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THE CARLTUN & NASSAU COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION WE CARE FUND GRANTS HOLIDAY WISHES FOR CHILDREN AT THE INN

Hempstead, NY (Dec. 23, 2008) – For the last ten years The Carlton of Eisenhower Park in East Meadow has donated a holiday party for more than 500 disadvantaged children and their families on Long Island. Starting last year, The Carlton donated a second party to welcome additional children complete with presents. Judges, lawyers and staff of the Nassau County Bar Association We Care Fund volunteer to serve next to The Carlton’s white glove, wait staff. The party complete with DJ, a sumptuous buffet, and a special visit from Santa help bring a touch of holiday warmth to Long Island kids and their families who are passing through a difficult time in their life.

Susan Capetola, an owner of The Carlton receives all the letters to Santa and personally shops for over 600 gifts. Each child will receive the gift they asked for and necessities like warm coats are bought for families in need. Each gift is lovingly wrapped with the child’s name, with love from Santa. Through the generosity of the Nassau County Bar Association We Care Fund, Susan Capetola has been able to provide for many more of our less fortunate neighbors this year.

“It’s exhausting but it brings me great pleasure to be able to be Mrs. Santa every year. At The Carlton, we feel blessed to be able to donate these parties. I would like to thank my two sons who basically give up their holiday so this can happen, and of course, The We Care Fund for their generosity in this and past years, to buy so many of the gifts that make the difference in many lives.”

The INN is grateful for the generosity of The Carlton, the We Care Fund and especially Mrs. Santa’s (Susan Capetola’s) concern for the “guests” at The INN’s emergency shelters. Just last year one of The INN’s guests filled out his “Santa’s List” with gifts appropriate for a young boy of the age of 8. When checking her list, as Mrs. Santa always does, Susan discovered that the young boy was actually 16. She then found out

the 16 year old, worried that his younger brother would not receive what he had wanted for Christmas, listed gifts for his brother instead of himself. Susan was so appreciative of the teenager's genuine "Christmas Spirit", that she made an additional trip to purchase special gifts for the older brother. This is just one example of the Christmas Spirit found at The Carlton's Holiday Party.