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LONG ISLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS THE INN \$10,000 IN SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS

Hempstead, NY (June 9, 2009) – Recognizing the dramatic increase in the number of hungry and homeless Long Islanders, the Long Island Community Foundation (LICF) awarded The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) with a \$10,000 grant to assist the organization in providing food, shelter, and supportive services to those in need.

“We are grateful LICF has made The INN the recipient of this phenomenal grant,” said Cynthia Sucich, Director of Communications for The INN.

“It comes at a much needed time, as our number of guests has increased by 40 percent over the past six months.”

LICF was established in 1978 by The New York Community Trust, one of the Nation's largest community foundations, with the goal of providing Nassau and Suffolk County residents with an economical alternative to a private foundation or a commercial gift fund. Like the other 750 community foundations around the country, the LICF offers a dual service: for donors, an efficient and hassle-free way of giving; and for the region, a philanthropic institution to support and assist the nonprofit community.

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The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) is a dynamic, not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization working to resolve Long Island's hunger and homelessness issues by providing food, shelter, long-term housing, and supportive services in a dignified and respectful manner to families and individuals seeking assistance. A dedicated staff, committed volunteers, and broad-based community support help The INN to deliver its services through 19 soup kitchens, three homeless shelters, and 25 long-term housing apartments. As one of Long Island's largest private social service agencies, The INN is ranked among the most cost-effective charities in the United States. For more information on The INN please visit www.the-inn.org or call (516) 486-8506.