by the retail store chain, according to a news release from Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo.

"As New Yorkers gather with families across New York for Thanksgiving, it is also a time to celebrate the spirit of giving and lend a hand to those less fortunate," Cuomo said.

He said the donation would "provide a major boost to the work of New York's food banks and local charities to help even more New Yorkers put food on their tables during this holiday season."

Julie Murphy, a Wal-Mart senior vice president, said, "Together with many hunger relief organizations throughout the state, we're working to make this Thanksgiving a little brighter for many."

Officials with the Interfaith Nutrition Network were not available for comment Wednesday and their offices were closed over the holiday weekend.

The nonprofit operates 19 soup kitchens and feeds some 7,500 people a week, according to its website. The organization also runs three emergency housing shelters in Nassau.

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