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## The 2010 INN Luncheon The Power of Education

By Mary Ellen Porrazzo

*"The greatest good you can do for another is not just share your riches but to reveal to him his own."*

**Benjamin Disraeli**  
*British politician & philosopher 1804-1881*

In a keynote address laden with lyric and love, Michael Dowling, CEO and President of North Shore LIJ Health System, told INN staff and supporters at the 2010 INN Luncheon they personify the wisdom of Disraeli "each and every day." It seemed only fitting that during this elegant event at the Garden City Hotel the sun appeared and the temperatures moderated after a chilly start to the day. The weather symbolized the bright new beginning envisioned by INN Executive Director Jean Kelly when she learned about a pilot program to educate the very people The INN serves as guests, our neighbors in need.

Jean spoke of an article she read last year in Newsday about The Advantage Academy at St. John's University. The program is designed to provide housing and a college education to people who are homeless with the goal being economic independence. "Wow, what if we could do something like that on Long Island," Jean said she wondered. She immediately approached Hofstra University, Adelphi University and Molloy College and was greeted with open arms. This led to the 2010 INN Luncheon, which paid tribute to

these three educational powerhouses and their presidents for the extraordinary contributions these universities have made to The INN.

Adelphi University President Bob Scott began his remarks requesting a moment of silence for the man who introduced him to The INN, his friend and The INN's dear friend, Don Axinn, a devoted volunteer, supporter and board member who died last year. President Scott praised Adelphi's students and staff for raising more than \$40,000 over the past decade through a special meal plan program and other fundraisers. Adelphi students have also held food and clothing drives, volunteered in countless capacities, and conducted scholarly research on hunger and homelessness.

Hofstra University is "where it all began." In 1983 the University was challenged to create a soup kitchen in Hempstead, instead of taking students to volunteer at one in Brooklyn. Some 20 volunteers, including Jean, responded to a small newspaper ad, and within months The INN opened a soup kitchen. President Dr. Stuart Rabinowitz said he was "honored

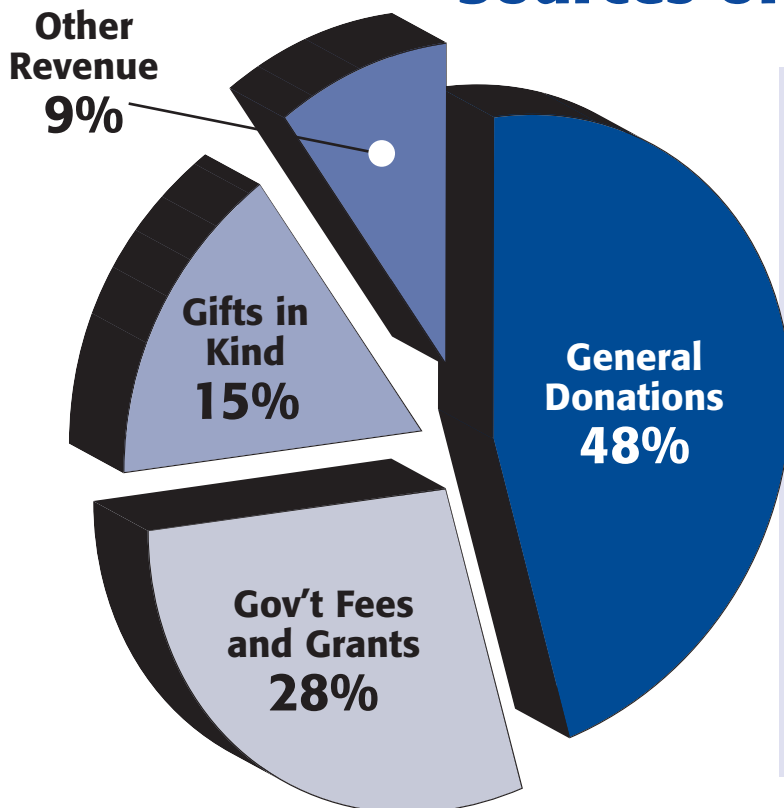
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# The INN Annual Report for 2009

At The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network), our mission is to serve hungry and homeless Long Islanders with dignity and respect. We take this commitment one step further to be good stewards of the funds entrusted to us through effective outreach. The INN is audited by the accounting firm Nawrocki Smith LLP. Financial data presented here is summarized from the consolidated financial statements of The INN for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>		
Contributions and Donations	\$2,975,848	48%
Government Fees and Grants	\$1,727,407	28%
Gifts in Kind	\$949,811	15.2%
Rental Income	\$374,746	6%
Interest Income	\$18,729	.3%
Other Revenues	\$156,805	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,203,346</b>	

## Sources of Support



## 2009 HIG

The INN is proud to report that we are staying true to our mission over 2,000 dedicated volunteers and our staff of 50 that each donation has been used efficiently to serve

- The INN's network of 19 Soup Kitchens served over 350,000 meals to hungry and homeless Long Islanders.
- The INN is truly grateful to our regular corps of volunteers who spent 155,480 service hours serving guests during the year.
- The INN provided 347,505 nights of shelter to guests in our emergency shelters in 2009.

## EXPENSES:

### Program Services:

Soup Kitchens	\$1,842,237	31%
Emergency Shelters	\$2,152,119	36%
Long Term Housing	\$1,061,017	18%

### Support Services:

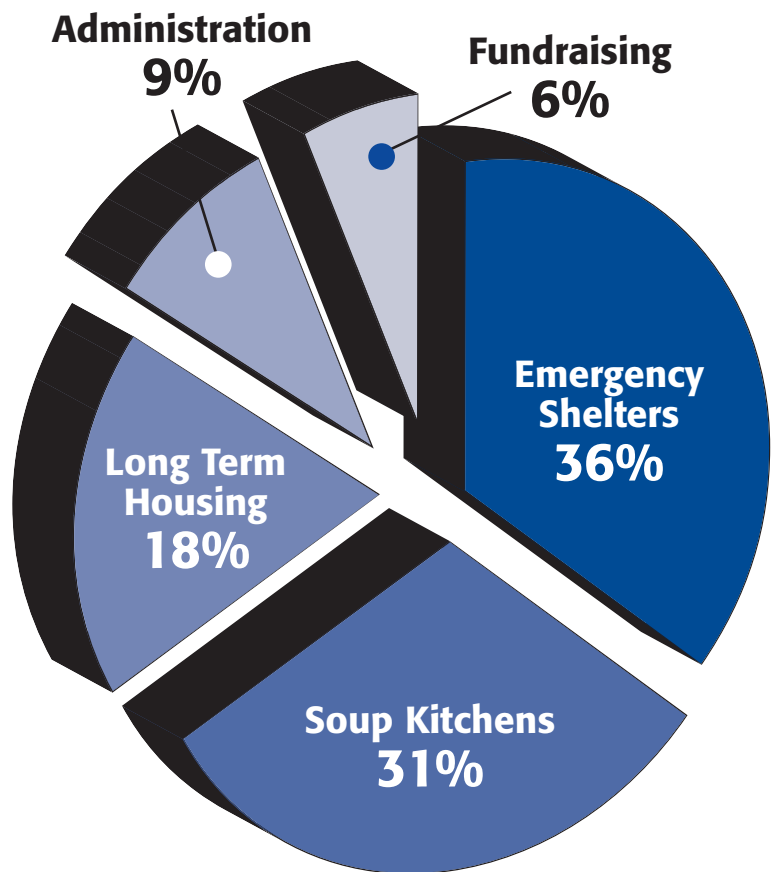
Administration	\$555,785	9%
Fundraising	\$348,803	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,959,961</b>	

## Expenses

## HIGHLIGHTS:

to our grassroots mission. Thanks to our network of employees, we are able to minimize costs, assuring the hungry and homeless Long Islanders.

- The INN's Long Term Housing Program worked with 22 families. 98% of the 112 children were promoted to the next grade level. 95% of the 28 adults in the program are employed and 60% of all of these formerly homeless families increased their household income in a challenging economy as they strive toward self sufficiency.



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and humbled” to receive the award and noted “it is important for students to give back to others who are not as fortunate as themselves.” Over the years Hofstra students have volunteered, raised money, organized toy, clothing and food drives and on May 1st will conduct the first WalkINN to Fight Hunger walk-a-thon on campus.

Molloy College President Dr. Drew Bogner congratulated Hofstra, Adelphi and The INN, which he praised as a “stellar organization.” In addition to volunteering at the Mary Brennan INN, Molloy students have devoted many hours to the annual Shelter Shopping event for emergency shelters during the holidays. Molloy’s nursing students also have nourished a special relationship with Mary Brennan INN guests, helping them with their medical needs and challenges.

When Mr. Dowling delivered his keynote address, he traversed many topics, including explaining six life lessons, truisms, as he called them. He linked each pearl of wisdom to The INN and its mission, providing proof positive of the power of people who give of their hearts:

*We are all interdependent. No person is an island. Everybody has potential. Adversity can have its benefits. To understand the need to battle against the danger of indifference.*

## 2010 INNkeepers’ Ball

The INNkeepers’ Ball will be on Thursday, May 6th at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale. The INN is happy to be honoring 11 distinguished and long-term “friends of The INN”: Michael and Lisa Reali, Fred and Roz Scheiner and “The Seven of Us” (Tracy Arnold-Warzer, Norma Brown-Hill, Dee Dee Lichtenberg-Scanlan, Erica Popkin, Carla Raben, Louise Sharakan and Graziella Weber-Grassi).

If you would like to attend the INNkeepers’ Ball or have questions regarding the INNkeepers’ Journal, please call Nora Bealey at (516) 486 8506 ext 108.



(from left to right) Honorees Michael and Lisa Reali, Executive Director Jean Kelly, honorees Erica Popkin, Louise Sharakan, Carla Raben, Tracy Arnold – Warzer, Dee Dee Lichtenberg – Scanlan and Co-chair Rob Kammerer.



(from left to right) Honoree Dr. Drew Bogner, Molloy College, keynote speaker Michael Dowling, North Shore LIJ, honoree Dr. Stuart Rabinowitz, Hofstra University, Executive Director Jean Kelly, The INN and Bill Proto, Adelphi University.

*Small things can grow to make huge differences. The greatest example is The INN.*

Closing with the words of Disraeli, Dowling received thunderous applause and a standing ovation. With that the Luncheon had ended. The event was on the lips of all who attended and the added benefit of raising over \$90,000 to further the mission of serving hungry and homeless Long Islanders.

## Our Wish List

Currently our pantry is in need of the following items:

- Canned soup, vegetables, fruit, tuna fish, pasta and pasta sauce
- Hygiene products – soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc. (small, travel sizes preferred for all items)
- Disposable diapers (all sizes), baby lotion, baby wipes and powders
- Jeans, khakis, workboots, sneakers and shoes in good condition
- New and gently used towels, washcloths, bed linens and blankets

Please bring your donations to the Mary Brennan INN at 100 Madison Avenue in the village of Hempstead, Monday – Friday from 9-11 am and 2-4 pm. For directions, call (516) 486-8506 ext. 114. Thank you.

# A Special Type of Gift – Volunteerism

The pay is lousy and the job is a challenge. The benefits may be hard to see, but they do exist. Just ask the over 2,000 volunteers who enable The INN to serve over 350,000 warm nutritious meals each year to hungry Long Islanders. Our volunteers come from every background, religion, ethnicity, age, and ideology and work together each day to share over 155,000 hours annually in service to the guests of The INN. Volunteers can be found cooking, cleaning, sorting and hanging donated clothing in our free boutique, organizing pantries, wrapping cutlery, bagging groceries to distribute, creating shower kits, coordinating drives for food, clothing and other everyday products and helping The INN to operate at a high level on a lean budget.

The INN came together and has been strengthened through our 27 years as a result of concerned community members looking to make a difference in the battle against hunger and homelessness. The need for individual involvement is as important today as ever. It is amazing what one person (or a team of people) can do. Aside from preparing meals, volunteers serve as advocates for The INN soliciting financial support. Food, clothing, towel and other drives make a difference for us and don't require specified volunteer hours. Everyone can do something to make a difference.

Whether you are able to volunteer on a weekly basis, periodically, or as a one-time effort, we can use your time and abilities. If you would like to discuss possible outreach efforts, at your own time and convenience, we

invite your support. If you are thinking of getting involved in one or more of the following ways, please review the outline of options listed below. We would love to hear from you! In particular, we are seeking volunteers who can set aside one day a week to come, help prepare and serve meals alongside other caring volunteers.

## Top 5 reasons to volunteer at The INN

*(As submitted by actual volunteers)*

1. The INN belongs to everyone who enters, regardless of whether they are there to give or receive.
2. Seeing the appreciation in the eyes of one I have served, gives me a smile for the rest of the day.
3. Not only do you feed our guests, you feed your soul.
4. Volunteering here gives me a feeling of being useful.
5. I see mutual aid happening everywhere among everybody.

## To get involved in support of The INN call (516) 486-8506

• To become a weekly volunteer dial ext. 114 and speak to Deokie Santo;

• To join a fundraising committee dial ext. 108 and speak to Nora Bealey;

• To arrange a single or group volunteer opportunity dial ext. 115 and speak to Cynthia Suchich;

• To coordinate a drive for needed items dial 138 and speak to Emily Wilensky.

**Thank you for your consideration.**

# Sharing a Milestone with The INN

In honor of SULZER's 175th anniversary, employees of the Sulzer Metco division were entrusted to select a charitable organization that would play a part in the company's milestone anniversary celebration. After careful consideration, the anniversary committee decisively chose The INN as a way to contribute to the local community in a meaningful way. Immediately, employees

employees realized how important it was for them to continue to work on volunteer projects. These included collecting over 2,000 non-perishable food items, making hospitality, housewarming and gift baskets for families, veterans and babies, and participating in The INN's annual toy drive and distribution.

This experience enriched SULZER's



*Sulzer Metco employees serving lunch at the Mary Brennan INN.*

participated with deep conviction and a lot of enthusiasm. Sulzer Metco began reaching out to The INN with generous contributions.

Sulzer Metco first chose to sponsor a meal at the Mary Brennan INN soup kitchen with a \$1,500 donation and several employees volunteered to help prepare and serve lunch to 430 Long Islanders seeking a hot nutritious meal. After realizing there were many guests who had no means of transportation, Sulzer Metco became the first sponsor of The INN's Monthly Transportation program. This sponsorship opportunity provides funding for MetroCards that can be distributed to 225 guests to attend job interviews, healthcare appointments and other important activities.

The more Sulzer Metco learned about The INN, the more their

anniversary celebration and The INN is grateful for their generous support. In addition, these projects have given employees an opportunity to come together and make a difference in the lives of individuals and families in their local community.

With the support of their management team, Sulzer Metco employees have kindheartedly demonstrated what it means to Experience SULZER, the motto with which the company celebrated its 175th anniversary in 2009. Sulzer Metco is one of SULZER's divisions specializing in Surface Solution Technologies. Its USA headquarters are located in Westbury, Long Island, with approximately 300 employees.

## SOUP KITCHENS

Bethany Hospitality INN – Central Islip  
Bread & More INN – Riverhead  
Mary Brennan INN – Hempstead  
Community INN – Patchogue  
Emanuel Trinity INN – Patchogue  
Freeport INN – Freeport  
Having Friends INN – Sayville  
INN Friendship – East Patchogue  
Invited INN – Rocky Point  
Long Beach Food and Friendship INN  
Mercy INN – Wyandanch  
Neighbors INN – Patchogue  
North Fork Community Supper INN – Greenport  
North Shore INN – Glen Cove  
St. Paul's Community INN – Patchogue  
Shepherd's INN – Lake Ronkonkoma  
Thee Gather INN – Lake Grove  
Thee Island INN – Middle Island  
Welcome INN – Port Jefferson

## SHELTERS

Donald E. Axinn INN  
Edna Moran INN  
Rosa Parks INN

## PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES

Alana Grace INN Administrative Center  
Catherine Martin INN Veterans Housing Program  
Catherine O'Neill INN  
Clarice Silk INN  
Crisis Housing Project  
Delta Funding INN  
Dr. Victor G. and Rejane Herman INN  
Homelessness Prevention  
Jane's INN  
Long-Term Housing  
Mary Moore INN  
Palmer INN



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*The INN has established a policy regarding all guests. To protect their privacy, no guest is to be photographed while using the services at The INN.*