

# THANK YOU

*It takes a village...*

Thank you for joining us today. Our first four seasons have been brought to us solely because of the kindness and willingness of others.

## OUR VOLUNTEER LOCATION HOSTS, AN INCREDIBLE GIFT.

The Sea Shell Resort / The Hughes Family  
2022-Present

First United Methodist Churches of LBI  
2020 - Present

Barry's Do Me A Flavor / Nicole & Barry Baxter  
2021 Season

## MUCH GRATITUDE

Thank you to our amazing volunteer team of 75+ and all those supporting this mission. We owe so much gratitude to so many people... its hard to keep up. Please visit our website [www.compassioncafelbi.org](http://www.compassioncafelbi.org) where we list extraordinary gifts of time, talent and treasures.

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*Compassion Cafe's mission is to provide meaningful employment and job training for adolescents and adults with disabilities.*



Visit [CompassionCafeLBI.org](http://CompassionCafeLBI.org) to learn more or to make a donation online.



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Compassion Cafe is a registered public charity. All purchases and donations go directly to the mission of providing meaningful employment to persons with disabilities.

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# COMPASSION CAFE

An extraordinarily *special* non-profit 



## VOLUNTEER SUMMER HOST

THE SEA SHELL  
Oceanfront at Centre Street  
BEACH HAVEN

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# MONDAY - THURSDAY

## 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.

*(thru September 12)*

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# THE STORY OF COMPASSION CAFE

## SEASON FOUR

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, Volunteer Team, and our Staff families “welcome back” to our fourth season. I trust you were greeted with a smile and served with confidence...maybe you’ll even be delighted by one of our many performances. In fact, while I write this in the off-season, 30 staff members are preparing to present “Grease In Concert” to the delight of an expected 600+. This is just one of many ways we extend the heart beat of Compassion Cafe and socialize year round. During the summer we generally get together weekly for some fun event- please ask our staff what’s on the calendar next .

Know that your presence today provides hope and possibilities for paid employment to 70+ people with special needs. You might even notice we sometimes have over 30 extraordinary people working on the same shift, wanting to interact with you. We know we are overstaffed. Payroll at \$15.20/hr for over 70 employees makes no business sense for a little cafe. And since 2020, we’ve been in awe of the support from so many endorsing and supporting this mission and our vision to include all.

We pay no rent and in an unimaginable act of kindness, are graciously hosted here at the Sea Shell and at our off-site home base, Terrace United Methodist Church. While I give utmost credit to our volunteer team of 100+, the true driving force to keeping Compassion Cafe not only open, but thriving is the support from the community. We are in borrowed space and selling products that pay only about 25% of our operating expenses. And yet, with the help of many, our staff finds paid employment as well as the same things we all want in life: VALUE, PURPOSE and the CONFIDENCE to PROSPER- just as each person is so beautifully made. Together, we make that happen.

Most of who I am is simply learned or copied from people smarter and sharper than I am. Those lessons become part of my very soul and here’s a perfect example of that. Originally quoted by Coach Jim Valvano and later shared in our newsletter by our editor: “To me there are three things everyone should do every day. Number one is laugh. Number two is think, spend time in thought. Number three, you should have your emotions move you to tears. If you laugh, think, and cry, that’s a heck of a day.”

We’ve learned that Compassion Cafe never fails to deliver on all three. Wishing you a “heck of a day” with big thanks for choosing to share it with us,



Sue Sharkey, Co-Founder and Board of Trustees President

## OUR MENU

### DRINKS

Hot Coffee.....	\$3.50
Hot Tea.....	\$2.50
Season-Long Refill Cup .....	\$23.50
Cold Brew.....	\$4.50
Apple Juice.....	\$2.50
Water Bottle.....	\$1.25

### FOOD

Bagel w/Cream Cheese or Butter .....	\$3.50
Assorted Muffins & Pastries .....	\$3.50
Assorted Quiche.....	\$7.50
“Dessert for Breakfast” Carrot Cake.....	\$7.50
Yogurt.....	\$2.50
Assorted Fruit.....	prices vary

### DOG BAKERY

**HANDMADE BY OUR STAFF**

Peanut Butter Wheat Thins .....	\$3.75/box
Icing-Dipped Milk Bones.....	\$1.00

### MERCHANDISE

Ceramic Mugs.....	\$20.00
40oz. Tumblers .....	\$32.00
Hats.....	\$18.00 + up
T-Shirts & Sweatshirts .....	\$20.00 + up
Miscellaneous.....	prices vary

*(Sorry... prices subject to increase.)*